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SOLDIERS RETURN TO CHEERS

164th TAOG members return from deployment

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Tears and cheers greeted 11 Soldiers as they returned to their families on Fort Rucker Saturday after a nine-month deployment.

Soldiers of the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group were greeted by their families, friends and co-workers during a redeployment ceremony at the Spiritual Life Center after their return from a deployment to regions in Afghanistan and Iraq where they supported other units with their maintenance expertise, according to Col. Douglas C. Van Weelden, 164th TAOG commander.

“Nine months ago, I told these guys that they were going to go forward and spend those nine months making a difference, making an impact, and they did that in spades,” said the commander during the ceremony. “They had to travel in and out of Afghanistan, Iraq and other nations doing anything from assisting other nations with their expertise and knowledge to setting up airfields that were previously closed, and the list goes on and on. My hat’s off to you – you made a difference, you made an impact and I thank you very much for that.”

Van Weelden also thanked the families



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Pvt. 1st Class Marcus Heckstall, supply NCO for the 164th TAOG, 597 Maintenance Detachment, is embraced by his sister, Jaelyn Shaw, as he returns from his deployment during a redeployment ceremony at the Spiritual Life Center Saturday.

for standing by their service members and supporting them through the deployment, which to him is one of the hardest jobs to do.

“You are the ones who had to bear the real heavy burdens of our defense to our nation,” he said. “We all go and do what we’ve been trained to do and this is our expectation of the job that we have, and you all went along for the ride because you love these people. That’s a tough burden

and it’s a debt that we can never repay to you, but we want to thank you so very much for that.”

That tough burden is something that Trina Shaw, mother of Pvt. 1st Class Marcus Heckstall, supply NCO for the 164th TAOG, 597 Maintenance Detachment, had to endure, and she said she’s glad it’s over with.

“It’s just so emotional to have him back,” she said. “Just seeing him in person



Soldiers of the 164th TAOG return from their deployment in Afghanistan and Iraq.

and to see that he’s healthy and see that he’s OK, I just broke down. I’m so proud of him. It’s been a long nine months and I’m glad that he went over there to help his country, but I’m glad he’s back home.”

During the months apart, Shaw said she and her son would video chat in order to keep in touch with one another, but the time difference made it difficult for them to catch each other.

“I’m from Florida, so when I’m getting up in the morning, he’d just be going to sleep, but we’d try,” she said. “On the weekends, I’d try to get up a little early to catch him before he’d go to sleep.”

For Shaw, being apart from her son was the toughest part of the deployment, but for Heckstall, taking on a whole new set of responsibilities while being apart from his families was the hardest part.

Heckstall, who was in charge of the property book items, making sure all the gear that was sent with them made it back with them and closing accounts, said he found himself in a higher position of

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WELCOME HOME

Fort Rucker honors Vietnam-era Bird Dog veterans

By Nathan Pfau
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Hundreds of Vietnam War-era pilots came together on Fort Rucker to share tales and remember those they’d lost during their time in service as the installation paid homage to those pioneering pilots – the Bird Dogs.

A monument to 11 Bird Dog companies was unveiled during a ceremony at Veterans Park Friday, where hundreds gathered to honor those who helped pave the way for today’s Aviators.

Lt. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command deputy commanding general and chief of staff, offered his heart-felt thanks to each and every Bird Dog in attendance, as well as those lost in combat through the years.

“We celebrate the service and the sacrifice of you and those

like you, who did more than your fair share, most on far off lands, serving a cause greater than self,” he said during the ceremony. “We certainly celebrate those who paid their last full measure of devotion ... flying the venerable Bird Dog in combat and training, and perishing in that cause.”

“To each and every one of you, thank you for giving us, your nation and fellow citizens, the best years of your lives,” continued the general. “Most of you did not get the proper ‘thank you’ when you returned from your fight. On behalf of a grateful nation – one that was too consumed with itself in the day – thank you for your service.”

Bird Dog pilots flew fixed-wing aircraft – the Cessna L-19s and O-1s – from 1950 to 1974 during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and unlike today’s Aviators,



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Lt. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command deputy commander and chief of staff, speaks during a ceremony to unveil the Bird Dog memorial at Veterans Park Friday.

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NEW LEADER

PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

CW4 Jerry D. White accepts the 1st Warrant Officer Company guidon from Col. Garry L. Thompson, commandant of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College, as he assumes command of the company from CW4 Joseph R. Scarpill during a change of command ceremony Friday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Post hosts retiree health fair

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

Retirees and their family members now have the opportunity to receive financial, medical and legal advice catered to their specific needs under one roof during the 41st annual Fort Rucker Retiree Health Fair.

The health fair takes place Oct. 30 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center and strives to educate retirees on numerous health topics, as well as provide a mini checkup and administer flu shots, said Chris Moore, local retirement services officer.

“This event provides a chance to recognize the sacrifices made by retirees and families during their service to the country,” Moore said. “We take this opportunity to acknowledge their past and continued support of our nation.”

“This event solidifies in the minds of our

current force that their contributions will not go unnoticed when they, too, join the retired ranks,” he added. “It helps to know that you ‘bring to the table’ helps in making a successful team. Retirees and their families are a big part of that team. With the events surrounding the health fair and, more importantly, the Retiree Appreciation Day, we try to emphasize our appreciation for the retiree population and recognize the importance they play in our Fort Rucker community.”

More than 850 people attended last year’s Retiree Appreciation Day Health and Information Fair, and this year, Jeffrey Atkins, licensed practical nurse and health promotion tech for Lyster, said he anticipates more this year.

“We have medical professionals from all over our area in one location,” he said. “Enterprise Medical Center, Southeast

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PERSPECTIVE

SOLDIER FOR LIFE

Expert offers tips for beginning transition process

By Bryan Tharpe
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Transition Assistance Program
Manager*

So, you just looked at your countdown calendar and, in about a year, you're going to be parting company with the Army.

"Wow," you think, "that time will pass fast!"

You're suddenly overcome with a gnawing feeling that you ought to be doing something to get ready for this major change in your life.

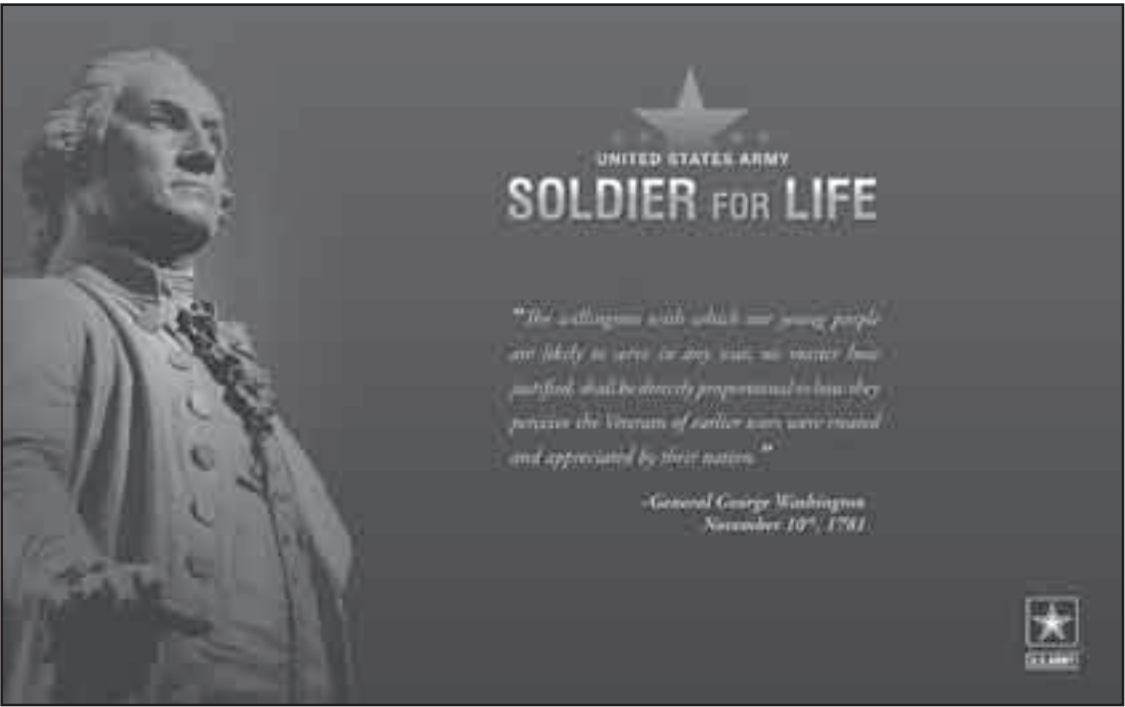
Then you remember one of your friends talking about how valuable SFL-TAP services had been when she completed her military service, so you grab the phone and call the SFL Center. The voice on the other end of the line is friendly and gives you the answer you want to hear.

The SFL-TAP staff member explains that transitioning Soldiers normally begin working with the SFL-TAP Center not later than one year from separation or two years from retirement. But, everyone must begin before they get within 365 days of their transition date.

"Hey," you think, "that's still a long way out to get started." Your first impulse is to voice that fact in no uncertain terms to the person on the other end of the line. Fortunately, some of your human relations training kicks in and you simply say, "Well, I guess by starting earlier I can better prepare myself for the transition."

Additionally, the VOW Act made attending all SFL-TAP Transition classes mandatory, as well as doing your initial SFL-TAP pre-separation briefing not later than 12 months from your separation or retirement date.

If you see yourself in this scenario, read on – indeed, it may be too far out to start sending out resumes, but there are some things you can do while you're waiting



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for that separation or retirement date to draw closer.

Furthermore, the earlier you start using SFL-TAP services, the more latitude you have to schedule appointments around your unit mission requirements.

Start networking. You can get started networking (talking) with relatives, friends and acquaintances to let them know you'll be looking for a job in about a year. You'll probably be pleasantly surprised at just how helpful network contacts can be. Most people you talk to will be more than willing to help.

Of course, the more specific you can be in terms of what you want to do and where you want to live, the more valuable your network contacts can be. The value of networking in job search is illustrated by the fact that almost 80 percent of job seekers find their jobs through some form of networking.

Attend an SFL-TAP job assistance workshop. Knowing how and where to look for a job is half the battle. You can never begin too soon to start learning all you can

about the job search process, how to produce great resumes and cover letters, and acquiring excellent interviewing skills that make you look and sound polished while you are trying to market your abilities.

Take advantage of all the services the education center offers. Of course, the obvious thing here is to further your education and training to make you more marketable. You may wish to work on a degree or brush up on your computer skills – computer classes and skills are especially good for your resume. Either way, the education center can help you. Additional training and education will usually increase your options for employment.

And, if you aren't sure what you want to do when you finish your military service, the education center can help you complete an interest inventory that will indicate what types of occupations you appear to be best suited for.

Gather information. Once you start your job search, you'll need a great deal of information to ac-

curately complete job applications and to develop an effective resume.

You can start gathering that information now. This will include such things as the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of previous supervisors and where you worked and the inclusive dates you worked there for at least the last 10 years.

Additionally, gathering other documents, such as personnel records, training certificates, diplomas, etc., will make it much easier to write an effective resume and to answer interview questions. If you wait until you're out of the military to start gathering this information, the task will be much more difficult.

Research. You can start researching companies, salaries and cost of living in particular areas of the country. Researching companies can help you decide if you really want to send a resume to a particular company and can help you shine when you go for an interview with the company.

Additionally, you can get started researching the salaries for the kinds of jobs you're interested in, as well as the cost of living in areas where you might relocate. This research can pay big dividends for you. One major benefit is that it will help you decide if salaries in the industry and area you're considering are adequate.

Of course, to make a good decision on salary, you'll need to know how the cost of living in one area compares with other areas. The information regarding salaries and cost of living will also be very valuable if you have the opportunity to negotiate salary.

Develop a "positive, I won't procrastinate" attitude. Perhaps the best thing you can do between now and the time you start working with SFL-TAP is to develop a positive attitude that includes a determination not to procrastinate.

Get started on all the things mentioned above. Allow yourself to be positive about your worth in the marketplace – it's a fact that employers are looking for people like you who have a good work ethic, who are motivated and who know how to work as a team member.

Resolve that the first day you're eligible to work with SFL-TAP, you'll stop by the center and sign up for SFL-TAP services.

Additionally, resolve that you'll take advantage of all the services SFL-TAP offers with the knowledge that individuals who work with SFL-TAP generally get jobs sooner and get higher starting salaries than Soldiers who do not use the full range of services.

As you can see, there are a number of things you can do to be more proactive in your transition process while waiting for your separation or retirement date.

For more suggestions, call 255-2558.

Rotor Wash

“An employment readiness class takes place today from 8:40-10:45 a.m. at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. What should be done to prepare for a job interview?”



2nd Lt. Matt Bochenek,
D Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.

"Make sure you research the company that you're interviewing for."



2nd Lt. Margaret Budke,
D Co., 1st Bn., 145th
Avn. Regt.

