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ANSWERING THE CALL

1-58th Avn. Regt. Soldiers deploy

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

One of the most challenging aspects of Army life is deployment, and 28 Fort Rucker Soldiers are answering the nation's call as they embark on a journey to assist their brothers and sisters in arms.

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Airfield Operations) deployed to regions of Europe, including Latvia, Germany and Romania Tuesday – with some leaving Saturday – in support of NATO partners to assist in air traffic services, according to Lt. Col. James Ashburn, 1st Bn., 58th Avn. Regt. commander.

The Air Traffic Control Company was activated during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Oct. 28, where Capt. Andrew Dewhurst was put in charge of the unit for the deployment to support the 1st Cavalry Division in training opportunities with NATO partners in Europe, said Ashburn.

"I feel so fortunate that I have Andrew, who is well aware of the challenges he will face on this rotational deployment to Germany and other European companies," said the 1-58th commander during the activation ceremony. "This unit will be successful on this rotation because of the hard work, energy and enthusiasm they bring to the table, and although I know you will have many hard days ahead, I know you're up to the challenge."



Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Airfield Operations), load their bags as they prepare to deploy to Europe Tuesday.

"You're deployment, though seemingly smaller, sends a huge statement for our country," Ashburn said. "We will stand alongside our NATO partners in Europe, and pilots will rest easy knowing that you, the best training ATC unit in Army Aviation, have their back to guide them safely back home."

Dewhurst said the he and his Soldiers are ready to take on the mission and support their brothers and sisters in arms.

"I'm honored and humbled to become the ATC Company commander as our unit is formed to deploy to Europe to carry out our mission," he said. "We'll do what we must to step up to the task."

For many, like Staff Sgt. Tony Barnes, who deployed Tuesday from the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Battalion motor pool, the hardest part of deployments is the separation from their family members.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Staff Sgt. Tony Barnes, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Airfield Operations), says goodbye to his daughter, Eva, and his wife, Elsie, as he prepares to deploy to Europe with his unit Tuesday.

His wife, Elsie, and daughter, Eva, were both on hand to wish him well and say their goodbyes as he leaves to serve his country, but for Elsie, she said the best way to get through is to keep him present for their daughter.

"We're just going to try to keep daddy present in everything that we do," she said. "We're going to try to keep communication with him to make it seem like he never left."

Along with Elsie and Eva, the 1-58th Family Readiness Group was on hand to provide their support for not only the deploying Soldiers, but the family members, as well, which Elsie said was invaluable.

"It means to world to me to have this FRG because I know that I'm not lost when I have them," she said. "I know that if I have any questions or of I need to reach out just for some support, then I have really good people to help take care of us."

Although the FRG is there to support those family members while their Soldiers are away, the Soldiers need support, too, and that's why Elsie said she makes sure she is there for her husband as much as she can be.

"I am his No. 1 admirer and supporter," she said. "This was his dream to become a Soldier, so after some time now he's getting to do what he loves most."



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Kristy Mulvenon, civilian, gets her portrait done by Janeann Fessler, portrait and landscape artist, during last year's Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club HollyDay Bazaar. This year's event is scheduled for Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Yano Hall.

Club event offers holiday shopping, helps community

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

As children gobble up the remnants of their candy stash and the spooky decorations are set aside for another year, it's time to make way for the season of giving as the Wiregrass prepares for the holidays.

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club offers people a head start to their holiday shopping with the return of the HollyDay Bazaar, which will be Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Yano Hall on Andrews Avenue.

The HollyDay Bazaar is a great opportunity for people to buy holiday supplies, crafts, homemade jewelry, wreaths, furniture, antiques, toys, clothing, food and more, said Patricia Mathisen, of FRCSC. The event offers more than 90 local and national vendors, and "swag bags" will be given out to the first 500 patrons.

Admission to the event is \$5 per person, but children 12 and younger get in free. Proceeds from the event go to benefit the FRCSC community welfare and scholarship funds in the Wiregrass, Mathisen said.

There will be drawings throughout the day, as well as a special visit from

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SAYING 'THANKS'

Fort Rucker gives back to retirees with health fair

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Retirees are valued members of the Army family and Fort Rucker showed its appreciation for their service by giving back to those who paved the way for today's Soldiers.

Hundreds of local retirees attended Fort Rucker's 41st annual Retiree Health Fair at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility Friday where they were treated to a one-stop shop for their medical and health information needs.

Retirees were able to talk with medical professionals, have evaluations done, get their flu vaccination, and even seek legal advice, all in the spirit of appreciation, said Chris Moore, retirement services officer.

"We take this opportunity to acknowledge retirees' past and continued support of our nation," he said. "It's something that we owe to the generations that have come and gone before us, and it solidifies in the minds of our current force that their contributions will not go unnoticed when they, too, join the retired ranks."

Medical professionals from Lyster Army Health Clinic, Medical Center Enterprise, Southeast Alabama Medical Center and Flowers Hospital were all on site to answer any medical

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Paul Brandt, retired military, gets his flu vaccination from Melissa Mantooth, Lyster Army Health Clinic immunization clinic nurse, during the Retiree Appreciation Day Retiree Health Fair at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center Friday.



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TRUNK OR TREAT

Soldiers and families of the 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment take their children around during the unit's Trunk-or-Treat celebration at Yano Hall Friday.

PERSPECTIVE

BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Tips to avoid holiday weight gain

By Kathleen A. Viau
Kenner Army Health Clinic Dietitian

FORT LEE, Va. — Just when people finally get their eating pattern under control, the holidays always seem to roll round bringing a cornucopia of food temptations.

From the office to shopping, not to mention parties and family events galore, it seems as if the Thanksgiving-to-New Year's celebration season is one long, tempting food fest designed to make everyone gain weight.

How can people beat this battle of the bulge? I recommend that people gain knowledge, not weight, this holiday season.

Here's what it takes to keep the pounds off.

Keep weight in check

Weigh yourself in the morning at least once or even twice a week, such as Mondays and Thursdays, during the holidays. This is enough to notice any slight increase from the week, and to keep people in check for the weekend and vice-versa.

Jump start

Get up and at it 15-30 minutes earlier and do some fun movement. Early morning workouts strengthen everyone's resolve for the day and rev up metabolism. Remember, energy creates energy physically and mentally. Consider purchasing a walking video, downloading a quick workout app, or "shaking it" with a Zumba video. A lot can be found on YouTube.

Thrifty calorie spending

Peruse the buffet table and only take the foods enjoyed once a year. Don't start with sushi, especially if eaten all the time, and expect to be able to resist the chicken wings, which most people love, but avoid. Eat what is loved in moderation to stave off those cravings that get you in trouble later. Don't waste calories on foods anyone can eat anytime.



ARMY GRAPHIC

Avoid food-orexia

Don't starve all day just to pig out at night. Eat lean protein and non-starchy vegetables throughout the day. It will keep blood sugar from dipping and spiking, and keep one full until the big event. The combo even gives calories to spare on an individual's favorite splurge.

Say "no," and mean it. Empower will-power. Don't let others lessen your resolve. Each time someone says "no," it can strengthen them. But remember, the stress is in the resistance. So, if people have to say no too many times, it may be better to decline an invite. Having to resist too much can backfire.

Have a plan

Holiday parties are social times, but they shouldn't leave you feeling guilty and depressed. Enjoy the festivities and a few favorite treats, and to those eating-encouragers, have a few planned responses, such as the ones below.

1. "No thank you, I'm full."
2. "No thank you, I am on a special program and it's really working for me. I'm excited at the results I am getting."
3. "No thank you, I've already enjoyed some of my favorite goodies."
4. Comment on the spread and decorations, and the party-planners' efforts.

Many times, compliments are what they want, not necessarily caring about what's on the plate. For those persistent partiers,



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

It is not only important to eat a nutritious and balanced meal, said an Army nutrition expert, it is also important to stay within one's calorie limits.

pause, look them in the eye and smile. Say something like, "Why do you want me to eat more than I want to?" That will usually stop their food-pushing. Remember, nothing tastes as good as healthy and fit feels.

Intensify workouts

Time is always in short supply during the holidays, but don't ditch a workout — just bump up the intensity to shorten the time. If one usually walks on the treadmill for 30 minutes, do 15 minutes of higher-intensity intervals. If going to the gym is cutting into shopping time, use shopping as a workout — take the stairs, park farther away, walk faster and, after a purchase, take the goods to the car. When standing in line, do calf raises, contract and relax abs, use a purse as a dumbbell, stand up straight, tighten shoulder blades — get creative to avoid just standing in place scrolling through a phone.

Three-bite rule

Just have to have it? Take enough for three small bites — that amazing first taste, a satisfying middle and then a lingering finale bite — and savor each bite. All the

bites after that will taste the same and just add calories. When all else fails, go on the "no thanks, honey, I'll just have a bite of yours diet."