"Dress for success. Make sure you're dressed appropriately."



Jeremy Cliff,
military veteran

"Have a clean-cut look and make sure to have a professional demeanor."



Anthony Larson,
military family member

"Make sure you have everything you may need available for your potential employer – resumes, references and things like that."



Trina Dalton,
military spouse

"Practice speaking clearly and make sure you know your stuff."

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Post combats domestic abuse with awareness

By Nathan Pfau
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One in four women will experience domestic abuse during her lifetime and men are victims of nearly 3 million domestic assaults in the U.S. alone, according to Safe Horizon, an organization committed to ending domestic abuse.

The numbers are staggering, but Fort Rucker is doing what it can to combat domestic abuse by raising awareness, and one way to make people aware is shining light on the harsh reality that is domestic violence.

Fort Rucker hosted “Control. Assault.Delete.” at the post theater Oct. 5-6 – the story of Lisa King, performed by her parents, John and Linda, in performances that took people on a journey through the family’s experience with domestic abuse that ultimately ended in Lisa’s death.

John and Linda shared the story of their daughter’s life from the day she was born to the day her life was cut short at the age of 28, Sept. 1, 2001, as a victim of domestic violence.

They told of how their daughter had all the promise to become successful and live a full life until she



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

John and Linda King give a performance of Control.Assault.Delete. at the post theater Oct. 6 where they tell the story of their daughter, Lisa, a victim of domestic violence.

became wrapped up in a relationship with a man who abused her regularly.

Throughout the years of domestic abuse, John and Linda were unable to get through to their daughter, and one of the main reasons they said they were unable to help her was because they didn’t understand what it was that Lisa was going through.

“Control is a big part of an abusive relationship,” said Linda. “He did everything he could to increase his control over her and isolate her

from us,” and one of the biggest mistakes they made was to criticize her abuser.

“Don’t criticize the abuser – criticize the actions,” said John. “If you criticize the abuser, your child will push you away. If you criticize the actions, it appears much more objective.”

Linda said one of the best things one can do for a person who is in an abusive relationship is to listen.

“You may not feel like there is anything that you can do to help,

but you can,” she said. “It’s not by going in and taking charge and pulling them out of that situation – that won’t work for them.

“You have to listen to the things that they say to you,” said Linda. “If they feel comfortable enough to start confiding in you the things that are happening in their home, do not be judgmental – believe them. That’s the most important step that you can take.”

No matter how many times the victim goes back to the situation, Linda said it’s important for people to not lose hope or the desire to help because it’s not easy for victims to get out of those relationships, and many times, they think that the abuser can change.

“A woman will leave and go back to an abusive relationship an average of seven times,” said Linda, whose daughter left multiple times, even getting protective orders against her abuser. “Don’t give up. Find out what things are available for them and find out what resources there are, and then have that information ready for them.”

“We need to understand is that these are probably the darkest times in the victims’ lives and while they’re struggling in the

darkness, they need a friend,” added John. “I agonize over my actions in our daughter’s life when she was struggling in those dark times because I was not as sympathetic. To the dads and moms, if you have a child in that situation – listen to them.”

Fort Rucker continues to lead the fight against domestic abuse throughout October and the year, as evidenced by the signing of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation by Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander.

“No one deserves abuse, whether it’s verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, because they have long-lasting effects, even if they never leave a bruise,” said the garrison commander during the proclamation signing Oct. 1. “Let’s commit to preventing domestic violence. Set the stage for your child and future relationships. Encourage that respectful communication in our Soldiers and civilians. Be a part of the solution.”

To report domestic violence or abuse, call Fort Rucker’s 24/7 victim advocate helpline at 379-7947. For more information on local resources, call the family advocacy program at 255-3898.



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ASSISTIVE TECH EXPO

Patrons gathered in the lobby of the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, for the 2015 Fort Rucker Assistive Technology and Resources Exposition in celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month Friday.

Left: Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker Garrison commander, signs a proclamation recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Above: Nicholas Randolph, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center labor management employee relations, speaks with Kenneth Hill, Department of Veterans Affairs transitional patient advocate, during the expo.

News Briefs

Hunt Trac down

Fort Rucker’s Hunt Trac will be down Monday and Tuesday. During that time, people interested in hunting on the installation should call range operations at 255-4086 to see if the training area’s status is open or closed. Once it’s been verified that the area that has been chosen is open, people should call the game warden at 255-4213 or 255-4735, and leave their information from the front side of their vehicle control card on the answering machine.

This protocol does not apply to Training Area 11. Access to the tree stands requires registering for specific tree stands at outdoor recreation during regular business hours.

For more information, call 255-4305.

Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close for its monthly training Wednesday at noon.

Lyster cooking demonstrations

Lyster Army Health Clinic’s free healthy cooking demonstration is scheduled for Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. Everyone, including children, is invited to attend.

Breast cancer awareness

Lyster Army Health Clinic will promote breast cancer awareness during October. Information tables will be set up in the clinic and the post exchange sporadically throughout the month of October.

Mammogram bus dates: Oct. 26, and Nov. 9, 16 and 30. Patients can call 255-7000, No. 4 to schedule and get eligibility information.

AAFES promotes healthy eating

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is making it easier for service members and their families to tighten their waistlines while dining or grabbing a snack on the installation. The Fort Rucker Exchange food court and Express locations are stocked with healthy options for smart choices on the go, according to Roxanne Hutchinson, food court manager.

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen offers a live-well menu with more than 20 items with less than 350 calories. At Charleys Grilled Subs location, military shoppers will find a variety of items with 150 calories or less. Subway is also taking wellness to heart by offering a Heart Healthy menu that includes meals less than 700 calories with 30 percent or less calories from fat. For customers who need to grab a quick bite, Expresses offer good-for-you choices for on-the-go snacking and light meals. Snack Avenue is a special area inside Express stores specifically geared to customers looking for a quick healthy meal or snack.

Military pay closure

The Defense Military Pay Office will close at noon Oct. 30. All DMPO customers should visit the office with their pay inquiries or clearance papers prior to the closure. Soldiers with a military pay emergency during this time should call 317-319-7604 for assistance. The office will reopen Nov. 2 at 7:30 a.m.

Retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its quarterly retirement ceremony Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are welcome to attend and thank the post’s latest retirees for their service.

Lyster update

People can check out the Lyster Army Health Clinic Facebook page for the healthy tip of the day and other clinic information, such as class dates and times. People can also check out its Twitter feed at @LysterAHC.

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.

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.

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.

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.

With STEP, promotions dependent on education

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The sergeant major of the Army told a roomful of senior NCOs Monday that a “monumental change” to NCO education and training is just over the horizon, and it promises to be an emotional topic.

Speaking at the opening day of the Association of the United States Army’s annual meeting, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said a new instruction is in the works and expected to be effective Jan. 1, and it will change the way Soldiers get promoted.

Called STEP, for “Select, Train, Educate and Promote,” the Army, as it gets smaller, will be taking a harder line toward who gets promoted and who doesn’t, he said.

“You cannot and will not get promoted if you do not have the requisite level of education commensurate to that rank and grade,” he said, noting that last year 14,000 active-duty NCOs, and a combined 40,000 Guard and Reserve Soldiers had not gone to school commensurate with their rank.

“So, this is good news and bad news,” Dailey continued. “This is very, very, very good news for those Soldiers who are ready and able. We already know there’s going



PHOTO BY J.D. LEIPOLD

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey addresses a packed room of senior NCOs on the upcoming STEP program at the first day of the annual meeting of the Association of the United States Army in Washington, D.C., Monday.

to be a contingent of people who don’t go to school, who therefore will not get promoted. Do the math. What does that mean for next year’s promotion list? More promotions.”

Dailey said everything the Army is going to do with regard to ensuring the deserving get promoted is centered on the objectives of the Army secretary and chief of staff: fight and win.

He went on to say the sergeants major who are working STEP have assured him there will be enough school seats to train and educate every Soldier the Army needs.

Dailey also said that, in the past, when Soldiers have been unable to get seats in training schools, it wasn’t due to a shortage of seats, but rather “inefficiency” that resulted from other students not showing up for schools.

Dailey also discussed “Not in My Squad,” which was initiated early in the year. He said it was centered and focused on exactly what NCOs had been asking for: putting discipline and standards back into the hands of NCOs.

“I told the chief and the secretary that doing PowerPoint presentations and mandated training for the things that are hurting us most is not the way to get after it – if you want to fix something in the Army, ask an NCO to take care of it and empower them to do so,” he said.

Lastly, he encouraged the audience to get involved in the AUSA panel discussions and ask questions, and “give me your input, because that’s what we need,” Dailey said. “I constantly remind my senior sergeants major we’re making decisions about the future that are going to affect the NCOs into 2025 and 2035.”

‘Not In My Squad Assessment Resource’ now online

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army launched a new website, “Not In My Squad Assessment Resource,” Oct. 12 – a tool designed to help improve squad leaders’ professional development and make good squads even greater, said the sergeant major of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s Center for the Army Profession and Ethic.

Sgt. Maj. David L. Stewart, from the center located at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, said that, as the Army lead for the “Not In My Squad” initiative, CAPE designed this online resource as a way to help the sergeant major of the Army.

The online assessment focuses on four areas:

- Shared identity of trusted Army professionals;
- Standards and discipline;
- Professional climate; and
- Esprit de corps.

How it works

In June, the SMA invited 32

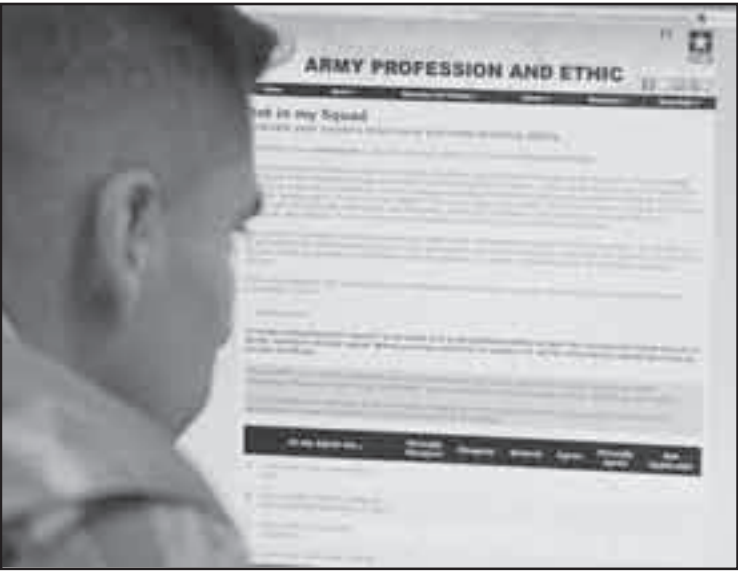


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A Soldier looks at the Army’s new website, “Not In My Squad Assessment Resource,” a tool designed to help improve squad leaders’ professional development and make good squads even greater.

of the best squad leaders from around the Army to the Pentagon to discuss how junior NCOs can further build and sustain a climate of dignity, respect, trust and inclusion, Stewart said.

CAPE listened in on that discussion and used the squad leaders’ feedback to design the assessment, which consists of 24 statements related to NIMS focus areas. For example, one

statement reads: “In my squad, we feel a conflict between loyalty to each other and doing what is right.” Those who participate in the assessment will be asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with that statement.

Once the evaluation is taken, results are immediately calculated and are available to the Soldier, said Timothy B. Lempicki, a CAPE knowledge management

consultant.

If the Soldier wishes, he or she can share a link of those results with other squad members. The link will not give that Soldier’s name or other identifier, just the numerical results by category.

Another feature is that once the assessment is completed, the Soldier will see how well he or she scored compared to everyone else who participated, Lempicki aid. Over time, as more and more data comes in, it should offer an even better comparison.

An important note on terminology: Stewart said he uses the term “squad” and “squad leader,” but in some of the non-combat arms branches, the term team, “crew” or “section leader” can be substituted.

While the assessment is designed with the squad-level in mind, higher formations like platoons or even companies could use it, as well, Stewart said. Senior NCOs, officers and Army civilians might even be interested in using it, too.

Taking the test is voluntary, and shouldn’t take longer than 10 or 15 minutes, he said.

Ideally, members of the squad

will take it at the same time, share their results and then have a group discussion on ways they can improve, he said. The squad leader may or may not have the same perception about the squad that the junior Soldiers have. It could be an interesting and sometimes eye-opening experience for them to share, he said.

To aid the squad in improving, the assessment links the Soldier with training and education materials, Stewart said. As more helpful and relevant resources become available, those will be added to the site over time.

Stewart suggested taking the assessment more than once to see if there’s any improvement. He said there’s no limit to how many times the assessment can be taken, and it’s easy to take, since a common access card is not needed to log onto the site.

Stewart said the assessment would have been a welcome tool for leader and Soldier development when he was a squad leader years ago. Soldiers with a lot of drive and initiative won’t be disappointed with its effectiveness, he promised.

‘Not in My Squad’ takes root in 1st Infantry Division

By Staff Sgt. Jerry Griffiths
*1st Infantry Division
Public Affairs*

FORT RILEY, Kan. — The Army’s new “Not in My Squad” initiative is taking hold in the ranks of the 1st Infantry Division and the impact is already creating waves among the junior leaders who took part in related working groups Oct. 5-8.

The Not in My Squad initiative was first announced by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey earlier this year and it is targeting leaders all the way down to the smallest unit level.

“The ‘Not in My Squad’ initiative that the Sergeant Major of the Army started is really about empowering our junior leaders to be the best squad leaders that they possibly can be,” said Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Stewart, senior NCO of the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic. “When I say squad leaders, I mean every type of leader, because every noncommissioned officer at the junior leader level is ultimately a trainer and a developer.”

In June of this year, Dailey called for 32 squad leaders from across the Army to conduct an initial working group in Washington, D.C., to discuss NIMS.

Stewart said Dailey wanted Soldiers to make this a true grass-roots initiative, and talk about it among their peers and leadership to see where the program was headed.

Staff Sgt. David Rodriguez, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., was one of the original 32 working group members.

Stewart said Rodriguez came back to Fort Riley and inspired Soldiers of the “Big Red One” and those Soldiers requested to reach out to the Army and ask for resources to continue with local workshops.

Rodriguez said, “The SMA planted the seed, and now it’s our turn to let it grow and let it branch out.”

The goal was to begin NIMS with 2nd ABCT’s battalions, introduce it down to the companies and then to the actual squads, Rodriguez said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Orvis, senior NCO, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., said as the division and the brigades focus on their working groups, the 2nd ABCT was aiming to get it down to the battalion levels.

“The reason why that is important to me is because when we deploy here shortly, our battalions will be decentralized from the brigade headquarters,” Orvis said. “So, what I need is working groups at the battalion level, so that all of that information still funnels up to get to where that can be actioned on.”

Stewart said there is no intention to formalize the program. The reason is that the Sergeant Major of the Army intends for “Not in My Squad” to be a grass-roots initiative.

“To formalize it would make it an Army top-driven event and that’s not what we are trying to do,” Stewart said. “That’s not what the Army is trying to do.”

Stewart said Soldiers should think of the Army like a hierarchical triangle.

“A majority of our leaders reside at the very bottom of the triangle,” Stewart said. “That’s what holds the triangle up.”

Stewart said the more the Army strengthens its junior leaders, and helps them through their issues and their problems, the stronger the Army is going to be.

Sgt. Devon Wilson, 2nd ABCT, 1st Inf. Div., was tasked with documenting the initiative for his brigade. The NCO said he saw many different emotions and reactions during the workshops.

“If you can approach a problem different ways, you will get different solutions and different answers to maybe something that you did not know or something your Soldiers didn’t want to tell you,” Wilson said. “You get a lot of different feedback when

you involve different leaders from various military occupational specialties.”

Orvis said NIMS was much broader than issues like sexual harassment or bullying. It could include any issue that may be at the squad level.

Stewart said, “When you have cohesive teams and you have mutual trust across the Army, then what normally happens are things like sexual assault, sexual harassment, hazing, equal opportunity issues and behavior problems tend to go away.”

Wilson said the working groups talked about everything from physical readiness training to standards and discipline.

“We talk about physical readiness training, we go over wear and appearance (of

the uniform), we go over building cohesion, improving morale,” Wilson said. “We talk about getting to know your Soldiers outside of the uniform, on and off duty.”

Rodriguez said NIMS can include anyone from the rank of specialist to a staff sergeant.

“There is no face to NIMS,” Rodriguez said. “The first thing that Soldiers see is (leaders’) faces, so it’s our job to make that connection and be able to be proactive and not reactive when a situation does come up.”

Stewart said NIMS was about leaders taking ownership of their responsibilities, to be a trainer and a developer and to live up to the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer.

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Cheers: Soldier returns home to newborn son

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responsibility during the deployment. “I actually got to do my job and learn on the job first hand,” he said. “Rather than being the person that was being told what to do, I was the person that was supposed to know what to do. The transition of being the person

in charge was the hardest part, but after a while I got it down. It was a great experience and great opportunity.” For Spc. Taylor Morris, 164th TAOG, air traffic control maintenance tech., the most difficult part for him was having to live in such close quarters with his fellow Soldiers. “The hardest part for me was probably living with roommates because you have no privacy,” he said. “You

have to learn to live really close with people, but other than that it wasn’t really that bad.” Morris said his main priority now is to get back home to his newborn son, who was born during the deployment. “I have a new baby boy who was born while I was gone and I haven’t met him yet, but I’m really excited and nervous to meet him for the first time,” he said.

Home: Monument represents history, healing, family

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the flying was done “by the seat of their pants,” said the lieutenant general, whose father was a Bird Dog pilot with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany and Vietnam. While unmanned systems and new technologies allow Aviators of today to better monitor their flight controls, it’s the pilot who is the real star of the show, and it’s those who flew before the advent of today’s technology who set the stage for today’s Aviators, said Mangum. “While our unmanned systems allow

us to persistently stare at wide swaths of the battlefield, we still need and rely on the man on the loop – the Aviator in the cockpit,” he said. “Only the Army Aviator, like you in your day, low and slow over the target, can own the situation and influence it for that young infantryman on the ground.” Those pilots in the air were the eyes of the Soldiers on the ground, said the general, and it was those Soldiers on the ground who relied on the pilots in the air to be able to spot the enemy, and call for backup or retreat if necessary. “Flying the Bird Dog in all kinds of

weather, whether in Korea, Europe or Vietnam, you were always there – often at great risk to yourself and your machine to put eyes on the target, the troops and the enemy,” said Mangum. “You established a level of sacred trust that you would be there for Soldiers whether you were breaking bush, moving to contact, covering the last 100 yards to close with and destroy the enemy, or in contact and decisively engaged.” That’s just what Charlie Mingus, Bird Dog pilot with the 183rd Reconnaissance Airplane Company, and his fellow pilots did.

“We went out every day and we looked for the enemy,” he said. “We were the eyes and ears for the infantry – we covered all of Vietnam.” Mingus, who also helped organize the memorial event, said that the unveiling of the monument meant a lot to him and his peers, and in a way was therapeutic for him. “For the last three years, it’s just really been therapy for me to spend time with these guys – it’s really been a healing process,” he said. “We’ve planned this event for two years and to see it come together has been really great.”

Fair: Free legal services offered for 1st time at this year’s event

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Alabama Medical Center, Flowers Hospital and more will be present. We will have several vendors from other companies that benefit retirees.” Atkins said Lyster currently has nine tables reserved to showcase immunizations, audiology, optometry and nutrition care. Although flu shots are always on a first-come, first-served basis, Moore said this year’s supply should provide enough for anyone interested in the vaccination. Lyster’s booths will educate patrons on its various programs, including physical therapy, preventative medicine, primary care, behavioral health, nutrition care, managed care, the pharmacy and the dental clinic. The Life Space Center will be a new addition to this year’s health fair. “We do the research for the retirees,” Atkins said. “We bring it all into one place for their information and to help. It reminds the retirees who have been to our health fairs in the past, what is still available. It helps new retirees and their families to see what is out there for them to use. It brings to the forefront the medical issues that all retirees face and (we) can help to prevent. “This is our way of giving back to retirees for their service to our country,” he added. “No matter if they are military or civilian – we love and appreciate them all and

their service.” Capt. Rob Juge, office of the staff judge advocate chief of client services, said retirees will also have access to free legal services during this year’s event. “The Fort Rucker Legal Assistance Office will provide free walk-up services at the Retiree Health Fair,” he said. “An attorney will be present to answer general legal questions.” According to Juge, available services will include general or special powers of attorney, durable healthcare powers of attorney, living wills, notarization services and scheduling individual legal appointments. “The legal assistance office is excited for this opportunity to serve the Wiregrass retiree community,” he said. “Sorting out one’s legal affairs can be a daunting task. Our goal is to make it as easy and painless as possible. Properly planning your legal affairs communicates your wishes, so come and take advantage of the free and valuable service.” For more information about legal services, call 255-3482. A retiree appreciation luncheon will begin at noon at The Landing, followed by a presentation from John Radke, Army Retirement Services chief, at 12:30 p.m. “We have a luncheon this year instead of a dinner in an attempt to make the day more convenient for attend-

ees,” Moore said. “With the luncheon immediately after the health fair, people will be able to go directly to The Landing instead of waiting for evening activities, and this will also reduce or eliminate driving at night for many attendees.” The lunch menu is barbecue chicken, baked macaroni and cheese, balsamic grilled vegetables, a roll, and coffee and tea service. The cost is \$11.25 per person, and meals must be reserved and paid for by Oct. 26. A quarterly retirement ceremony also takes place at 2 p.m., with special recognition of visiting retirees followed by a cake cutting and recognition ceremony at the post exchange. For more information about the Retiree Health Fair, Retiree Appreciation Day events, or to make luncheon reservations, call 255-9124.

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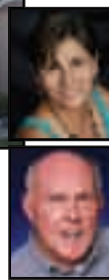
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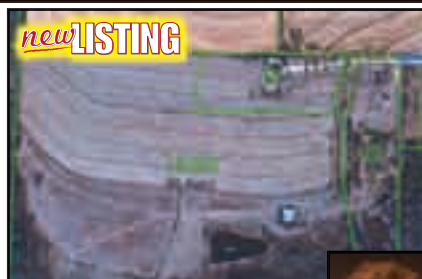
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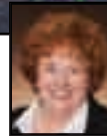
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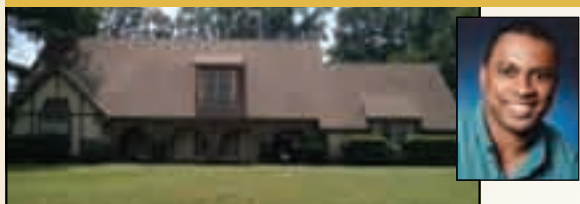
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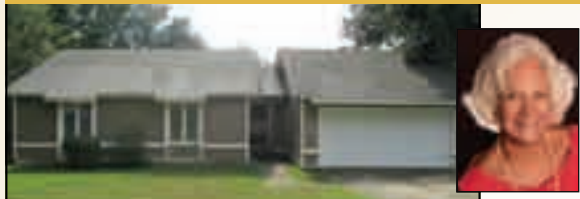
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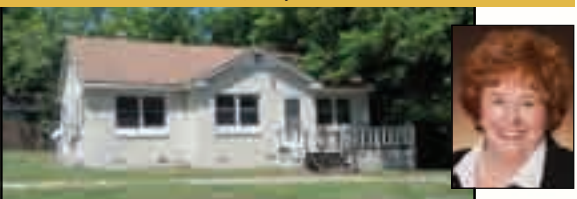
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The sun sets on a CH-47 Chinook at a forward arming and refueling point run by 2nd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment following a day gunnery field exercise performed by 2nd and 3rd Battalions at Centennial Range on the McGregor Range Training Complex, New Mexico, recently.

FLYING TIGERS

Soldiers to deploy in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel

By Gustavo Bahena

Fort Irwin Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — A ceremony Oct. 5 honored Soldiers from an Aviation unit scheduled to deploy from the National Training Center.

B Company "Flying Tigers," 229th Aviation Regiment, 2916th Aviation Battalion, 916th Support Brigade deploys to Afghanistan later this month in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The unit, which activated here last October, operates MQ-1C Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft systems. The mission of the Soldiers in the company is to provide dedicated, mission-configured, UAS support to division combat Aviation, fires and battlefield surveillance brigades, brigade combat teams, and other Army and joint force units.

The command team of the National Training Center and Fort Irwin — Maj. Gen. Joseph Martin and Command Sgt. Maj. Noe Salinas — attended the ceremony, along with other installation and unit leadership, Soldiers, families and commu-

nity members.

The traditional ceremony included the casing of the unit guidon, and remarks by Lt. Col. William Garber, commander of 2916th AVN BN, and Flying Tigers Commander Capt. Andrew Poler.

Garber said B Company Soldiers are prepared to deploy "knowing freedom is not free and stand ready to defend it at all costs."

"The Flying Tigers stand ready — they're trained, they're outfitted with the latest technology and the equipment to bring the fight to the enemy," Garber said. "The MQ-1C Gray Eagle will provide a tremendous capability to the ground force commander. Its ability to provide that vast distance of penetration — to go where no manned aircraft can possibly go, and to provide that unblinking eye and, when necessary, deliver that precision strike. It's an awesome game-changing weapon and I'm very happy that the Flying Tigers are on our team."