Avoid hangover food

Don't take leftovers home or send them home with others. If it's not in your house, it won't tempt you and others in your household. If family members insist, tell them to portion out what they want and put it in the freezer.

Non-perishables? Keep them up high in the cupboard behind the cornstarch. In moments of weakness, people generally go for what they see first. Out of sight, out of reach, out of mind, off the hips.

Keep healthy snacks readily available. Good options include fresh fruit in a bowl, dried fruits and nuts in snack packs, veggies and fruits cut up in the fridge, packs of tuna or salmon, yogurt, and cheese sticks. Many times, snacking is about accessibility and visibility. Keep healthy snacks on hand, in sight, easy to grab and go.

Also, be sure to talk to your primary care provider about local nutrition classes and counseling.

Rotor Wash

“Fall is in full swing and the holidays will soon be here – including plenty of tasty holiday favorites. What is your favorite fall treat?”



Deshanda Greenwood,
military spouse

"Sweet potato pie."



W01 Chase Rushing,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.

"Anything pumpkin spice flavored."



Joe Tolar,
civilian

"Rice crispy squares."



Caroline Gebhart,
military spouse

"Pumpkin cheesecake."



Jennifer Hurry,
military spouse

"Butterscotch."

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Fort Rucker honors retirees

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Eight retirees were honored for the service to the nation during a quarterly retirement ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

The retirees make up a combined nearly 200 years of service, having served in Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Korea, Bosnia and Kosovo, according to Col. Steven L. Nicolucci, chief of staff for the deputy commanding general - National Guard and senior Guard adviser.

“Each of these Soldiers chose to serve this country for his or her own reasons,” said Nicolucci. “Whether stationed abroad or within the continental United States – they made it their mission to take care of Soldiers while upholding our nation’s strategic objectives. Today, we farewell these dedicated public servants who chose to give of themselves during exciting, yet often challenging times.

“We recognize your achievements and your sacrifices, and we must also recognize the sacrifices made by your families,” he continued. “We, as a nation, owe them a debt of gratitude and respect. You’ve helped build the most proficient Army the world has ever known and our nation is better because you chose to serve.”

Col. Scott Kubica

Kubica entered military service in 1986 and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. During his 29-plus years of military service, he has served in numerous locations, domestic and abroad,



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Capt. David Seligman, Capt. Tina Mabon, Col. Scott Kubica, CW5 Scott Turvey, CW5 Michael Kelley Sr., CW2 Christopher Miller, Sgt. Maj. Eric Wainwright and Master Sgt. Torlina Wofford, were honored during the quarterly retirement ceremony Friday.

and served in a variety of leadership positions. He has served five combat tours in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, and also in Kosovo. Kubica said the highlight of his career was serving the last 29-plus years with the world’s greatest Soldiers in defense of our great nation. He and his wife, Laura, plan to reside in Spencer, Tennessee.

Capt. Tina Mabon

Mabon entered military service in 1996 as a human resource specialist. During her 19 years of military service, she has served in numerous locations including and held a variety of leadership positions. Mabon received the Defense Meritorious Medal for her exceptional performance while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She stated the highlight of her career was her assignment to 1-1st Avia-

tion Brigade in Ansbach, Germany, where she spent countless weeks conduction field training exercises. Upon retirement, Mabon plans to remain on the gulf coast.

Capt. David Seligman

Seligman entered military service in 1996 when he joined the Army Reserves. The highlights of his career include conducting numerous long-range reconnaissance patrols throughout northern Iraq, where he was recognized for collecting intelligence that continuously drove squadron operations, as well as serving as a company commander. He and his wife, Melissa, plan to reside in Asheville, North Carolina.

CW5 Michael Kelley Sr.

Kelley entered military service in 1981 as a combat heavy truck driver. During his 34 years of military service, he has served in

various locations in many leadership positions, and served in multiple combat tours in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Kelley stated the highlight of his career was fulfilling his childhood dream of becoming an Aviation warrant officer Army helicopter pilot. He and his wife, Anna, plan to reside wherever life takes them.

CW5 Scott Turvey

Turvey entered military service in 1992 as a warrant officer candidate. During his 23 years of military service, he has served in various locations, including Hawaii and Bosnia, and served in two combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and two tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Turvey said the highlight of his career has been serving his fellow Soldiers as he helped them meet and exceed their career and Aviation goals, as

he mentored and instructed them at the company, battalion and brigade level. He and his wife, Amy, plan to reside in Ozark.

CW2 Christopher Miller

Miller began his military service in 1992 as a medical specialist. During his 24 years of military service, he has served multiple combat tours in support of Operation Desert Strike and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He stated the highlight of his career was being an instructor and mentoring Soldiers. He and his wife, Tina, plan to reside in Enterprise.

Sgt. Maj. Eric Wainwright

Wainwright entered military service in 1986 as a combat medical specialist. During his 29 years of military service, he has served in numerous locations, including Iraq and Afghanistan. He has also served in multiple combat tours in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Wainwright stated that the highlight of his career was marrying his beautiful wife, Robyn, and having four wonderful children. He and his wife plan to reside in Ozark.

Master Sgt. Torlina Wofford

Wofford entered military service in 1996 as a heavy construction equipment repairer. During her 20 years of military service, she has served in numerous assignment both domestic and abroad, and served in multiple combat tours in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Wofford stated that the highlight of her career was marrying her “handsome” husband, James, and having her son, Tyler. She and her husband plan to reside in Enterprise.

TRADOC opens mobile app store

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army’s Training and Doctrine Command stood up its own online app store recently to bring the command’s body of knowledge to Soldiers where they are most likely to ingest it: online and on the move.

“Most Soldiers have a mobile device of some sort: a cell phone, a tablet or something,” said Lt. Col. Joseph A. Harris Jr., TRADOC capability manager for mobile learning.

“They are using those devices every day to get the information they need. And usually, that’s through a mobile app of some sort. What we are trying to do is ensure that we use what they are using already in order to get the information to them. We have a digital Army, and Soldiers have that digital mindset – and we are just capitalizing on that,” Harris said.

One of the things the newly-created TCM-M did was to create the “TRADOC Application



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY C. TODD LOPEZ

Gateway,” which will host unclassified, non-for official use only apps and interactive digital publications.

To access the app store, Soldiers can point their mobile devices to www.adtdl.army.mil, and log in to the site with just their Army Knowledge Online login name and password. Soldiers can, but don’t need to, use a common access card to access the site.

Right now the TAG hosts only a tiny handful of the TRADOC-produced apps that are avail-

able elsewhere in commercial app stores, Harris said. Titles on an Android app store, for instance, include “DFAS Info2Go,” “GoArmyEd,” “Performance Triad,” and “Army Comprehensive Doctrine.” There are many others on other commercial app stores.

Matthew MacLaughlin Jr., TCM-M’s senior mobile instructional design specialist, said that the few apps up now on the TAG are part of the evaluation for the site. By January, he said, they expect to make available on the

TAG from 100 to 150 apps that support three mobile platforms.

For development of new applications to meet the needs of Army organizations, MacLaughlin said he’s got a team of six developers at TCM-M that can do in-house development for Android, iPhone and Windows Phone.

“Anybody can request an app,” he said, or they can develop their own app. “We want to empower them and give them guidance on how to build their mobile applications correctly.”

In the future, MacLaughlin said, he sees teams of developers going to locations throughout the Army to train mobile app developers on-site. In that way, a proponent Army organization can learn to develop its own apps to support their own mission.

“They won’t have to go through us to create that mobile app. They will create it there, or as much as they can, and that can shorten the development timeline,” MacLaughlin said.

Before any app can make it to the TAG, it must first pass at least two forms of verification, said

Brian Robertson, program integrator, TCM-M.

Apps must be shown to be safe from malicious code, to make sure they don’t damage the Army network where they will be hosted or the phones of the Soldiers who will install them, Robertson said.

Additionally, he said, proponent organizations for the apps must review the app to ensure that it contains accurate and up-to-date information.

Robertson said he expects the TAG will cover mostly learning software and that the TAG will in the future likely be part of a larger “Army software marketplace” that might also host apps with tactical applications.

He said already Army organizations who are independently hosting their own apps are asking that they be transferred to the TAG.

Harris said for organizations considering transferring their own apps to the TAG, “they won’t lose ownership of their apps. They’ll be hosted on the TAG, but they will still own and get the credit for them.”

News Briefs

Veterans Day ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Tuesday Tracks

Lyster Army Health Clinic’s Physical Therapy service hosts a Tuesday Tracks walk Tuesdays at noon for anyone on Fort Rucker interested in walking a mile during lunch. Those interested can meet in the Lyster Lifespace Center at 11:45 a.m.