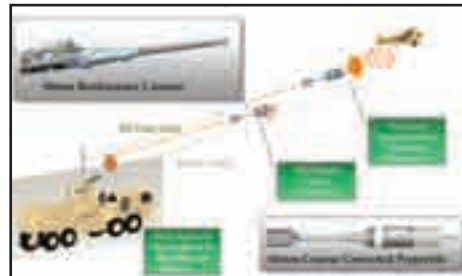
Poler praised his Soldiers, NCOs



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Capt. Andrew Poler, Sgt. 1st Class Shaun Dennis and Lt. Col. William Garber case the guidon of B Co., 229th Avn. Regt., 2916th Avn. Bn., 916th Support Brigade at Fort Irwin, Calif., Oct. 5.

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ARMY ILLUSTRATION

Engineers demonstrate anti-drone technology

By Edward Lopez

Picatinny Arsenal Public Affairs

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. — Army engineers, who are seeking to adapt ongoing research to counter aerial systems that could threaten Soldiers, successfully shot down two unmanned aircraft systems as part of their final technology demonstration.

Although the research project began with the objective to counter rockets, artillery and mortars, the project scope was expanded to include threats from unmanned aerial threats, sometime called drones, whose use has expanded rapidly.

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

Luciano is the project officer for the Enhanced Area Protection and Survivability, Army Technology Objective. The technology is being developed by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal. Funding for development and testing was provided by the ARDEC Technology Office.

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

Although a missile-based C-RAM defense system has been selected as the technical approach for the Indirect Fire Protection Capability Increment 2 Intercept Program of Record, the gun alternative continued to mature as force-protection technologies for other potential applications.

During the final testing Aug. 19, at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona, engineers shot down two Class 2 UAS using command guidance and command warhead detonation. The UAS was an outlaw-class aircraft, a product of Griffon Aerospace, and the intercept engagements occurred at over a kilometer range and about 1500 meters.

The first shoot-down at the kilometer range was a replication of the test performed April 22, in which the EAPS technology first successfully intercepted a loitering UAS. Some fire-control improvements were made after the April 22 tests, and were validated during the Aug. 19 testing. The second shoot down was executed at a 50 percent greater range and exceeded the EAPS demonstration objectives.

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

"In order to minimize the electronics on

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MENTORING AFGHANIS

Task Force Shadow pilots participate in Afghan Air Force women's meeting

By Kevin Walston

U.S. Forces Afghanistan
Public Affairs

HEADQUARTERS AFGHAN AIR FORCE, KABUL, Afghanistan —Two Army Aviators weren't quite sure what to expect when they left Bagram Airfield Oct. 3 to attend a meeting with a group of Afghan Air Force female officers.

Capt. Amy Breguet and CW2 Sylvia Grandstaff had never had one-on-one contact with female members of the AAF, and this opportunity, they felt, would be a chance to exchange ideas and see what life as an AAF female was really like.

When it was all said and done, both Breguet and Grandstaff said they came away inspired by the stories and trials the women have gone through to wear the uniform.

Breguet, a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot and commander of A Company, 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, and Grandstaff, a CH-47 Chinook pilot assigned to B Company, 6th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, deployed to Bagram Airfield as part of Task Force Shadow, partnered with Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air to serve as panel members during a monthly meeting with female members of the AAF.

"Their concerns were about equality in promotions and other things that were eradicated years ago in our military," Breguet said. "(We) operate in a military where we're judged on performance. These women are pioneers in their culture and I can only hope to have half their courage if faced with such adversity."

Grandstaff said the women she met endure significant challenges to do what they do, and characterized their commitment to their military profession as incredibly admirable.

"They endure ongoing harassment and face constant safety concerns," she said. "The setbacks they face are things that are hard to imagine, and often involve denial of access to basic needs like pay, childcare and healthcare."



PHOTO BY KEVIN WALSTON

CW2 Sylvia Grandstaff, a CH-47 Chinook pilot with Task Force Shadow, discusses issues concerning Afghan Air Force females during a monthly women's meeting held in Kabul, Afghanistan, Oct. 3.

Many of their extended families and friends don't know they're serving in the military. The women keep moving forward despite adversity with grace and laughter, and Grandstaff said the strength and resilience the women have will stick with her for a long time.

The meeting, attended by more than 20 AAF members, served as the third installment of a new program designed to assist the AAF in its gender integration efforts. Multiple specialties are represented during the sessions, including aircraft maintenance, religion and culture, physicians, and medical technicians, intelligence and administration, said Col. Laurel "Buff" Burkel, TAAC-Air director of personnel, manpower, force management, training and education in Afghanistan.

"We meet with them to discuss their issues and concerns, to build and develop relationships with them," she said. "The main issues they've discussed so far focus on transportation, pay issues, promotional opportunities, childcare facilities, medical care questions and other construction projects for women's facilities."

TAAC-Air advisers work with the AAF in several different areas across a wide spectrum of issues to continue to develop a sustainable, capable and professional AAF. From teaching English to civil engineering, TAAC-Air advisers have spent time supporting initiatives for women in the AAF and are looking for ways to kick start AAF recruiting to include more female recruits, Burkel said.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Eric Sisco, TAAC-Air gender integration lead, said interactions between AAF and U.S. military women is very beneficial because the AAF women gain confidence from listening to the stories and experiences of the U.S. women.

"The group meetings are a good start, but I feel we need to take it a step further and look into having personal mentors that they can meet with on a regular basis," Sisco said. "In this situation, these women will be able to truly open up. We need to normalize women being a part of the force."

"Many women have a desire to serve their country, but don't have the aptitude

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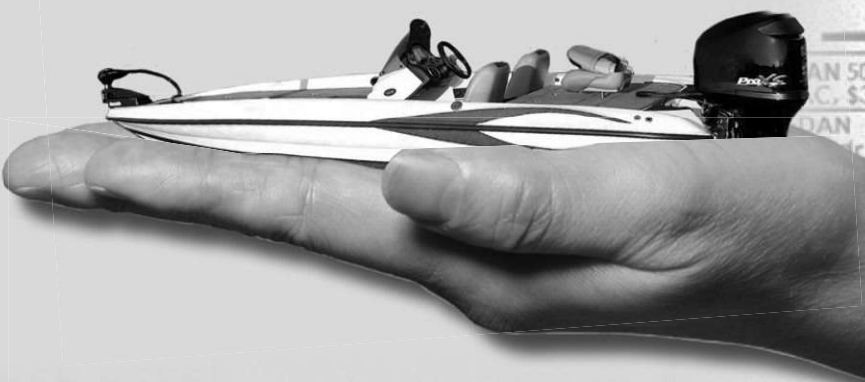


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Sentinel: Soldiers’ family support essential

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and commissioned officers for accomplishing their tasks in the past year, even when challenged with insufficient time, resources and people. He also appreciated the families for their support of the unit.

“These Soldiers can’t do the great things they do without you,” Poler said. “This deployment will be as much a burden for you as it will be for those you send forward. But, know that not a minute will go by when we don’t think of you and thank you for your dedication – dedication very few Ameri-

can families can understand.”

Spouses Shanajya Brooks and Valerie Vasquez expressed confidence with the support of the unit’s rear detachment and family readiness group. For Shanajya and her husband, Spc. Justin Ellis-Brooks, it will be their first deployment. For Valerie, who is expecting a child, and her husband Sgt. Jesus Vasquez, it will be their second deployment.

Valerie said another deployment isn’t easier, but there was better planning between she and her husband this time.

Caroline Smith, spouse of Staff Sgt. James Smith Jr., a UAS maintainer and squad leader with the Flying Tigers,

commended the FRG leadership, which is normally the spouses of the unit’s command team.

“I think they’re going to be doing a really great job,” Caroline said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Rodriguez, the 2916th command sergeant major, stated that families are not alone.

“Families need to reach out to the rear detachment and the FRG as much as possible, and try to pull information, as well as (receive) information,” Rodriguez said. “If there is something they feel they’re not getting, don’t hesitate to reach out and ask the questions.”

Technology: System tracks both incoming threat, interceptor

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board the interceptor and to make it cheaper, all the smarts are basically done on the ground station,” Luciano said. “The computations are done on the ground and the radio frequency sends the information up to the round.”

The Picatinny area-protection system tracks both the incoming threat and interceptor, then computes an ideal trajectory correction for the interceptor to maximize probability of mission success. A thruster on the interceptor/projectile is used for course correction. The ground station uplinks the

maneuver and detonation commands while receiving downlinked assessment data.

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

The integrated test demonstrated a proof-of-principle that direct fire, command guided ammunition can intercept and negate aerial threats, Luciano said. Technologies from the EAPS gun alternative Army Technology Objective may potentially be

used for both Army and Navy air defense systems, he said.

The August testing concludes the EAPS Gun ATO. ARDEC now awaits counter-UAS requirements. Once requirements are generated and approved, the technologies developed under EAPS can be configured to a new design for a future tactical system.

The EAPS fire-control radar interferometer was designed, fabricated and operated by Technovative Applications in Brea, California. Radar interferometers use multiple receive antennas to enhance angular measurements for centimeter tracking accuracy.

Design of the 50mm cartridge/interceptor was a collaborative effort between ARDEC engineers and Orbital ATK, Armament Systems Division in Plymouth, Minnesota. Interceptors were assembled by Orbital ATK and warheads by Aerojet Rocketdyne in Sacramento, California. The fire-control algorithm was a collaborative effort by the various subject matter experts but led and written by Propagation Research Associates, Inc., in Atlanta.

The EAPS Integrated Product Team was led by ARDEC’s Munitions Systems and Technology Directorate at Picatinny Arsenal.

Meeting: Soldiers, Afghan women share stories, inspiration

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or language proficiency for the career fields they want. As long as girls’ education is a low priority, or even discouraged in some cases, Afghanistan women will be unable to compete for many career fields,” he added.

Burkel said there are 54 positions for women in the AAF. The Headquarters Resolute Support Gender Integration lead envisions a growth to about 200 AAF positions available to women in the future.

Grandstaff, who’s been flying the CH-47 since 2011, said it was especially gratifying to be able to sit down with the women, and share stories and discuss basic needs without any planned agenda whatsoever.

“Building open and honest relationships is a huge part of growth, whether it’s at the individual or the cultural level,” she said. “These women are actively living the hard, and often thankless, journey of being trailblazers in their country and in their professions. We have a lot

to learn from their experiences. I hope that we can meet again, and bring other Soldiers to learn from and laugh with these incredible women.”

AAF 2nd Lt. Shikofa, whose last name was withheld, a family support specialist who’s been in the Air Force for two years, said although there are obstacles she has to face, she’s excited about future opportunities.

“At one time, I wanted to be a pilot, but right now that’s not an option,” she said. “We’ve made some progress in the jobs we have, but we’re excited that there hopefully will be more in the future.”

There are only two AAF female pilots. One was selected for C-130 co-pilot training and departed a few weeks ago to attend the Defense Language Institute on Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The other female pilot flies the C-208 transport plane and it’s expected that there will be additional AAF female pilots in the future, Burkel said.

AAF 1st Lt. Sakina, whose last name was withheld, an

Mi-17 helicopter aircraft mechanic who’s been in the Air Force for four years, agreed with Shikofa and added that she’d like to see women commanders in charge of units.

“Our American friends have very interesting jobs,” she said. “We would also like to be seen as equals in our military, but that will take time. With more jobs for us to fill, change will slowly come and we’ll be able to make important changes to improve our career opportunities.”

Breguet said U.S. military women operate in an environment where gender bias is the behavior of a minority, not the majority as the AAF women experience because they operate in a world where it is not the exception, but the norm.

“I can only hope that we can help them by listening to their stories, and letting them know that there are people out there to listen and that are rooting for them,” she said. “These women provided more inspiration to me than I did for them. It’s empowering to know what incredible women there are in the world and how strong they are.”



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CENTER LIBRARY — MAKING LIFE EASIER

Manager seeks to create sense of community

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

According to the Center Library's new manager, a library should do two things: facilitate the community and make life easier.

"The whole idea behind a library is to make your life easier," John Crawford said. "Libraries are great at developing a sense of community. We provide a place where people can come and relax. Ideally we want to provide a space where clubs can meet — where people can get together and talk."

The library provides a host of services, including computer access, printing, faxing and a wide range of materials available for loan. But, according to Crawford, the librarians are also a valuable resource.

"There is a great quote from Neil Gaiman that says, 'Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one,'" he said. "Our goal as librarians is to make your life easier, either by finding the book you are looking for, finding the book you didn't know you were looking for, introducing you to new movies or music — our goal is to make life easier."

Crawford said he feels libraries provide a home away from home and a sense of solidarity in transient communities like Fort Rucker.

"People need a place where they can go



PHOTO BY JEREMY HENDERSON

John Crawford, Center Library manager, leads a recent children's story time session.

and know they will find a sense of community and camaraderie," he said. "Our goal is to provide that space for them to feel at home."

"We have a variety of book clubs, including a teen club, where people can come together to discuss and recommend books," he added. "We have a regular story time for children. It is partly about improving literacy and getting kids excited about

books, but it is also about giving parents a chance to get together and chat amongst themselves."

Along with the new manager, a few interior changes are also on the way at the Center Library, according to Crawford.