Former CWOB retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker will host a retirement and awards ceremony for CW5 Michael L. Reese, former chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are invited to attend to honor and bid farewell to Reese.

Clinic closures

The clinic will close for its monthly training on Nov. 18 at noon. The clinic will also be closed Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday and Nov. 27.

Advent workshop

The Fort Rucker chaplaincy will host an Advent workshop Nov. 22 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Life

Center, Bldg. 8039. All are invited to attend the family-friendly event that will feature holiday crafts, lunch, and an exploration of the season of Advent and what it means to move toward Christmas.

For more information, call 255-3946, 255-9894 or 255-3447, or visit www.rucker.army.mil/chaplain.

Military personnel closure

The military personnel division will be closed Nov. 26-27. The closure includes the ID card section, retirement services office, personnel reassignment branch, personnel management branch (in and out processing) and personnel services branch. Normal duty hours will resume Nov. 30 at 7:30 a.m.

Thrift shop

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

For more information, call 255-9595.

ID card appointment system

To help reduce wait times, the Directorate of Human Re-

sources 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.

Lyster update

Check out Lyster Army Health Clinic’s Facebook page for the healthy tip of the day and clinic information, such as class dates and times. Lyster’s Twitter feed is at @Lyster-AHC.

TRICARE Nurse Advice Line

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



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**To All of Our Nation's Veterans,
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New NCOER to eliminate evaluation inflation

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army will have a new tool to promote, retain and assign its NCOs Jan. 1: an upgraded NCO Evaluation Report.

The current NCOER, which has been in use since 1987, is “outdated, highly inflated and too generic, meaning one NCOER fits all NCOs, regardless of rank, position or level of responsibility,” said Sgt. Maj. Stephen McDermid, Evaluations, Selections and Promotions Division sergeant major at Human Resources Command on Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The new NCOER will address four key areas.

First, the new NCOER will capture “attributes and competencies” from Army Doctrine Publication 6-22 “Army Leadership,” he said. That means the evaluation will align with the Army’s effort to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex and uncertain environment by requiring NCOs to take on greater levels of responsibility, with increasing levels of skills and competencies.

A second important aspect of the new NCOER is that it will “enforce rating official accountability through the use of two new assessment tools, which is the rater tendency and the senior rater profile,” McDermid said, meaning that senior raters will be limited to the number of Soldiers they deem “most qualified.”

In a nutshell, this will address one of the biggest drawbacks of the current NCOER: inflation – the tendency of raters to rate most or all of their Soldiers at the highest levels. The current practice makes it nearly impossible to separate stellar performers from average or good performers, he said.

Third, the new NCOER will take into account increasing levels of responsibility as Soldiers progress through the NCO ranks, McDermid said.

Specifically, the NCOER will come in three versions tailored to three levels of rank, or grade plates.

- Department of the Army Form 2166-9-1 for E-5s, with focus on “direct-level” proficiency rating.

- DA Form 2166-9-2 for E-6s to E-8s, with focus on “organizational-level” expertise.

- DA Form 2166-9-3 for E-9s, with focus on “strategic-level” competency.

David Griffie, chief of the Evaluations Branch at HRC, said a fourth benefit of the new NCOER will be getting leaders “talking to their people, telling them how they’re doing and providing effective feedback.”

That will result in leaders “being able to coach, teach and mentor what right looks like. As the Army executes the counseling in a better manner, we think we should see improvement in performance across the board,” he said.

Griffie said that since Soldiers are counseled about what’s expected of them near the start of the reporting period, and at in-

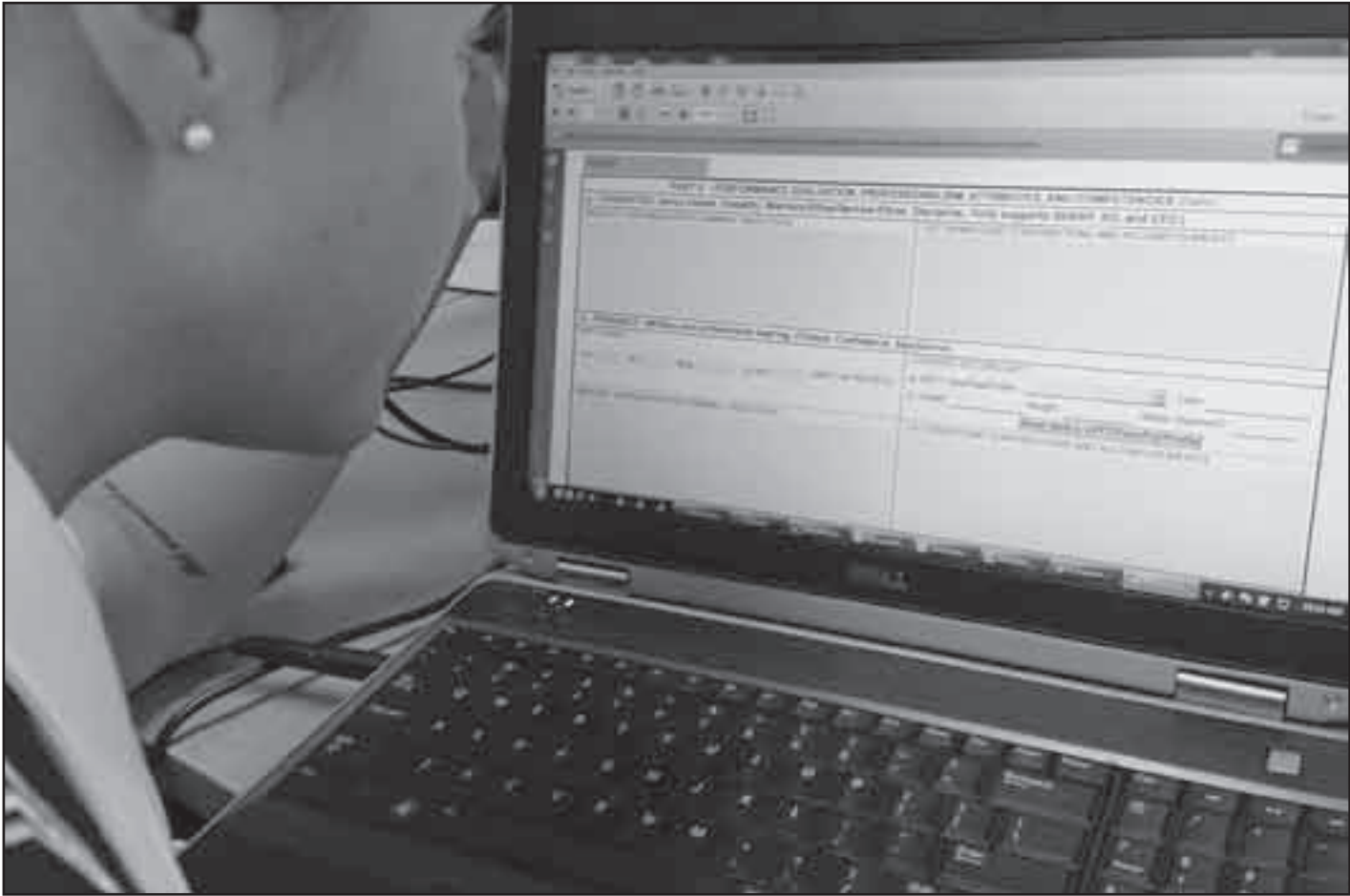


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An NCO takes a look at the new NCOER form that will become effective Jan. 1.

tervals throughout the reporting period, there should be no surprises when the final report is made.

Leaders have a responsibility too, he said. “Leaders should take the time to develop their rating philosophy, so they are familiar with what most qualified looks like in actions, competencies and in performance,” Griffie suggested. “Once you have your rating philosophy, stick to it.”

While the new NCOER doesn’t go into effect until Jan. 1, there are important interim dates to keep in mind as the Army transitions to the new system, McDermid said, adding that there’s a possibility the dates could change slightly due to unforeseen circumstances.

Oct. 27, Military Personnel Message 15-342 was published announcing the fiscal 2016 master sergeant board and the NCOERs that need to be completed for that board.

The MILPER directs that “those who receive a mandatory report between September and December will continue to receive that report, whether it’s an annual, extended annual or change of rater report,” McDermid said. “In the event the NCO who’s eligible for this board does not receive a mandatory report, then they will receive an HRC-directed Code 19 Evaluation with a through date of Dec. 31, 2015. This will ensure those individuals eligible for that board receive a close-out evaluation.”

Griffie said the reason for the MILPER is “so there’s no confusion over who gets a look and who doesn’t, especially because the implementation date of the new NCOER is

so close to the convene date. A conscious decision was made to ensure everyone competing for the master sergeant board is on same playing field.”

McDermid said a second MILPER will be released in early November, providing information about the impending release of revisions to Army Regulation 623-3 and Department of the Army Pamphlet 623-3 “Evaluation Reporting System.” These publications will specify the nuts and bolts of how an NCOER is to be executed.

McDermid said Tuesday will mark the date that the newly revised AR 623-3 and DA Pam 623-3 should be published on the Web and available to the field. The NCOER forms will also be available on the Army Publishing Directorate website on that day.

Griffie said that “for a short period of time, we’ll basically have two regulations on the street,” meaning the current versions of AR 623-3 and DA Pam 623-3 that will be valid through Dec. 31, as well as the new versions published Tuesday, which, while valid as well, will not go into effect until Jan. 1.

“They’re out there for Soldiers to review and become familiar with as the Jan. 1 date approaches,” he said.

Dec. 10, the Evaluation Entry System, the Web-based system used for the creation and submission of the NCOER and support form, “will go live so the field will be able to create the new NCOER, populate the system and the form itself, in preparation for the Jan. 1 implementation,” McDermid said.

As the new NCOER takes effect, Griffie noted that it may take about three or four years to build up the metrics on rater tenden-

cy and the senior rater profile, making the NCOER more robust as a tool for selection and promotion as time passes.

McDermid said train-the-trainer training for the new NCOER began in April at HRC, followed by sessions on Fort Jackson, South Carolina. That effort led to about 600 certified train-the-trainers who fanned out across all commands and components.

Training is also available online for those who’ve been unable to meet with a certified trainer, he said. “We highly encourage Soldiers to review it.” Detailed training modules have been posted to the HRC Evaluations Branch website as well as S1NET and are available for download on DVIDS.

The online EES test site allows Soldiers to create the NCOER and support form as well, and leads individuals through the process, section-by-section, in an easy-to-understand manner, McDermid said.

Griffie said thus far feedback from the field during the training process regarding the new NCOER has been good. “A lot of NCOs are saying ‘it’s about time,’” that a more effective NCOER has been produced.

He noted that the Officer Corps has had an evaluation report similar to the new NCOER for about 18 years.

One other change Soldiers will see on the new NCOER form will be the use of Department of Defense identification numbers in place of Social Security numbers. The DO-DID, which appears on Soldiers’ Common Access Cards, is being phased in as part of the federal government’s effort to remove Social Security numbers from as many documents as possible, Griffie said.

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University brings more than credit hours

By Stephen P. Kretsinger
U.S. Army Combined Arms Center

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. — As with many new initiatives, the announcement about the establishment of Army University was surrounded with questions.

And answers are arriving rapidly about the varied purposes of the new Army organization as the fledgling outfit springs to life, according to Gen. David G. Perkins, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

He said the Army University is an umbrella organization similar to any state university system. Its main function is to bring together all Army schools, training and education facilities, research capability and libraries under one roof.

“This allows us to coordinate their efforts and cross-cue from one to the other,” Perkins said. “Very importantly, it allows us to now start accrediting and certifying Soldiers from the moment they enter basic training, and

give them academic and professional credit for what they’re doing (during their Army career). We are working with G-1 and HRC (Human Resources Command) to start compiling a transcript on Soldiers from when they enter the Army.”

But this process is not as easy as it may appear from an outsider’s view. There are a multitude of military occupational specialties and training programs. Quite a number of them currently have recommendations for college credit, but not all of them.

“It’s a very hard challenge,” said Brig. Gen. John S. Kem, provost of the Army University and deputy commandant of the Command and General Staff College. “Colleges are mostly regionally accredited. So, there is no easy way to do this. What Army University brings is the energy and a team of people to focus on this issue full time. It’s going to be a long journey. The reason being is: you want to pursue credit and certifications that are worth something. A credential that isn’t recognized as having real value isn’t really a credential –

it’s a piece of paper.”

Kem assumed responsibility as the first provost in ceremonies on Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Aug. 31. As provost, he oversees reorganizing the Army’s education enterprise into a university structure that will maximize educational opportunities for Soldiers by providing valid academic credit for the education and experience they receive while on active duty.

However, Army University is about more than just credentials and accreditation. It also allows Army organizations to better communicate with each other to make sure training is in sync and to share lessons learned with outside university systems, Perkins said.

“Army University synchronizes all of our activity in TRADOC so that one level of professional Army education easily leads into other, so we know what the prerequisites and outcomes are at each level,” he added.

“Even though we have some great learning programs (in) the Army, they haven’t always been synchronized together in a coherent

fashion across the wide breadth of the Total Army,” Kem said. “How do you take 70-plus TRADOC schools that do a lot of great things and make them work better so we have better prepared Soldiers, more agile and adaptive leaders for the coming challenges? It’s a very complex world, so the more integrated it is, the better it’s going to be.”

Another key mission of Army University is to share lessons learned with state university systems while learning from those organizations in turn, he added.

“We can learn from them and they can learn from us,” Kem said. “For example, our aviation mechanic training we do for NCOs might be better than what the civilian world has. If it is, we want them to recognize that when we go to accredit it. That brings in rigor and relevance to the United States Army. What if we compare theirs to ours and they do it better? We can learn from them. The synergy there will really help make our Soldiers better, not because of the credential, but because the learning is better.”

Fair: Retirees also honored during luncheon, social

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questions people might have, as well as administer mini evaluations, where people were able to have things like their blood pressure and body mass index checked.

The Fort Rucker Legal Assistance Office was also on hand to answer general legal questions.

Davis Hartman, Army veteran, said that events like the health fair make it easier for him to stay up to date on whatever treatments he might need as he ages.

“When you get older, things just don’t work as well as they used to,” he said. “You have to start taking better care of yourself, but nobody really tells you what you need to get checked unless you go and look for the help and ask the questions.

“That’s what makes (the health fair) so convenient. You can come and ask all the questions you need to right here,” he said. “It can be tough preparing for old age, but this makes it so much easier to do so. I think that this opens up opportunities for people that might not otherwise get the help that they need.”

Many of those opportunities are available at LAHC, which had their booth set up to educate their patrons on their various programs, including physical therapy, preventative medicine, primary care, behavioral health, nutrition care, managed care, the pharmacy and the dental clinic.

Joseph Harper, military veteran, said he attends the retiree health fair every year to make sure he gets his flu vaccination.

“It just makes it easy for me to remember,” he said. “As I get older, I don’t like to have to think about all the doctor visits and things throughout the year, but taking care of yourself is something that you have to remember to do – we don’t stay young forever.

“The flu shots that are available to us make the trip here worth it, alone,” he continued. “I never used to get flu shots in my younger days, but now that I’m older, I know it’s easier for me to get sick and it would be a lot worse if I did. And since I have a few grandchildren, I’d like to stick around a little longer to be able to watch them grow up.”

Following the health fair, retirees had the opportunity to attend an appreciation luncheon and social at The Landing where John Radke, Army Retirement Services chief, spoke about issues that retirees face today.

Holiday: Club seeks to develop spirit of community responsibility

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the big man in red himself – Santa Claus – and although the day is meant as a way for families and friends to gather and begin celebrating the holidays, it’s main goal is to help those in need.

The primary mission of the FRCSC is to develop a spirit of community

responsibility, according to the club’s mission statement.

“Our volunteers gladly give their time and talents to serve both the military and civilian community, and the hundreds of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars raised result in grants to worthwhile charitable causes, and scholarships for military spouses and high school students,” it reads.

These opportunities provide thousands of dollars in scholarships each year, and events, such as the HollyDay Bazaar, focus on offering members the opportunity to grow as a military spouse and as member of a volunteer community, said Mathisen, which ties in with the club’s second mission – to provide opportunities for social, cultural and creative pursuits.

Visitors are reminded of the new gate access procedures. All visitors coming on post are required to have a visitors badge, which can be obtained at one of the Fort Rucker Visitors Centers. Badges will not be available the day of the event, so people are encouraged to get them early.

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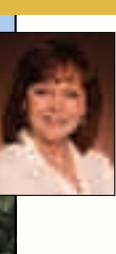
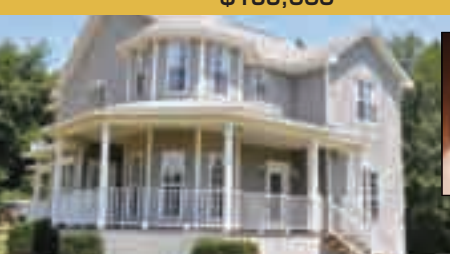
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Soldiers from F Co., 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kansas, render a salute during the national anthem at the transfer of authority ceremony Oct. 22 at Ali Al Saleem Airbase, Kuwait.