"We were just awarded a grant from the Army Library Program to develop our children and teen spaces over the course of the next year," he said. "We plan to move our

current children's space into the multipurpose room next door. We plan to put in new carpet, repaint the walls, and move in new furniture to make it a more playful and inviting environment for young children.

"The current children's space will be transformed into a teen area," he added. "We want to reach out to some of the teens who frequent the library and who hang out on the local youth center to determine what kind of atmosphere they would like."

According to Crawford, patrons should expect to see changes begin over the course of the next few weeks as work begins.

The Center Library currently loans out video games for many popular consoles and Crawford hopes to also provide board games for patrons to check out in the future.

"I think it would be nice for Soldiers and their families to have access to board games," he said. "It is comforting to get together and enjoy a nice night together."

Crawford formerly worked as a reference librarian at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, before taking the helm as Center Library Manager Aug. 7.

Crawford resides on post with his wife, Tana Arnoldsen, and their two children, 14-year-old Gabriel and 12-year-old Sophia.

For more information about the Center Library, call 255-3885 or visit <http://www.ftrucker.mwr.com/recreation/center-library/>.



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A panel made up of representatives of different organizations on Fort Rucker answer questions from various clergy members from across Alabama during Clergy Appreciation Day at Wings Chapel Oct. 8.

'Thank you'

Post, Wiregrass clergy work to improve Soldier support

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Army believes spiritual resiliency is an important component to an overall healthy lifestyle, and the Fort Rucker Religious Support Office said "thank you" Oct. 8 to clergy from across the Wiregrass for helping see to the spiritual needs of Soldiers, family members and civilians.

The religious support office hosted its Clergy Appreciation Day at Wings Chapel as a means of fellowship, a forum to discuss ways to enhance spiritual resiliency and to express appreciation for what various clergy members do in nearby communities, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Bedsole, deputy garrison chaplain.

"The Army has been in this community for the last 60-70 years and there's a connection there, so we're saying 'thank you' to our clergy who help support our spiritual resiliency in that community," said the chaplain. "We're also trying to share information and share ideas that we can use on post to lift up the spirituality of our Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees."

Bedsole said that for many, having strong spiritual resiliency can help in people's daily lives when it comes to things like their mental and physical health.

"People who are actively involved in their religion usually (live healthier lives)," he said. "(Spirituality) can also help with certain issues that people are dealing with, like domestic violence, and sexual assault and harassment. People who are actively involved in religion are sometimes less likely to be part of the problem and can help be part of the solution."

It's through spiritual healing that



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Bedsole, deputy garrison chaplain, speaks to a congregation of various clergy members from across Alabama during Clergy Appreciation Day.

Bedsole said he hopes to connect with the community in a more intentional way.

"Hearing from these ministers, getting their ideas, seeing what we're doing on post and pairing that together allows us to do more with less, and to do it more effectively," said the chaplain. "I want people to walk away and think of the military more — to pray for us. I want them to be more intentional in their individual ministries off post at ministering to our military population."

"I want them to join with us, and share ideas and information on what's going on out there in the larger community and what's going on here at Fort Rucker, and find ways ... to spiritually share those ideas and be effective in sharing the resources."

Throughout the day, clergy members from across the Wiregrass shared ideas that they use in their own congregations to help strengthen their faiths and, in return, a panel discussion was held with representatives from different organization on post to answer

any questions that the clergy members might have.

Representatives from Army Community Service, Survivor Outreach Services, Veterans Affairs and various health organizations were on hand to answer questions regarding anything from casualty assistance to suicide prevention.

For some clergy members, the day was about how to better connect with the military community.

"I wanted to understand what we can do on post here at Fort Rucker," said David Mason, pastor for Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church in Enterprise who served with chaplains overseas as a civilian. "I think the chaplaincy is very important."

"I wanted to understand how I could help serve the Soldier better," said Mason, who became a pastor in July. "I do work with Soldiers often and I have friends who are Soldiers, so I want to be able to help them to know where to go and get information if they need it."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 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

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ON POST

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

Newcomers welcome

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

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

Comedy Live

Comedy Live returns to The Landing Friday from 8-9:30 p.m. For details, call 255-1749.

Ghostly Get Together

Fort Rucker Youth Center members are invited to take part in the Ghostly Get Together Youth Lock-In Oct. 23-24 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the center. Admission is free for all active Middle School Teen members, ages 11-18 years. Guests are welcome to attend for \$10 and a photo ID is required for age verification. The event will include scary movies, spooky games and giveaway creepy prizes, and also basketball tournaments, video game challenges, the rock climbing wall, and arts and craft activities. Attendees will also get to go to Frite Nite at the Fort Rucker Riding Stables.

For more information, call 255-2260 or 255-2271.

Frite Nite

Frite Nite returns to the Fort Rucker Riding Stables Oct. 23-24 from 7-11 p.m. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 598-3384.

Center Library fall carnival

Center Library will host its fall carnival Oct. 27 from 4-5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest and Halloween craft activity. The event is open to authorized patrons.

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

Halloween craft

The Center Library will host a Halloween craft activity Oct. 27 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 3–11. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register. Light refreshments will be served. The activity is open to authorized patrons.

To register or get more information, visit the library or call 255-3885.

Employment readiness class

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room, with the next session Oct. 29. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about 10:45 a.m. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

For more information, call 255-2594.

Relocation readiness workshop

Army Community Service will host its relocation readiness workshop Oct. 30 from 9–10 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371D. Soldiers and spouses will receive information from the military pay office on benefits, entitlements, advance pay, government travel card and more. They will also receive information on Army Emergency Relief and budgeting, preparing for employment before moving (for spouses), compiling the necessary documents and forms for exceptional family members moving overseas, and relocation checklists and websites to help prepare for a move.

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

Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night Oct. 29 from 4-6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For



FILE PHOTO

Outdoor yard sale, flea market

The Fort Rucker Fall Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday from 7-11 a.m. at the festival fields. The outdoor event provides the opportunity for the Fort Rucker community to buy and sell used household items in a consolidated fashion. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 255-1749.

more information, call 598-8025.

Volunteer recognition ceremony

Army Community Service will honor Fort Rucker volunteers at the quarterly Army volunteer recognition ceremony Nov. 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

For more information, call 255-1429.

EFMP information and support group

The Exceptional Family Member Program invites all active duty military families who have an exceptional or special-needs family member to its information and support group meeting Nov. 3 from 9-10 a.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The topic for the meeting is holidays and traveling with a special-needs family member. Tools and resources will be discussed that can assist families have a successful trip. The group offers camaraderie, friendship, information exchange, idea sharing, community resources, support and assistance with finding solutions, according to EFMP officials.

For more information and to register, call 255-9277.

Army Family Action Plan

Fort Rucker’s Army Family Action Plan conference is scheduled for Nov. 4-5 at Wings Chapel from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The grassroots community program helps resolve issues that impact Soldiers and their families, retirees, civilians and survivors. People can submit issues to the AFAP until Oct. 30.

For more information, call 255-9637.

Small business counseling

Army Community Service offers small business counseling with free one-on-one sessions Nov. 5 for those operating or who are interested in operating their own small business. Sessions will be held in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Areas of counseling may include, but aren’t limited to: advertising, organizational structures, financial planning, inventory controls, management, marketing, personnel planning, pre-business planning, and sales techniques.

Appointments are scheduled every 30 minutes starting at 9 a.m. To make an appointment, call 255-2594. The counseling is sponsored by the ACS Employment Readiness Program and the Troy University Small Business Development Center. The counseling is open to active-duty Soldiers, National Guard, Reserve, retirees, Department of Defense civilian employees and their eligible family members.

Financial readiness training

Army Community Service offers financial readiness training Nov. 6 from 7:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. Personal financial readiness training provides a practical approach to help Soldiers manage their money more effectively. The training is required for all first-term junior enlisted Soldiers (E-1 through E-4). Spouses are also welcome to attend.

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

DFMWR Spotlight

Upcoming Family & MWR Events and Activities





Fort Rucker Riding Stables
Haunted House & Trail

**OCT
23 & 24**

7 pm–11 pm

Tickets \$12 (All Ages)

Fort Rucker Riding Stables, (334) 598-3384

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 12+



Youth Center, Bldg. 2800

October 23-24 6 pm–6 am

Admission is free to all active MST Members, ages 11-18 years. Guests are welcome to attend for \$10 and a photo ID is required for age verification.

For more details call the Youth Center, (334)255-2260/2271.

www.ftruckermwr.com

Murder Mystery Cruise day trip

MWR Central offers a day trip to Montgomery for a Murder Mystery Cruise on the Harriott II Riverboat Nov. 7. Time of departure from Bldg. 5700 will be at 3 p.m., the boat boards in Montgomery at 5p.m. and cruises from 5:30-7:30p.m. Trip includes murder mystery play and cash bar. The trip will return to Bldg. 5700 at 10:30 p.m. Price is \$45 for adults and \$30 for children, and includes transportation to and from Montgomery, and ticket to the

Murder Mystery Cruise. The minimum limit for cruising is 35 paying customers. If there are not at least 35 tickets sold, then the boat may not cruise. All guests will be offered a substitute cruise placement in the event of this happening. Cost of trip does not include food; however there will be a snack bar on the boat with food available for those who wish to eat. To go on the trip, people need to register by Oct. 24 at MWR Central, or by calling at 255-2997 or 255-9517.

FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 15-18

Thursday, October 15

We Are Your Friends (R)7 p.m.

Friday, October 16

Goosebumps (PG)7 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

Goosebumps (PG)4 & 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 18

Goosebumps (PG)1 & 4 p.m.

WWII ski trooper recalls service

By Master Sgt. Kap Kim
10th Mountain Division
Public Affairs NCO in charge

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — Upon being drafted into World War II service in 1943, an 18-year-old son of Keene Valley decided to do something different – something new for that time.

Charles W. Smith's decision to apply to be an Army ski trooper and his service in Italy would change his life and forever change the Army.

Smith, who was a private first class assigned to 3rd Platoon, I Company, 85th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, recently traveled to Fort Drum to spend time in a place where old memories still run through his head as vividly as yesterday's news. A short photo opportunity in front of the Military Mountaineers statue in Fort Drum's Memorial Park, in the very same uniform he was issued in 1945, seemed to diminish the wrinkles and years away from his face as he smiled.

He recalled that the last time he and his daughters had visited Fort Drum, the statue was located near Mount Belvedere gate. He agreed that the new location near the headquarters building, named after his division commander, Maj. Gen. George Price Hays who commanded the division from 1944 until the end of the war in Europe, was fitting. Smith recalled the speech Hays gave them before they made their assault up Mount Belvedere.

"It would be a night attack, and we were only to use fixed bayonets and grenades," he said. "No firing of ammo, even though we had to carry it."



PHOTOS VBY MASTER SGT. KAP KIM

Dressed in his World War II uniform, 91-year-old Charles W. Smith takes a quiet moment at Division Hill during a recent visit to Fort Drum.

During his tour of Fort Drum, Smith and his family recognized the various Italian street names dedicated to honor those who fought gallantly throughout Italy.

"Look, Riva Ridge," said his daughter, Darlene Gero.

She and her sister, Brenda Smith, both had grown up hearing about their father's service. At the Heritage Center, they met with Kent Bolke, the museum curator, and

Smith got a chance to walk down memory lane as he saw some of the ski equipment he had used.

Before he left, he donated a coat he was issued at the end of the war. It had only been worn once, he said. It was in such great condition that the only indication of its age was by the World War II-era 10th Mountain Division patch hand stitched on the left shoulder.

When he arrived at the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, he was delighted and overcome with the connection he made with those infantrymen, even though he is more than 70 years their senior in some cases.

"I just couldn't believe how young they were," he said.

He spent most of the time at 4-31st Infantry with Staff Sgt. Stephen Penny at a framed print of the 10th Mountain Division History, running through the timeline, and the Mountain Rifleman's field load list and statistics. The Soldiers there all thanked him for everything he did to help shape their lineage today.

Smith had been in their boots more than 70 years ago when he left New York for then Camp Hale, Colorado, and started his basic training with the 86th Regiment. The newly formed ski troopers trained in the mountains of Colorado.

"Charlie," as he was called, grew up skiing and snowshoeing throughout the harsh upstate New York winters, but the 90-pound packs on his equal-weighted frame and the -40-degree weather proved to be tougher than he could ever imagine. However, the worst was yet to come as he embarked on the trip to Europe, which eventually led to the Italian Alps.

It was months before Japan's surrender and without an end to the war in sight. The ski troopers pushed up through mountain ranges such as Riva Ridge and Mount Belvedere like they did at Camp Hale. During months of intense fighting up the mountains, Smith endured countless friends' deaths and sustained injuries himself for which he earned a Purple Heart Medal, though he never left combat. His shrapnel injury to his hip was bandaged up and he continued fighting for several more months.