Company transitions authority after successful mission

By Sgt. Michael Needham
185th Theater Aviation Brigade

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — F Company, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley, Kansas, successfully ended its deployment by casing its colors during a transfer of authority ceremony Oct. 22 at Ali Al Saleem Air Base.

Over the past nine months, the Soldiers from F Co. conducted a wide variety of missions in support of the 185th Theater Aviation Brigade using the Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft System, including:

intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, attack, bilateral training with partner countries and over-water surveillance training with U.S. Navy Central Command. Throughout the entire deployment, members from F Co. carried out the Gray Eagle mission in six different countries, said Capt. Nick Parsai, commander of F Co.

“We came into country and it was the first time a Gray Eagle company had ever been deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve,” Parsai said.

With very little logistic support the company had to develop and maintain the tactics, techniques and procedures to make

the Gray Eagle mission successful. Within the first few months of being operational, the Soldiers displayed their potential and became the most requested UAS asset in Southwest Asia, he said.

“No other Aviation unit that I have been a part of has had this type of impact theater-wide,” Parsai added.

The Gray Eagle systems are maintained and piloted by enlisted Soldiers. “As operators we are solely responsible for acquiring targets and removing the enemy from the battlefield in a timely and effective manner,” said Sgt. Samuel Gray, Gray Eagle operator with F Co.

Taking over the Gray Eagle mission

in Southwest Asia is F Co., 1-227th Avn. Regt., 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas. “Fox 1st did an outstanding job during their nine-month deployment,” said Capt. Kyle Rogers, commander F Co., 1-227th Avn. Regt. “I look forward to continue paving the way for future Gray Eagle units to be integrated into the combat fight.”

With the transfer of authority complete, the operators and maintainers from 1-227th Avn. Regt. can endure the Gray Eagle footprint in Southwest Asia.

“I think they are going to be phenomenal – they don’t have to build from the ground up,” said Parsai.



PHOTO BY CAPT. JOE BUSH

Airborne artillerymen assigned to 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, watch their 2-ton M119A3 light howitzer being dropped off at the landing zone by a UH-60 Black Hawk during a two-gun raid and live fire exercise at Fort Bragg, N.C., Oct. 5.

2nd CAB Soldier Top 12 talent finalist



PHOTO BY CPL. DANIEL CHUNG II KIM

Capt. Cydnia Jackson, a senior human resource adviser for the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, is one of the Top 12 finalists in the Army Entertainment Division’s Operation Rising Star competition.

By Cpl. Daniel Chung II Kim
2nd Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — At a particular hangar office at Camp Humphreys, the funky, rhythmic, soul music of Aretha Franklin floated in the air.

Behind the door where the music came from, Capt. Cydnia Jackson sat humming the song.

Jackson is a senior human resource adviser for the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. She is also the winner of the Camp Humphreys Operation Rising Star 2015. Operation Rising Star is an individual vocal competition coordinated by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Army Entertainment Division.

Following her live competition performance on Camp

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MedEvac crews, aircraft, make a difference

By Sgt. James Bunn
U.S. Army Central Public Affairs

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — On the battlefield, a MedEvac helicopter can mean the difference between life and death for an injured Soldier.

Getting to an injured Soldier in what is known as the golden hour after an injury greatly improves that Soldier’s odds, according to 1st Lt. Timothy Berryhill, an Aviator with



COURTESY PHOTO

A medical evacuation crew prepares to take off for a training mission Oct. 22 on Camp Beuhring, Kuwait.

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3rd CAB hosts professional development training

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

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. — The 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade hosted the 3rd Infantry Division quarterly NCO professional development training at Hunter Army Airfield Oct. 22.

Command Sgt. Maj. George M. Dove, 3rd CAB command sergeant major, said he got a lot of positive feedback about the training that began early in the morning with physical training.

“Even with 1st Brigade (Combat Team) being deployed, we had 29 sergeants major that showed up for PT first thing in the morning,” Dove said.

Dove said the training covered everything the CAB does, from air assault operations to MedEvac to reconnaissance to security.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Arceneaux, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment command sergeant major, said one highlight for him was PT with all of the sergeants major.

“I absolutely enjoyed PT, especially getting the old guys out there doing functional PT. It was an awesome experience,” hex said. “It was a really good team-building event.”

PT was followed by classes on air-to-ground operations and Aviation maintenance at the theater later that morning. Dove said the goal of the training was to develop the shared understanding between the Aviation brigade and the BCTs, and develop a mutual trust between them.

Sgt. 1st Class Jon Wisman, 3rd CAB Aviation maintenance NCO in charge, gave a class on Aviation maintenance at the NCOCPD.

“We gave them a very quick class that helps them to understand and levy expectations when it comes to aircraft availability due to the maintenance cycle of our aircraft,” Wisman said. “I think overall it went very well.”

Arceneaux said it was good to see the sergeants major picking up on the information being delivered. With a better understanding of the maintenance cycle, the Aviation brigade can better serve the BCTs it supports.



PHOTO BY 1ST SGT. ORLANDO JACKSON

Command sergeants major from across the 3rd Infantry Division participate in quarterly NCO professional development training at Hunter Army Airfield Oct. 22.

Talent: Winner ‘humbled’ by opportunities, support

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Humphreys which she won, there was another round of the competition online through a video that was submitted to the competition board.

Jackson was one of the Top 12 performers out of the 22 garrison winners who also submitted videos from around the world. She will be flying to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Nov. 19 and staying there for three weeks.

“I never knew I could make it to the final,” Jackson said.

The Top 12 finalists will compete in a Web broadcast competition held in San Antonio. Each competitor will have an opportunity to train with a professional vocal coach and choreographer to prepare for the competition.

The final shows will be available for viewing at www.oprisingstar.com. Each show will be played Nov. 29, and Dec. 1, 3, and 9. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and an all-expense paid trip to record a three-song CD.

The trip includes airfare, lodging and three days of studio time at a professional recording studio.

Although she is excited to participate in the competition, Jackson said she is also worried about the challenges ahead of her.

“I’m worried about the amount of singing,” said Jackson. “Singing all day for three weeks will be a challenge.”

Song selection is another difficult task.

“After watching videos of the previous winners, I realized that song selection is very important to engage with the audience,” said Jackson. “Choosing a song that the audience knows and that I can re-

late to is tricky.”

Among seven songs she had to pick, Jackson will be singing Aretha Franklin’s “Rock Steady” and Nina Simone’s “Feeling Good.”

“I love songs that have a message in them,” said Jackson. “For example, ‘Feeling Good’ talks about how little things in life make you feel good.”

Jackson’s forte is the soul genre, but she will step out of her comfort zone and try some rock and roll music by Tina Turner.

For the opportunity that lies ahead of her, she said she is very “humbled” and “appreciative of the support from her unit and supervisor.”



PHOTO BY CPL. DANIEL CHUNG IL KIM

Capt. Cydnia Jackson, a senior human resource adviser for the 3-2nd GSAB, sings Aretha Franklin’s “Natural Woman” at the Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Operation Rising Star 2015 competition Sept. 10.

MedEvac: Mission readiness more than maintenance

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1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment.

This requires a well-trained team of medics, pilots and crew chiefs who are ready to respond at a moment’s notice, he added.

When a medical emergency that requires an air evacuation arises in the U.S. Army Central area of operations, Soldiers rely on medics and aircrews stationed at Camp Buehring.

“We provide MedEvac coverage anywhere in Kuwait,” Berryhill said. “We get up in the air very quickly and are given precedence over all other aircraft in the airspace. We can get casualties to a medical facility within 60 minutes. Being able to provide MedEvac coverage anywhere in the USARCENT area of responsibility makes us a ready and responsive force. It allows us to get to troops in need and enables us to keep the mission going.”

Staying ready for action means that Soldiers assigned to 1-137th Avn. Regt. work in shifts around the clock.

Crew chiefs and mechanics make sure helicopters are ready to fly 24/7.

“Providing coverage all over Kuwait means we stay on the airfield for up to 48 hours shifts waiting for MedEvac calls,” said Berryhill. “When a call comes in, we have no more than 15 minutes to be in the air. Crew chiefs are an absolute crucial part of our mission. They provide the maintenance that keeps us running. If an aircraft goes down because of a maintenance issue, it’s the same as saying ‘we don’t have medical coverage.’”

Not only do crew chiefs make sure the helicopters are ready to fly, but they also monitor them while they are airborne, and whenever necessary they help medics care for their patients.

“Having a good crew chief is really important,” said Staff Sgt. Ronald Benavidez, a medic with 1-137th Avn. Regt. “If a MedEvac is called, the first people you see rushing to the aircraft are the pilot and crew chief. Not only do crew chiefs monitor the aircraft while it’s in flight, if I, as a medic, need an additional hand in patient care, then he can provide additional aid.”