"On Feb. 19, (1945), we made our assault up Belvedere," he recounted. "The snow was almost gone by now and the mountain was ... well-mined with trip wires. We had to follow one behind the other about 10 feet apart. There were many empty shell holes. We had to keep counting how many men we still had due to casualties from exploding mines."

Faced with mines, enemy snipers and machine-gun nests, he and his unit continued to fight, taking on the highest casualty count for their size and stint in combat, with 992 killed in action and some 4,000 wounded.

"I was lucky, I suppose," he said.

When the war was finally over in Italy, May 2, 1945, Smith and his outfit were at the base of the Italian Alps. They had fought for 20 continuous days and advanced 120 miles.

Smith and his regiment left Italy, and they were due to return home before going to Japan. While at home on leave, however, news of the atomic bomb and the subsequent surrender that ended the war also soon ended Smith's Army service.

Smith returned from the war and settled back home, where he worked several odd jobs before he became a carpenter and worked on Plattsburgh Air Force Base. In 1947, Smith met his wife, Roberta Louisa Manley, who served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. He and his wife had three children, and they had been married for more than 60 years before she died in 2008.

Through the years, Smith has attended several 10th Mountain Division Association Reunions and he has kept in contact with many members of the original ski troopers from his regiment. In 2012, Smith traveled to Italy during an association reunion and he got to travel around the same battlefields he had in 1945.

Smith is still going strong into his 90s. During his meeting with 10th Mountain Division Brig. Gens. Andrew Rohling and Diana Holland, and Command Sgt. Maj. R. Ray Lewis, they all marveled at how he still fit into his originally-issued olive-drab uniform.

"I hope I can still fit into my uniform at your age," Lewis joked.



Smith stands in front of the Military Mountaineers statue in Memorial Park during his visit to Fort Drum, N.Y., Sept. 25. Smith, one of the original ski troopers in the 85th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, is a World War II vet, Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient.

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop Presents Hidden Treasures

What:
Shopping Showcase
& Expo

Who:
Open to the public

When:
Friday
October 16th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where:
Fort Rucker Thrift Shop
parking lot (corner of Red
Cloud & Rut / Next door to
Bowling Alley)

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1 Corinthians 11:1

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Art After Hours to feature new exhibitions

Wiregrass Museum of Art Press Release

The Wiregrass Museum of Art fall quarter Art After Hours begins today at 5:30 p.m.

The event marks the opening of two new exhibitions: Standards by Troy native Kim Whaley and Out of the Vault: 25 Years of Collecting, a curated selection of works from WMA's permanent collection.

Both exhibitions will remain open through the end of the year.

Standards, on display in the Coleman Gallery, is comprised of

a collection of mixed-media pieces depicting the petals, or "standards," of iris flowers. According to the artist, the exhibition was based on a mini-series of works portraying these petals and is intended to focus on the beauty of the imperfections found in nature. These imperfections occur in all living beings, including humans. The title of the exhibition is meant to have a double meaning in its reference to iris petals as well as the ideals people are expected to meet in today's world. "Every choice was meant to emphasize the uneven edges and crumpled

folds in the forms of the irises and draw the eye to the beauty they create," Whaley explains.

Featured in the Main Gallery and Blumberg Gallery, Out of the Vault: 25 Years of Collecting was organized to celebrate WMA's upcoming 25th anniversary in 2016 and to highlight the important role museums have in collecting art. Dana-Marie Lemmer, Director and Curator of WMA, chose the pieces on display to demonstrate the museum's commitment to collecting modern and contemporary visual art. According to Lemmer, communicating the valuable role

regional museums like the Wiregrass Museum of Art have in collecting art is essential. "One of the main activities of any museum is to collect, preserve, and interpret objects for the public. Works of art are held in trust for the public and serve as an educational tool in exploring many cultures and values in our present day and throughout history," Lemmer remarked.

The fall quarter Art After Hours also features adult coloring stations. Adult coloring books now appear on best-seller lists, and AAH guests will be invited to embrace their inner child and see

what this new craze sweeping the globe is all about.

Copies of intricate designs and colored pencils will be provided at four separated coloring stations. Attendees will be able to color, have a drink, and munch on some of their favorite snacks from childhood.

Dothan Ice Cream Company will also serve their locally-made pops.

The event is free for WMA members and costs \$5 for non-members.

For more information, call 794-3871.

WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT, EMAIL JIM HUGHES WITH ALL THE DETAILS AT JHUGHES@ARMYFLIER.COM.

ANDALUSIA

ONGOING — Andalusia Public Library offers free practice tests. Patrons can choose from more than 300 online tests based on official exams such as the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, firefighter, police officer, paramedic, U.S. citizenship and many more. Patrons may select to take a test and receive immediate scoring. Test results are stored in personalized individual accounts, accessible only to patrons. Call 222-6612 for more information.

DALEVILLE

OCTOBER — The Daleville Farmers Market takes place Thursdays throughout October from 2-5:30 p.m. on the corner across from Bojangles. Local farmers sell produce, including pumpkins, sunflowers, honey, jelly, pickles and more.

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6020 Franchise J. Ballard Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters on State Road 84 every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Breakfast is served Sundays, and games and TV's are available for entertainment. Meetings are open to all. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells. For more information, call 598-6211, 598-1297, 598-6211 or 379-9187.

DOTHAN

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3073 Wiregrass Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters at 1426 Taylor Road every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. There is a fish fry every Friday night from 5-7 p.m., then karaoke beginning at 6 p.m. Breakfast is served Sundays from 8-11 a.m. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells.

ONGOING — Disabled American Veterans Dothan Chapter 87 maintains a service officer at its office at 545 West Main St. (Mixon Business Center) Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The chapter will assist veterans who were

injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims and other veterans benefits. All veteran services provided are free of charge. For more information, call 836-0217, Ext. 123, or send an email to davchapter87@gmail.com.

ENTERPRISE

OCT. 22 AND 24 — The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library will hold its Spooktacular Book Sale Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library. Members of the Friends of the Enterprise Library organization are eligible to attend the friends-only pre-sale Oct. 22 from 3-6:30 p.m. New memberships will be accepted prior to the sale and at the door. Forms are available at the library and online at www.friendsofenterpriselibrary.org.

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.

OCT. 17 — County Line Baptist Church will host its Community Country Fest from 4-6 p.m. The event features Justin Martin, host of TV Down South; bluegrass music by the Jerry Gay Family; old time demonstrations; food and displays. The church is located at 1000 Hwy. 92.

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall,

1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton Police Station at 202 South John Street. The office will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, Veterans Affairs pensions, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans job programs, homeless veterans services and other veteran services. All veteran services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 718-5707.

OZARK

OCT. 18 — Lively Stones Ministries Worship Center will host a youth fellowship program with guest speaker Minister Kevin Daffin of Clio First Missionary Baptist Church at 3 p.m. The theme is breaking the cycle and making a difference.

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

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

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER — The Frank Jackson Trail Masters presents the eighth annual Scarecrows in the Park at Frank Jackson State Park on Opine Road in. The event features more than 500 scarecrows along over 4 miles of walking trails. For those unable to walk the trails, golf cart tours are available. To schedule a tour, call 334-488-5033. There is no charge to view the scarecrow exhibits; however, the state park entrance fees will apply.

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

Beyond Briefs

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 to toaldavtrain@charter.net or call 334-447-8811.

Black Jacket Symphony: Led Zeppelin II

Black Jacket Symphony returns to Montgomery to perform the classic rock album Led Zeppelin II Oct. 16 from 8-11 p.m. at the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre. According to centre officials, the Black Jacket Symphony offers a unique concert experience by recreating classic albums in a live performance setting with a first-class lighting and video production. A selected album is performed in its entirety by a group of handpicked musicians specifically selected for each album. Following the album and a brief intermission, the Black Jacket Symphony returns to the stage to perform a collection of greatest hits by the evening's artist.

Ticket prices range from \$29-\$34. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased online or at the MPAC Box Office, Mondays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 334-481-5100 or visit www.mpaonline.org/events.

ZooBoo

Montgomery Zoo will host 11 nights of horror and fun at Zoo Boo Oct. 15-18, 22-25 and 29-31 from 6-9 p.m.

nightly. People can climb aboard the thrill ride of a life time at the Haunted Hay Ride or visit the Pumpkin Pull for a non-scary, traditional hay ride. Participants will also be treated to games, bouncy castles, concessions and more. Gates open nightly at 6p.m. and the first Haunted Hay Ride will pull out at dusk. Cost is \$15 for ages 3 years old and older. Ticket includes entry, one ride on either the Haunted Hay Ride or the Pumpkin Pull Hay Ride, and one sheet of game tickets – 10 tickets per sheet.

For more information, call 334-240-4900 or visit montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/zoo-boo-week-1.

Oakwood Cemetery Tour

The Oakwood Cemetery Tour Tells of Montgomery's mysterious past, according to Old Alabama Town officials. The Landmarks Foundation invites the public for tours of historic Oakwood Cemetery with guides who recount the life stories of a few of those entombed in Scott's Free Burying Ground, the Confederate Graves and the Land of Peace. Officials said people should wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring water. Registration is recommended.

Tour dates: Oct. 17, 9 a.m., Western Ridge with Mary Ann Neeley; and Nov. 8, 2 p.m., Eastern Ridge with Jeff Benton. Tours cost \$10.

For more information, visit www.oldalabamatown.com, and to register, call 334-240-4500 or 888-240-1850.

World firefighter challenge

The 2015 Scott World Firefighter Combat Challenge will be held Oct. 19-24 in Montgomery at the parking lot adjacent to Embassy Suites at 300 Tallapoosa Street. Organizers said the challenge simulates the physical demands of real-life firefighting and includes climbing a five-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hose and rescuing a life-sized victim, all while wearing full gear. A top chef firefighter district cook-off competition will also be held in conjunction with the event and children can run their own scaled-down version of the challenge, as

well as get rides on fire trucks.

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

Alabama 500

Talladega Superspeedway will play host NASCAR Oct. 23-25 during the Alabama 500 weekend. For more information, including exact times for the two races and ticket prices, visit <http://www.talladegasuperspeedway.com>.

Alabama Cotton Festival

The 23rd annual Alabama Cotton Festival will pack downtown Eclectic with concerts, contests, food, and arts and crafts from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 24. Vendors will line Main Street with a wide variety of food and unique wares, as local dancers and bands perform, and ladies vie for the tiaras of Alabama's Cotton Queens. Music by the Josh Brannon Band and The Springs will highlight the event. The festival also features a variety of contests, including a car show, photography and art contests, and the annual taste-off for best sweet treat.

For more information, call 334-541-3581 or visit <http://www.townofeclectic.com>.

Haunted Hearse Tours

People are welcome to take a ride through Montgomery's dark history in a real hearse. During the ride, people will be treated to ghostly tales of events, some long past, that happened along the quiet streets of the Capital City. Tours will leave The Alley every hour on the hour, beginning each evening in October starting at 7 p.m. The last tour is at midnight each night. The cost is \$15 per person. Organizers warn that some of the descriptions of deaths and events are graphic and that Haunted Hearse Tours might not be suitable for everyone.

To make a reservation, call 334-514-4457. For more information, visit www.hauntedhearsemfgm.com/Home_Page.html.

Vice chief: Soldiers bring talent, ethics to private workforce

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — During the next six to eight years, the Army will draw down by some 250,000 Soldiers. Continued sequestration will mean an additional 15,000 Soldiers could also be involuntarily separated.

Those well-trained, skilled Soldiers will need jobs when they take off their uniform for the last time. During the Veterans Initiative Summit, in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7-8, Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel B. Allyn challenged industry to find jobs for those veterans in the private sector.

Allyn warned that sequestration is going to bring with it involuntary separations. The programmed drawdown of 250,000 Soldiers will happen through attrition. But sequestration-related separations will mean that combat-experienced, developed Army leaders in the middle ranks, with anywhere from 10 to 15 years of service, will be asked to leave before their time.

“These are not poor performers,” Allyn said. “These are Soldiers that, in a larger Army, would continue to deliver high potential for the future. We have trained them and they are ready, and they are available to those smart enough to bring them aboard.”

Allyn told several hundred industry representatives — many hiring managers for private-sector companies — that bringing veteran Soldiers on board provides companies with skills and talent that might take them years to develop in-house.

“Our veterans today have served their nation throughout 14 years of war,” he said. “They are adaptive and creative thinkers, skilled in over 150 specialties. They are experienced leaders who are accustomed to building and leading diverse teams to solve complex problems for the nation, and they are resilient. Simply put, they are the finest team of Soldiers ever assembled.”

He promised those hiring man-



PHOTO BY SGT. GARRY MCFADDEN

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel B. Allyn challenges industry representatives to find jobs for Soldiers who will be leaving the Army as part of force reductions during remarks at the Veterans Initiative Summit in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7.

agers that what veterans brought to the nation and the Army as uniformed Soldiers, they can also bring to private industry as employees.

“Your commitment to our veterans will pay huge dividends — for them, for your companies, for our communities and for our nation,” Allyn said.

Accessing Soldiers

While many businesses want to hire Soldiers to work for them, not all businesses are familiar with how to make that happen. Allyn said that private-sector businesses that want to become involved in hiring veteran Soldiers ought to become familiar with the Army’s Soldier for Life program.

Part of the Soldier for Life program is helping Soldiers prepare for post-Army civilian employment. To do that, the program partners with organizations and companies representing government agencies, non-government organizations, and private com-

panies to train and hire transitioning Soldiers.

Examples of some Soldier for Life-related programs include the Shifting Gears Automotive Technician Training Program; the Veterans in Piping, Welding and HVAC program; the Veterans in Construction (Electric) program; the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades program; the Microsoft Software Engineer Academy program; the Veterans Entering Trucking program; and the National Institute of Sheet Metal Workers program.

As 250,000 Soldiers leave the Army throughout the next six to eight years, Allyn said there will be a “target-rich environment” from which private-sector companies can pluck valuable talent.

“Our career skills program we run at many of our major installations enables internships, enables our Soldiers to begin that transitioning process up to six months prior to their end of service,” Allyn said. “And they can actually be working as a part of

your workforce as they are making that transition.”

The general said while there are numerous programs at installations throughout the United States, there could be more.

“There is a lot more room for you to partner with our team and build some momentum that will actually create a mainstream flow of highly-talented leaders for your organization,” he said.

Myths

Private sector companies don’t need employees who are dependent on a hierarchy, or who are afraid to challenge the status quo. Allyn said Soldiers will not be either of those types of employees. Soldiers, he said, are adaptable and are unafraid to challenge assumptions.

Drawing a chuckle from his audience, Allyn admitted that in his own job at the Pentagon, he’s no stranger to having subordinates challenge his own authority. It’s “challenged on a regular basis — I am thankful for it,” he said.

Instead, he said, the Army trains leaders “to speak truth to power — that means that they challenge, in many cases, conventional wisdom. And they are taught to think about the second- and third-order effects of one-off decisions.”

In the Army, he said “we are paid to solve problems. And that tends to be the focus we deliver.”

Army leaders, he said, are capable of operating both within and outside of a hierarchy.

During the last 14 years of combat, he said, the Army has seen “lieutenants that have to become city managers — lieutenants that have to work with governors, and city and province officials. They are pretty comfortable going from the tactical to the strategic and back on a regular basis.”

He said Army-trained leaders are comfortable in both a hierarchical and unstructured environment.

“What I think they will bring to you is, if you have no organization with which you are trying to attack a problem, they will organize a team for success to solve really hard and complex problems — because organization helps more than it hurts, in my experience,” he said.

More than skill or talent

Allyn said that Soldiers can bring even more than leadership or skill to an employer. Soldiers can also bring with them the bedrock of what allows the Army to operate: ethics.

“Our Army values are at the core of who we are,” he said. “It’s really what has enabled us to earn the trust of the American people. It’s a trust that we know is revocable. So, there is this daily accountability to who we are as a profession and who we are as professionals. So, for us, when we talk about loyalty, it is unconditional. When we talk about trust, it is unconditional. When we talk about duty, it is what enables you to have faith that when you give a mission to a veteran, they are going to see it through — because they know no other way.”

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

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

Main Post Chapel, Building 8940
9 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday
11 a.m. Liturgical Protestant Service
12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday - Friday)
4 p.m. Catholic Confessions
Saturday
5 p.m. Catholic Mass Saturday

Wings Chapel, Building 6036
8 a.m. Latter-Day Saints Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)
12 p.m. Eckankar Worship Service (4th Sunday)

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

BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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

Wednesdays
Catholic Women of the Chapel
Wings Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

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WARRIOR SUPPORT

Community gives back to wounded warriors through hunt

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Hunters from all across the South converged on Fort Rucker to take part in a weeklong hunt to benefit wounded warriors who selflessly sacrificed for the country.

The installation held its sixth Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt Oct. 7 through Saturday to benefit wounded warriors through outdoor recreation, which saw more than 20 wounded warriors and many others from Alabama, Virginia and Florida participate to bag the biggest hog or coyote to win prizes and support a good cause.

Col. Allan M. Pepin, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker chief of staff, was on hand at the closing ceremony at Lake Tholocco to offer his thanks and support to the cause.

“There is no other place I’d want to be today in a country that is based on service and selfless sacrifice,” said the USAACE chief of staff. “Regardless of the politics that decide whether we go to war, where we go or what we’re fighting for, at the end of the day, it’s about service members who deploy to where their country sends them to fight a cause greater than self.

“When they chose to raise their right hand in defense of our Constitution, that’s 100 percent commitment from them,” continued

Pepin. “What we have here today are Soldiers and service members who made that commitment. Every day while they served, they were taking care of the person to the right and left of them, regardless of what their (military occupation specialty) was. Some gave their all and didn’t return from the battles they served in, and we have those here who gave part of themselves in defense of that fight, and there is no greater honor.”

This year’s hunt consisted of hunting feral pigs and coyotes, and although no coyotes were bagged this year, the largest feral pig that was shot weighed in at 170 pounds.

Although people marveled at the size of the hauls people brought in, the hunt was less about the animals they were going after and more about the camaraderie and support of wounded warriors.

One wounded warrior said the appreciation was more than he could have hoped for.

“This means more to me than any award or anything,” said Sgt. 1st Class Rolando Walters, 7th Special Forces Group. “To see that people took their time to do something like this for us, I couldn’t ask for any more than that.”

Walters was one of four wounded warriors to receive quilts from Quilts of Valor, a foundation dedicated to providing comforting quilts



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Wounded warriors are presented quilts from Quilts of Valor during the closing ceremony of the 2015 Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt at Lake Tholocco Saturday.

to service members and veterans who have been touched by war, and he said he couldn’t be more thankful to have been a recipient.

“This means more to a lot of guys coming back (from combat) who have to deal with certain feelings, and it’s much appreciated to have someone to come up to you and thank you,” he said. “Just to know that people care means the world to me.”

The funds raised by the hunt go on to help purchase recreational equipment for wounded warriors

to be able to use at Fort Rucker’s Outdoor Recreation at no cost to them, according to John Clancy, ODR manager.

The hunt has raised tens of thousands of dollars in support of wounded warriors, which has gone directly into purchasing the equipment, such as a 47-foot, handicap-accessible camping trailer, which was purchased this past year with the funds raised from the two previous hunts.

Other equipment purchased using funds from the hunts include a

wheelchair-accessible boat, aptly named The Warrior, a hydraulic tree stand and a track chair.

The overall goal is to be able to provide wounded warriors with any recreational needs they might require at no cost to them, said Clancy.

The amount of funds raised through this year’s hunt was unavailable at press time. For more information on outdoor recreation options and wounded warrior support at Fort Rucker, call 255-4305 or visit www.ftruckerwmr.com.

Bulldogs take out Guardians, 27-14

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Intramural Football Season is back in full swing as teams take on one another in a quest to reach the playoffs for a shot at the title of post champions.

The B Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment Bulldogs defeated the Guardians, a mix of Soldiers from the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group and 6th Military Police Detachment, in a game that seemed neck and neck throughout the first half Oct. 6.

It was the Bulldogs who came out on top, though, as they out ran and out passed their opponents to win 27-14.

“Tonight’s win was spectacular,” said Spc. Quintell Howard, team captain. “We’ve been working really hard to get everything together, and we have a bunch of different people from our company, but we came together as a unit to get things done.”

Howard said it was his team’s enthusiasm and preparation that made it possible for the Bulldogs to pull out the victory.

“We just had the enthusiasm and we came out here prepared – we had a plan,”



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Staff Sgt. Quantrell Anderson, Bulldog player, makes his way through the Guardians defense during an intramural football game Oct. 6.

he said. “As long as you have a plan, you can go ahead and make it work.”

The game started off with both teams seemingly prepared as the Bulldogs received the ball first. But the Guardians’ defense didn’t give up much ground and soon were on the offensive.

The Guardians fared a bit better with ball initially, managing a 12-yard run for a first down, followed by multiple complete passes to get within yards of the opposing goal line.

The 1-11th had other plans in mind, however, as they managed to hold off their opponents at the 1-yard line, get a turnover

and began to push back up the field.

Both teams traded possession of the ball for most of the half, but the winds changed in the Bulldogs’ favor as they managed an interception at the 2-minute mark for another chance to get on the scoreboard.

The 1-11th took full advantage of the turnover as they continued to push toward the opposing goal line.

The Guardians’ defensive effort wasn’t enough to hold back the Bulldogs’ push and the 1-11th managed the first touchdown of the game to take the lead, 6-0, with less than a minute remaining in the half.

The Guardians had little time left to make a push for the goal line, but they pushed hard, in fact a little too aggressively, as they threw another interception, giving the Bulldogs possession and a bonus chance to extend their lead.

The Guardians were determined to not allow their opponents another touchdown, but defended too aggressively, getting a penalty against them and effectively giving the Bulldogs a first down with a stopped clock.

The 1-11th took full advantage of the penalty and used the precious few seconds they had left to make a 20-yard pass for their second touchdown as the buzzer

sounded, ending the half leading 14-0.

Going into the second half, the Guardians received and were determined to make up for lost ground with a short return followed by complete pass after complete pass.

Try as they might, the Bulldogs weren’t able to slow their opponent’s advance as the Guardians managed to break through their lines and get their first touchdown to bring the deficit to a more comfortable 7 points early in the second half.

It was still anybody’s game at this point, and the Guardians picked off a pass on the next play to get possession of the ball at the Bulldogs’ 20-yard line.

Not to be outdone, the Bulldogs returned the favor with an interception of their own and pushed all the way down to the opposing end zone for their third touchdown and take a 21-7 lead.

As the Guardians took possession, they continued their aggressive offense and were able to secure their second touchdown, but time wasn’t on their side as the Bulldogs took possession at the 2-minute mark.

Try as they might, the Guardians couldn’t slow the 1-11th’s advance as the clock ran down, and with only seconds left in the game, the Bulldogs managed the fourth and final touchdown to win the game, 27-14.

PIGSKIN

PICKS 

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 Capt. Louis Hill 6th MP (24-11)							
 Jim Hughes PAO (29-6)							
 Capt. Mike Simmons DPS (25-10)							
 Sharon Storti NEC (25-10)							

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7 Chop
12 Gets entry to
20 Worked hard for
21 The "veni" of "veni, vidi, vici"
22 Slope at the base of a mountain
23 Start of a riddle
25 Funny actress Barr
26 By way of
27 Big vase
28 Western U.S. gas brand
30 Police attack
31 Riddle, part 2
37 Geller of the paranormal
38 Naval acad. grad's rank
39 Gender-altering suffix
40 Punk music subgenre
41 Fawn bearer
42 Steady pay
44 Learning ctr.
46 Mimicking mockingly
- 48 Gender-altering suffix
49 Riddle, part 3
54 TV's Foxx
55 "Bali" — ("South Pacific" tune)
56 — Rock (Australian landmark)
57 Colorful duck
60 Mix with alternate layers of fat
64 Priests, bishops, etc.
65 Polar worker
69 Riddle, part 4
73 Ball holder
74 Sword or rifle
76 Art of public speaking
78 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
79 German's "love"
82 Prefix with lingual
83 Church area
87 Riddle, part 5
93 German's "I"
95 Oven-dry
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- 97 Placed paper in incorrectly, as a printer
98 Slangy denial
99 TV title alien
100 — only known!
103 ROY G. —
104 OR staffers
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113 — Canals (Superior-Huron linkup)
114 Time gone by
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127 Those going off course
128 Binge at a mall, say
129 Hawk variety
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2 Hot tub user's sigh
3 Worked hard
4 — the cows come home
5 Crisis signal
6 Old Tokyo
7 Oldsmobile Cutlass —
8 The Huskies of the NCAA
9 Light touch
10 Mark in "Für Elise"
11 View closely
12 Frizzy dos
13 Pigeon noise
14 NYSE listings
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18 Weather-affecting currents
19 Large hammers
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29 Split along the grain
31 Hunger for
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33 Longtime pop brand
34 Princess, e.g.
35 Present opener?
36 Springy stick
37 Tech's client
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44 Body of bees
45 Santiago site
47 Even, in golf
50 Opponents of "us"
51 Noel singer
52 Water: Prefix
53 Sport — (rugged ride)
58 See 1-Down
59 Caustic alkali
61 Cpl. or SFC
62 Heavy weight
63 One-celled creature
64 106, to Cato
65 Zodiac beast
66 Sheep that's a she
67 Was in front
68 Divine cure deliverer
70 Role filler
71 Layers of matted earth
72 The Rolling Stones' "You Can Make — You Try"
75 Stew tidbit
77 Scottish denials
79 Like lettuce and spinach — all true!
80 — all true!
81 Swimmer Williams
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85 Composer Camille Saint- —
86 Pre-takeoff guesses, for short
88 Impish kid
89 Lie about
90 Blare or idle
91 Islamic VIP
92 Coastal resort areas
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94 Disabling wheel clamp
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102 Tire brand
103 Org. with fraternal lodges
106 Soulful Baker
107 Stops lying
108 In the style of: Suffix
109 Extinguish
110 Press into small folds
116 Playfully shy
117 Ending for Denver
118 Bare crag
120 LGA landing
121 "Alice" spin-off
122 Enzyme name ender
123 "Wahool!"