Keeping a helicopter ready for a casualty evacuation is not just keeping it in the air, it also making sure medical equipment is ready and easily accessible.

“Before a shift, we make sure the helicopter is prepared, so we can get in and out to the casualty as quickly as possible,” said Sgt. Gregory Martinez, a crew chief with 1-137th Avn. Regt. “Personally, I feel responsible for this helicopter’s ability to perform the mission. It’s not just going to affect my crew or myself if it can’t get off the ground on time, it’s possibly going to cost someone their life. Making sure this helicopter is ready even before I assume duty is paramount.”

The crews that provide medical evacuation take their job very seriously, said Martinez.

“The job provides a sense of purpose because you know what your job means to the troops on the ground. To me, MedEvac personnel are going to come and turn your really bad day into a better one,” he said. “When you’re hurt on the battlefield, you can trust that someone is coming and will get you to a medical facility no matter what the circumstances.”

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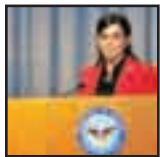
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Creating for the holidays

Contest seeks to spur creativity, holiday cheer

By **Jeremy Henderson**
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation invites children to let their imaginations run wild this holiday season to create handmade ornaments for its annual contest.

“The contest is a wonderful opportunity for children use their imagination to create something unique to their personality,” Kristi Fink, DFMWR special events coordinator, said. “It also gives them a sense of accomplishment to see their ornament displayed on the post Christmas tree.”

Contest entry is free and open to children ages 3-11. Ornaments may be turned into the youth center, child development center or parent central services located inside Bldg. 5700.

According to Fink, the ornament should be constructed using materials

appropriate for display on a tree located outdoors and to avoid using anything breakable.

“Parents and guardians are allowed to help with the ornament, but it should be the child’s creation,” she said. “Be creative. We have had so many ornaments in the past that were made out of a variety of things. Use your imagination.”

The contest usually receives 20-30 ornament entries each year, Fink said.

Prizes will be awarded to first-place entries in the following categories: 3-5 years old, 6-8 years old and 9-11 years old.

“All entries will be displayed on the post Christmas tree,” Fink said. “Please label your entry with the child’s name and age, and the guardian’s name and contact information.”

Awards will be presented at this year’s Christmas tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3. For more information, call 255-1749.



Children rush to give Santa Claus a hug during last year’s Christmas tree lighting ceremony.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

The post Christmas tree at last year’s lighting ceremony. This year’s event is scheduled for Dec. 3 from 5-6 p.m. at Howze Field.

November discounts, events celebrate military families

By **Jeremy Henderson**
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker community is invited to salute the sacrifices of military families throughout November during the Month of the Military Family.

The Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will honor the resilience of military families with a variety of discounts and special events, said Janice Erdlitz, DFMWR marketing director.

“We have a diverse community and we always want to offer something everyone can enjoy,” she said. “Whether you’re civilian or military, single Soldier or family, you will be able to find something to do with the many fun activities planned for this Thanksgiving season.”

“(DFMWR) hopes everyone has a very special Thanksgiving,” she added. “(DFMWR) welcomes the opportunity for our local community to help us recognize our Soldiers and families for all they do for our nation. Our local communities, and their involvement with our events and programs contribute to the Army’s strength



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and readiness. (DFMWR) strives to offer quality events and services that reduce stress, build skills and self-confidence for Soldiers and their families.”

According to Erdlitz, the special events and discounts are designed to offer a variety of fun activities for families to enjoy at the start of the holiday season.

“We always try to offer several fun, energizing events for our Soldiers, families, retirees and civilians in the Wiregrass,” she said. “November, being Month of the Military Family is one of our favorite times of the year.”

Month of the Military Family special events and discounts in-

clude the following.

Now-Nov. 20

Military Family Photo Contest

People can submit their military family photo to DFMWR now through Nov. 20 and tell them how or why their family “Keeps the Army Strong” for a chance to light the post Christmas tree. People can upload their photo on Facebook and be sure to tag it @fortruckermwr or submit online at ftruckerdmwr.com. For complete details, visit www.ftruckerdmwr.com. By submitting photos, people grant Fort Rucker MWR the use and publishing of images in print, electronically, or in any other medium.

Now-Nov. 30

Automotive Skills Center

Free oil changes for the family car by staff on Wednesdays -- people should bring their own oil and filter and call for an appointment. A visual inspection under the hood and of the undercarriage of the vehicle will be conducted during the oil change. Inspection includes fluids check and top off -- specialty fluids are not included -- exterior lighting and tire pressure check.

Landing Zone Coffee Zone

Buy one specialty drink and get the 2nd for half price. For more

information, call 598-8025.

MWR Central

MWR Central will be offering the following specials: \$10 off the purchase of two admissions to Discovery Cove -- subject to availability of selected date. Also, \$10 off two Seaworld/Busch Gardens combo tickets. Purchase must be during the month of November, not date of use.

Lake Lodging

Receive a \$10 discount on a weekend get-away at Lake Lodging in November.

Special events

“Camping Under the Stars” is scheduled for Nov. 13 at Lake Tholocco. Camping and other activities will be held throughout the evening. For more information, call 255-1749.

Center Library

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Rucker Lanes Bowling Center

People can bring their fam-

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general presented volunteers of the quarter with certificates and recognition during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Monday to honor the hours of service volunteers devoted.

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

Mom & Me: Dad too!

Army Community Service hosts its Mom & Me: Dad too! playgroup Mondays from 9:30–11 a.m. at the Wings Chapel nursery. The playgroup is for families with children ages birth to 3 years old. For more information, call 255-9647 or 255-3359.

Handmade ornament contest

The Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a handmade ornament contest for children ages 3–11 now-Nov. 25. Ornaments may be turned in to the youth center, child development center or parent central services (Bldg. 5700). Prizes will be awarded to first-place entries in the following categories: 3-5 years old, 6-8 years old and 9-11 years old. Awards will be presented at the post Christmas tree lighting ceremony. All handmade ornament entries will be displayed on the post Christmas tree. Participants should label their entry with the child’s name and age, and the guardian’s name and contact information. For more information, call 255-1749.

Financial readiness training

Army Community Service offers financial readiness training Friday from 7:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. Personal financial readiness training provides a practical approach to help Soldiers manage their money more effectively. 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.

Native American story time

The Center Library invites children of all ages to its Native American story time Friday from 10:15-11 a.m. The staff will help people learn about Native American heritage, culture and way of life. Story time is open to all authorized patrons. The event is exceptional family member-friendly. For more information, visit the library or call 255-3885.

Peanut Festival field trip

The youth center will help kick off the Month of the Military Family with festival fun, food, games and rides. Youth center members are welcome to attend the National Peanut Festival field trip to Dothan Saturday from 2-10 p.m. The field trip is open to youth in grades six to 12 with an active Middle School and Teens Pass. The trip is free for active Torch & Keystone Club members enrolled in the after school program. Parents and youth are responsible for money for food and shopping at the festival. Youth may stop by the youth center for verification of active club membership. All other members with active passes are welcome to attend, but will be responsible for their own fees. For more information, call 255-2260.

Resilience training

Army Community Service offers resilience training Tuesday from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Commons. The training teaches people the skills that will make them and their families resilient. Participants will receive training in two to three skills, such as problem solving, put it in perspective and mental games. People should register by Friday. For more information and to register, call 255-3735.

Employment readiness class

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room, with the next session Nov. 12. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about at 10:45 a.m. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program. For more information, call 255-2594.

Relocation readiness workshop

Army Community Service will host its relocation readiness workshop Nov. 13 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



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Camping Under the Stars

As part of Month of the Military Family, Fort Rucker will host the fifth annual Camping Under the Stars event Nov. 13 as a tribute to military families. Families are welcome to attend the night of camping out, s'mores and hot chocolate, games, a story reading, and two movies on the big screen. All military ID holders will be able to attend the free outdoor event, beginning at 5 p.m. and located near the West Beach Gazebo at Lake Tholocco. Families are welcome to camp overnight or just stay for the evening festivities. Outdoor recreation will offer free use of three- and six-person tents for the overnight camp out. Tents are limited, so those interested should call and reserve their tent early. For more information or to reserve a tent, call 255-9810.

ing (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.

Thanksgiving craft

The Center Library invites children ages 3–11 to its Thanksgiving Craft session Nov. 17 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register. The event is open to authorized patrons. For more information or to register, stop by the library or call 255-3885.

Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night Nov. 19 from 4-6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For more information, call 598-8025.

Black Friday shopping trip

MWR Central will host a Black Friday shopping day trip Nov. 27 to Silver Sands Outlet Mall in Destin, Florida. The trip is open to the public. Departure time from Bldg. 5700 is at midnight to travel to Destin. The departure time from Silver Sands Outlet to return is 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person, and includes transportation to and from the outlet mall. The trip is limited to 26 patrons, ages 10 and older. People need to register by Nov. 20. For more information or to register, stop by MWR Central, or call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

Newcomers welcome

Army Community Service will host a newcomers welcome Nov. 20 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.

Thanksgiving Feast

The Landing will host its annual Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The feast will feature Thanksgiving entrees,

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to two children, ages 12 and under. Pricing includes a soft drink or tea. Reservations are highly recommended. When making a reservation, people should include how many adults and children will be in their party. For more information, call 598-2426.

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Army Entertainment to bring interactive game show

By **Tim Hipps**
*Installation Management Command
Public Affairs*

SAN ANTONIO — Army Entertainment and Rising Tide Sports and Entertainment Group have signed a contract to bring interactive game-show-style entertainment to the troops.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command teamed with Rising Tide Sports and Entertainment Group, which will bring “Quest for the Best,” an Armed Forces Trivia Challenge played in an interactive game-show fashion, to Army garrisons in 2016.

The Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation pilot program debuted last year with 569 contestants, mostly medical education and training students, in Fort Sam Houston Theatre on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, home of Army Entertainment.

“The feedback was great,” Army Entertainment special events coordinator Scott Radosevich said. “It was fun watching those young Soldiers because when I talked to them outside as their buses were pulling up, they were like ‘Ah, this is forced fun.’ But after they got in and they got in the game, they were going crazy. It was a full house and everybody had a great time.”

The “Quest for the Best” finalists were determined by five rounds of five multiple-choice questions, during which everyone in



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

Actor Bruce Campbell hosts the ‘Quest for the Best’ pilot on Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

the audience participated. The highest-scoring member of each team in the preliminary rounds competed in the finals, during which contestants had to “know” the answers. The earlier rounds featured multiple choice questions.

“It’s a live event experience,” said Rising Tide Sports and Entertainment CEO Steve Sellery. “Is it a game show? Sure, it is. But at the end of the day, if you really boiled it down, it’s an experiential event where everybody gets to participate.

“It’s a game show like no other,” he added.

The pilot event featured the star-power draw of host Bruce Campbell, best known for his roles as Ash in the “Army of Darkness” and “Evil Dead” movies and Sam Axe in the television series “Burn Notice.” He also wrote the book “If Chins Could Kill – Confessions of a B Movie Actor,” and starred in an Old Spice commercial.

“He fell into that character of that game-show host perfectly,” said runner-up Keith

Keilberg, 42, a retired Air Force master sergeant. “Maybe that’s what he’ll do with the rest of his career.”

Campbell, the self-proclaimed King of B-Movies, said he quickly bought into “Quest for the Best.”

“It seemed to be a good fit,” Campbell said. “It is a game show, but it’s a game show where everybody plays. It’s not just three people or a family – it’s everybody in that auditorium. And that, I think, makes a difference. The more you can engage the audience, the better it is.

“It’s good for the troops,” he said. “It was just nice to see how everyone jumped into it.”

Seaman Recruit Mike Walling said “Quest for the Best” was the “best mandatory fun” he could imagine.

“Out in the fleet, it’s more like company barbecues and stuff like that,” Walling said. “But this is a good experience of mandatory fun. We were ‘voluntold’ to be here, but this was awesome.”

Patricia Keilberg, grand champion of the inaugural “Quest for the Best,” also was impressed.

“When all was said and done, I think the troops were surprised they had as much fun as they did,” she said. “The whole concept was awesome.”

The Army plans to host 45 “Quest for the Best” competitions on 12-15 Army installations in 2016.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

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

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

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

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

BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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

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

Above the Best Bible Study
Yano Hall, 11 a.m.

1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study
Hanchey AAF, Bldg 50102N, Rm 101,
11:30 a.m.

164th TAOG Bible Study
Bldg 30501, 11:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study
Soldier Service Center, 12 p.m.

Youth Group Bible Study
Spiritual Life Center, 5:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study
Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

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

Latter-Day Saints Bible Study
Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

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

Fort Rucker Chapel

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES & PROGRAMS SCHEDULE



U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence & Fort Rucker
Fort Rucker, Alabama

Event	Date/Time/Location
Advent Workshop	22 Nov, 1200-1430 Spiritual Life Center
Post-wide Thanksgiving Service	24 Nov, 1130-1200 Headquarters Chapel
Thanksgiving Eve Mass	25 Nov, 1700-1800 Main Post Chapel
Hanukkah	6-13 Dec, 1700 Main Post Chapel
Children Christmas Program "Miracle on Main Street"	13 Dec, 0930 Wings Chapel
A Night in Bethlehem: A Drive-Thru Nativity	15 Dec, 1800-2000 Spiritual Life Center
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	24 Dec, 1900-2000 Main Post Chapel
Children's Christmas Eve Mass	24 Dec, 1600-1700 Main Post Chapel
Christmas Midnight Mass	24 Dec, 2400-0100 Main Post Chapel
Christmas Day Mass	25 Dec, 0900-1000 Main Post Chapel
New Year's Eve Mass	31 Dec, 1700-1800 Main Post Chapel

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Program gets ‘thumbs up’

By Terri Moon Cronk
Department of Defense News

WASHINGTON — In the latest survey results from graduates of the military’s redesigned Transition Assistance Program, more than 80 percent of former service members said the curriculum prepared them well to re-enter the civilian workforce, a Department of Defense official told a House Armed Services Committee panel Oct. 28.

Susan Kelly, DoD’s director of the Transition to Veterans Program, joined service leaders to update the committee’s military personnel subcommittee on the progress of program, which was significantly expanded two years ago under Kelly’s direction.

The new weeklong mandatory curriculum is now offered in full at 206 installations, she said, adding that it offers four core components:

- Adopt career readiness standards, which measure a service member’s preparedness to de-

part from active duty;

- Develop Transition GPS, a curriculum that builds the skills needed by service members to meet the CRS;
- A capstone event, during which commanders verify their members have met career readiness standards or, if not, ensure that they receive additional training or a warm handover; and
- Implementation to the military lifecycle transition model, which aligns transition activities with touchpoints across the military career.

Positive results

“We’ve accomplished these core objectives and the results are clear,” Kelly said, citing the most recent participant assessment data, in which more than 80 percent of the participants said they “gained valuable information and skills to plan their transition, that the training enhanced their confidence in their transition, they intended to use what they learned in the classes

and that they knew how to access appropriate resources post separation.”

Kelly said more than 150,000 service members separated from active duty between October 2014 and August 2015.

“Based on data verified by the Defense Manpower Data Center,” she told the panel, “94 percent of these eligible members met the (Veterans Opportunity to Work Act) mandate and 88 percent either met career readiness standards or received a warm handover.”

The redesigned program encompasses the requirements of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. TAP was reorganized and reintroduced in 2013 as required training for service members transitioning back to civilian life to pursue careers and further their education, Kelly said in an earlier interview with DoD News.

Adding resources

“These results indicate the commitment of the services and

our partners to prepare members for civilian life,” Kelly testified, adding that partner agencies include the Veterans Affairs, Labor and Education departments, the Small Business Administration and the Office of Personnel Management.

Such agency cooperation has become an integral part of the program’s interagency governance structure, which assesses and modifies the program in concert with the services to continually improve the program, she added.

In the last two years, both public and private organizations recognized that service members “present an incredible pool of talent and they seek increased opportunities to harness that talent,” Kelly said.

“In collaboration with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Foundation Hiring Our Heroes, we’ve helped shape the environment in which employers gain early access to transition-

ing service members and their spouses,” she noted.

So far this year, thousands of members attended 18 large-scale transition summits at U.S. and overseas installations, she said, adding that the Energy, Agriculture and Homeland Security departments target service members for industry jobs.

“Through the SkillBridge authority, under the office of the assistant secretary of defense for readiness, a growing number of members have developed skills for employment in high-demand industries,” Kelly pointed out.

The redesigned program has had tremendous forward movement, Kelly told the panel.

“But we must continue to work with federal partners and the private sector to gather lessons learned, improve the curriculum, instill a culture of planning for post-military life, and develop pipelines into the national workforce,” she added.

Employers commit to hiring military spouses

Department of Defense News
Press Release

WASHINGTON — Thirty-seven new companies and organizations were formally inducted into the Military Spouse Employment Partnership during a ceremony in Alexandria, Virginia, Oct. 28, bringing the total number of partners to 297.

The partners of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership are committed to recruiting, hiring, promoting and retaining military spouses in portable careers.

Since Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, launched the partnership in June 2011, partners have hired tens of thousands of military spouses, according to Stephanie Barna, acting assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs.