TRIVIA

- LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Titania appear?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the oldest girl on "The Brady Bunch"?
- MUSIC: What was singer Ozzy Osbourne's real first name?
- HISTORY: What was the first country to allow women to vote?
- RELIGION: What is generally considered to be the highest group in the Indian caste system?
- GEOGRAPHY: In what country is the famous Olduvai Gorge located?
- SCIENCE: What area of study is a lepidopterist concerned with?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the princess in the 1959 Disney movie "Sleeping Beauty"?
- LEGAL: What is an inquest?
- ANATOMY: How long does it take blood to circulate throughout your body?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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KID's CORNER



Army sweeps male individual, team categories

By David Vergun and Shannon Collins
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Pfc. Paul Chelimo led his fellow Soldiers to take the top five male individual spots during the 31st anniversary of the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 11.

“We were working together and running together the whole time,” said Chelimo, a Kenya native who’s stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, as a water treatment specialist.

This year’s Army 10-Miler, which began and ended at the Pentagon, included more than 30,000 runners. The race course crossed the Potomac River into Washington, traversing the National Mall area.

Near the end of the race, as the team headed toward the finish line, they broke out on their own and Chelimo was able to place first with a time of 48:19. He beat his own time of 51 minutes, from last year’s race when he finished in 30th place.

Chelimo, who’s a member of the Army’s World Class Athlete Program, said he wouldn’t have won without the help of his teammates.

“They’re the reason I made it from 30th to first this year,” he said, adding that he’s happy he finished his race season on a win and will be concentrating now on the Olympic trials in June. “I love the United States, and I want to represent the Army in the Olympics.”

Shadow runners

Just prior to the start of the race, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley explained that over the last 31 years, the Army 10-Miler has attracted 344,000 runners. While this year’s run has more than 30,000 competitors, the first race, back in 1985, had only 1,615.

The general also noted that some 100 wounded warriors, on various types of bicycles, “are leading the race.”

Eric Fanning, the acting under secretary of the Army, told racers that as they prepared to run in the nation’s capital, elsewhere there are “Army 10-Miler shadow races all over the world, including Afghanistan, Kosovo, Egypt, Pakistan, Korea, all racing with you today.”

Fanning also noted that the millions of dollars raised by the race will go toward Soldier and family programs.

Wounded warrior

Retired Army Capt. Will Reynolds took third in the men’s overall wounded warrior category with a time of 1:18. He is a bilateral amputee and ran with prosthetics. He cut his time down from 1:32 last year.

“I felt good out there and I’m very happy with my performance,” he said. “It’s great being able to get in this environment with all of these active-duty Army service members and veterans. It’s just a great event to keep that Army and service community strong.”

He said he appreciated the crowds.

“For a motivation factor, this race is one of the best,” he said. “There’s never a quarter mile where somebody’s not cheering for you. It’s awesome.”

Reynolds said for him, the Army 10-Miler is more than just running.



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

First place overall female, Tina Muir, 55:20, breaks through.

“It’s about that Army alumni and active-duty network, and giving us a venue where we can get together every year and celebrate our tradition and our heritage right here at the Department of Defense headquarters,” he said.

Reynolds’ next run is the Philadelphia marathon in late November, his first with the prosthetics.

Remembrance run

For Penny Nalband, from Litchfield, Connecticut, the race wasn’t as much about winning as it was about remembering.

On the back of her shirt, she carried the photos of two Soldiers, 1st Sgt. Andrew McKenna, a family friend who died Aug. 7 in Afghanistan, and her father, Steven J. Loomis, who passed away two years ago Saturday.

“I ran for them, and for the men and women in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines,” she said. “It was something I felt I had to do because (for) every one of those who gave their lives for their country, I want to keep their memories alive – that’s what’s important.”

She said she was honored to run behind the wounded warriors and active, Guard and Reserve service members who were running in the Army 10-Miler.

“Those were big shoes to fill, running behind them,” she said. “They were amazing. I can’t imagine going through what they do, but we have to continually support these men and women, especially those who return injured. We have to help them reclaim their lives. Running this race, it was just amazing.”

Physical fitness No. 1

After the Army 10-Miler concluded, and prior to the awards presentation, Command Sgt. Maj. Tim Guden, who serves as the command sergeant major for Joint Force Headquarters - National Capital Region as well as for the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, explained how the Army 10-Miler goes hand-in-hand with one of the most critical components of soldiering: fitness.

“As an Army, we’ve always put ourselves

on the forefront of physical fitness. It’s one of those things that we cannot afford not to have,” Guden said.

Guden noted that being physically fit is part of every Soldier’s job, not just those participating in the Army 10-Miler. “We cannot do the job the American people ask us to do if we’re not physically fit enough to go out to do it.”

The race also represents “camaraderie, toughness, honoring our wounded warriors, and us coming together as an Army in this nation’s capital,” Guden said. “It means so much in many ways.”

Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, who serves as the commander of Joint Force Headquarters - National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, said he was impressed with service members in the race who entered and competed, despite being wounded.

“The wounded warriors are truly inspirational,” he said. “They get out there and lead the way.”

Becker also said the race serves as a great opportunity for civilians to interact with service members. Because so many of the competitors are civilians, he said, “it’s a chance to showcase the Army and to connect with the local community and show what we’re all about.”

One such civilian was Tina Muir, a Lexington, Kentucky, resident originally from the United Kingdom. Muir won the top female spot with a time of 55:20. She said she was excited and motivated.

“It felt great and I was really excited,” she said. “I train mostly on my own or with my husband, who’s also my coach. Being surrounded by people, and having guys who ran alongside me and kind of pushed me, it made me feel strong.”

She said she picked the Army 10-Miler because of her sense of patriotism.

“I’m from England, but I love America,” she said. “It’s my home, and I know they help keep me safe and make sure it’s the great place it is. It means a lot.”

The 11-time collegiate All-American

cross-country, 5K and 10K runner said she was blown away by watching all of the service men and women and wounded warriors who were participating by either running or competing using adaptive equipment during the race.

Another aspect of the race she particularly enjoyed, she said, was seeing the scenery in Washington.

“I enjoyed running past the monuments and museums, and starting and finishing by the Pentagon,” she said. “I’d never seen it before today and just thinking about how important that is in my life in America, it’s amazing to think about.”

She encourages everyone to come out to run the race or to just give running a try.

“It doesn’t matter what speed you run, how far you run, what you look like, as long as you’re out there doing it and accomplishing something for yourself, that’s what matters. It doesn’t matter if you run a 20-minute mile – you’re doing it,” she said. “It’s all positive – just give it a try.”

Another civilian racer, Perry Shoemaker, took second place for female runners and first place in the women’s master category for 40 and over. Her time this year, 57:31, was the best of the three Army 10-Milers she’s entered. That time was also a course record for the women’s masters, she added.

Shoemaker, who is 44, teaches preschool in Vienna, Virginia. She said she finds time to watch her three children, ages 8, 14 and 16 at races, as well.

“It’s wonderful and inspiring to join the wounded warriors in the race,” she added.

Winners in the 2015 Army Ten-Miler include the following.

- **First Place Overall Male:** Paul Chelimo, 48:19
- **Second Place Overall Male:** Nicholas Kipruto, 48:19
- **Third Place Overall Male:** Shadrack Kipchirchir, 48:20

- **First Place Overall Female:** Tina Muir, 55:20
- **Second Place Overall Female:** Perry Shoemaker, 57:31
- **Third Place Overall Female:** Stephanie Bryan, 57:46

- **Masters Male:** Scott Weeks, 53:40
- **Masters Female:** Perry Shoemaker, 57:31

- **First Place Male Wounded Warrior:** Mark Holbert, 41:32
- **Second Place Male Wounded Warrior:** Gregory Gadson, 49:21
- **Third Place Male Wounded Warrior:** William Latham, 53:52

- **First Place Female Wounded Warrior:** Karen Holman, 55:19
- **Second Place Female Wounded Warrior:** Elizabeth O’Connor, 1:30:50
- No third place female wounded warrior

- **Male Push-Rim Wheelchair:** Nicholas McCoy, 1:03:17
- **Female Push-Rim Wheelchair:** Kelly Elmlinger, 49:57

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers												
NATURE	CUTUP	ACCESSES										
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SOLICITS	PLAQUE	FRIDAY										
TOETOTOE	TORUS	LAMESA										
STRAYERS	SPREE	OSPREY										

TRIVIA

- Answers
1. “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”
 2. Marcus
 3. John Michael
 4. New Zealand
 5. Balafrins, or religious leaders
 6. Tarantula
 7. Butterflies and moths
 8. Princeton Antena
 9. An inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death
 10. About a minute

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer								
1	3	8	4	6	5	2	9	7
7	9	6	2	1	3	5	4	8
5	2	4	9	8	7	1	6	3
9	5	7	6	3	2	4	8	1
8	4	2	5	7	1	9	3	6
3	6	1	8	4	9	7	2	5
4	1	9	3	5	8	6	7	2
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USC vs. Notre Dame

<div>David C. Agan Jr. PAO (22-13)</div>												
<div>Kent Anger, DPTMS (23-12)</div>												
<div>Todd Conyers USAACE (18-17)</div>												
<div>Wes Hamilton NEC (23-12)</div>												
<div>John Tkac DPS (20-15)</div>												

SPORTS BRIEFS

2-Man Buddy Bass Tournament
Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host a Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament Saturday at Lake Tholocco. The tournament will run from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded, including cash prizes for the top three weigh-in totals and a special prize for the biggest fish. Participants must have a valid Alabama State Fishing License, a Fort Rucker Post Fishing Permit and a Fort Rucker Boating Safety Completion Card. The event is open to the public and costs \$100 per team. There will be 25 slots available, so early registration is encouraged.
To sign up or get more information, call 255-4305.

Spooky 5K
The Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center will host the annual Spooky 5K, 1-Mile Fun Run and Costume Contest Oct. 31. Registration on the day of the event will be from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields. The run will start at 9 a.m. The fun run will be free and open to all children, and will begin after the 5K is completed. Each fun run participant will receive a med-

al. There will be a costume contest with first-place trophies for overall best costume, scariest costume and most original costume, for both adults and children. The costume contest is free to enter and will start at 8:15 a.m. Cost for the run is \$20 until Oct. 25 with a T-shirt, or \$25 from Oct. 26 through race day – includes shirt while supplies last. There is also a \$12 no-shirt option. Teams cost \$120 per eight-person team – each additional person pays normal registration fee – through Oct. 25, which includes shirts, or \$160 from Oct. 26 through race day – includes shirts while supplies last. Trophies will be awarded in various individual and team categories. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at either PFC.
For more information, call 255-3794.

Sunrise Yoga
Fort Rucker Sports, Fitness and Aquatics will host Sunrise Yoga at West Beach, Lake Tholocco Saturday from 7:45-9:45 a.m. All experience levels are welcome. A limited number of yoga mats will be provided, but people are encouraged to bring their own, if possible. The event is open to the public.

For more information, call 255-3794.

Spin challenge
Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness instructors will hold a two-hour spinning challenge each month, with the next one taking place Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the PFC. The challenge is open to all authorized PFC patrons. Each class costs \$3.50 or people can use their class card. Each session will feature door prizes and refreshments.
For more information, call 255-3794.

Deep Sea fishing trip
Outdoor recreation will host a deep sea fishing day trip aboard the Vera Marie in Destin, Florida, Oct. 31. All attendees have to do is sit back, relax and enjoy a day of fishing. Everything else will be taken care of. The bus will depart at 4 a.m. from the West Beach, Lake Tholocco Swimming Area parking lot and return at 8 p.m. Organizers recommend people bring a small cooler with drinks and snacks – no glass. ODR officials will stop on the way back to get food, but the cost for food is not included in the price. The cost is \$75 per person, plus tip. The

price includes transportation to and from Destin, bait, rod, reel, fishing license, six-hour fishing trip, and fish cut and cleaned at the end of the trip. The trip is not open to the public. All civilians must be sponsored by active-duty military, retired military or Department of Defense civilians. The sponsor must attend the trip with the person they sponsored. The trip is limited to 36 participants.
People can sign up at ODR or MWR Central. For more information, call 255-4305 255-2997.

Big Buck Contest
Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host its Big Buck Contest from Oct. 25 to Feb. 10 during daylight hours. Entry fee is \$25 per person and the contest is open to the public. Participants must register before harvesting bucks and bucks must be harvested on Fort Rucker to qualify. Fort Rucker requires that individuals ages 16 and older have an Alabama State Hunting License, a Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and a hunter education card.
For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

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