“I state for the record and for the first time publicly, you – our valued partners – have hired more than 82,000 military spouses,” Barna said during the induction ceremony at the Mark Center.

“Although MSEP is still a young program,

we have known from Day 1 how eager each of you is to hire our spouses,” Barna said. “You clearly see our spouses as having the knowledge, skills and, most importantly, values that your business needs to develop and reach out to new markets, and deliver new and improved products and services

Rosemary Williams, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, addressed the military spouses in attendance.

“You represent the thousands of military spouses – both men and women – around the globe who are searching for meaningful employment and career opportunities that will not only fulfill your career dreams, but provide your families with a greater level of financial stability that keeps you strong and resilient,” she said.

Kristine Kash, a military spouse and an employee of Military Spouse Employment Partnership partner Starbucks, also spoke as part of the ceremony.

“Today’s ceremony is centered around ‘Building Relationships,’ which is perfect,



PHOTO BY REZA HAJIHA

Kristine Kash, a military spouse and an employee of Military Spouse Employment Partnership partner Starbucks, shares her personal story and career path during a Military Spouse Employment Partnership induction ceremony at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 28.

because when I joined Starbucks eight months ago, that was my only option – to build relationships,” she said.

“My husband deployed to Iraq the same week I started with the company,” she continued. “I knew no one. I had just moved into

a new apartment. The reason I resigned from my previous career and gravitated towards Starbucks was because of the stories I had heard from those who worked there were so inspiring. Everyone was always so happy and engaged.”

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Wiregrass welcomes National Peanut Festival

From Staff Reports

Army Flier

More than a week of games, rides, food, agricultural contests and entertainment kicks off Friday with an official ribbon cutting ceremony in Dothan for the 2015 National Peanut Festival.

The festival and ceremony will be held at the fairgrounds just off Hwy. 231 South, and will be preceded by a recipe and cake-decorating contest today.

Admission is \$7 for ages 6 and older. Children ages 5 and under are admitted free with a paid adult.

Scheduled events are below.

Today

Recipe contest

- 8 -10 a.m. - Drop off recipe contest items in Community Room at Wiregrass Commons Mall. Winners announced in center court at 1:15 p.m.

Cake Decorating Contest

- 9 -10 a.m. - Drop off at National Peanut Festival Premium Building. Winners announced at volunteer building at noon.

Friday

Special: \$25 armbands.

- 4 p.m. - Gates open.
- 5 p.m. - Ribbon cutting at main entrance.
- 7 p.m. - Alabama Bred Lamb Show at Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.

- 7:30 p.m. - Tyler Farr in concert at OneMain Financial Amphitheater.

Saturday

Special: \$35 armbands sold from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- 8 a.m. - South and AG Gates open.
- 8 a.m. - Scramble Winners from 2014 in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.
- 9 a.m. - Jr. Heifer/Feeder Steer show in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.
- 10 a.m. - Main Gate and Midway open.
- 2 p.m. - Open Market Sheet Show in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.

Sunday

Specials: Alfa Farmers members’ gate admission is \$5 with membership card and \$6 gate admission for everyone else – \$20 armbands.

- 1 p.m. - Fairgrounds open.

Monday

Special: Pre-registered farmers and their families get in free. Alfa Farmers members’ gate admission is \$5 with membership card – \$20 armbands.

- 9 a.m. - Kindergarten day. Only pre-registered 4 and 5-year-olds admitted.
- 9 a.m. - Open Dairy Goat Show.
- 4:30 p.m. - Gates open.

Tuesday

Specials: \$2 off gate admission, \$5 off armbands with donation of three cans

of food or one jar of peanut butter for Wiregrass Food Bank drive. Without donation admission is \$7, armbands \$20.

- 8 a.m. - Special Citizens Day. Only pre-registered groups admitted.
- 9 a.m. - Open Beef Cattle Show in Winn-Dixie Ag complex.
- 4 p.m. - Market Hog Showmanship in Winn Dixie Ag complex. Prospect Hog Show to follow.
- 4:30 - Gates open.
- 7 p.m. - Calf Scramble and Greased Pig in Wells Fargo Arena.
- 7:30 p.m. - Marshall Tucker Band in concert at OneMain Financial Amphitheater

Wednesday

Specials: Military and family members with military ID free admission. Armbands \$20.

- 4:30 p.m. - Gates open.
- 6 p.m. - Market Hog Show (Barrows) in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex. Gilts to follow.
- 6:30 p.m. - Rush of Fools in concert at OneMain Financial Amphitheater.

Nov. 12

Specials: Seniors (55 and older) admitted free from 12:30-4 p.m., \$5 after 4:30 p.m. – \$20 armbands.

- 10 a.m. - Junior Hog Show in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.
- 12:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Day.
- 4:30 p.m. - Gates open.

- 6 p.m. - Poultry Show in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.
- 7:30 p.m. - Chris Janson in concert at OneMain Financial Amphitheater.

Nov. 13

- 4 p.m. - Gates open.
- 7:30 p.m. - Maddie & Tae in concert at OneMain Financial Amphitheater.

Nov. 14

Specials: Military and family members with military ID \$5 admission – \$35 armbands sold from noon to 4 p.m.

- 9 a.m. - Youth Meat Goat Show in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.
- 9:30 a.m. - National Peanut Festival Parade in downtown Dothan.
- Noon - Gates open.
- Noon - Boer Goat Show in Winn-Dixie Ag Complex.
- 2 p.m. - Demolition Derby in Wells Fargo Arena.
- 7 p.m. - Demolition Derby in Wells Fargo Arena.

Nov. 15

Specials: No gate admission – \$22 armbands.

- 1 p.m. - Gates open. Midway, Kiddieland and Midway Concessions only.
- 6 p.m. - Gates close.

For more information and daily discount prices, visit [www. http://nationalpeanutfestival.com/](http://www.http://nationalpeanutfestival.com/).

WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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ONGOING — The American Legion Post 80 hosts a dance with live music every Saturday from 7:30-11:30 p.m. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegionpost80.org.

DALEVILLE

NOV. 2-19 — Food drive with donation boxes in various locations throughout the city, sponsored by the Lions Club.

NOV. 6 — Memorial wreath laying at the POW/MIA Veterans Memorial in Daleville beside the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center at 10 a.m., sponsored by the city and the Lovely Touch Garden Club.

NOV. 11 — Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6020, on Hwy. 84, at 11a.m.

NOV. 14 — Fill the Pantry Benefit Ride. Registration starts at 8:45 a.m. at Larry’s BBQ, sponsored by the F.A.I.T.H. Riders.

DOTHAN

NOV. 6-15 — The National Peanut Festival will run at various times and will feature a variety of vendors, shows, rides, food and live entertainment. For more information, visit nationalpeanutfestival.com.

NOV. 7 – Dothan Montessori School is hosting its third annual Montessori Madness 5K and Fun Run at 8 a.m. DMS is located at 205 Holly Lane. There will be goody bags, door prizes, a children’s fun run and more. To register, visit www.dothanmontessorischool.com. For more information, call 671-7170.

ONGOING — The Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts First Saturday Family Day the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The event is recommended for elementary-aged children. For more information, visit wiregrassmuseum.com or call 794-3871.

ENTERPRISE

ONGOING — Enterprise Women’s Day Class of Community Bible Study at First Baptist Church takes place Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. The group will study the book of Isaiah. There is also a children’s ministry available for infants through eighth grade. Home school credit is available. Community Bible Study is an interdenominational study. For more information and to preregister, call 494-2039 or visit <http://enterprise.cbsclass.org/>.

ONGOING — Reformers Unanimous, a national Christ-centered addictions program headquartered in Rockford, Illinois, is starting a chapter in Enterprise. Faith Baptist Church, 4481 Rucker Boulevard, will host the program Fridays from 7-9 p.m. The program is open to all adults who struggle with an addiction. For more information, call 790-2058.

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

NOV. 19 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will conduct its holiday meal at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center, located one block behind the New Brockton Police station. This will be a pot luck meal, including soft drinks. The meal is free to DAV members, their family members and guests. Only a few important Chapter business items will be discussed, i.e. up-coming Christmas parade activities. People should RSVP by Nov. 13. For more information , call 334-685-1855.

OZARK

NOV. 11 — Woodlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery will host a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

NOV. 30 — The Flowers Center for Performing Arts will host a Daughters of Hope and Promise mother and daughter event at 6 p.m. featuring Miss Alabama Meg McGuffin and Miss Alabama’s Outstanding Teen Kaitlyn Campbell. For more information, call 618-1180 or visit Daughters of Hope and Promise on Facebook.

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

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

WIREGRASS AREA

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.

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.

Beyond Briefs

Zoo Veterans Appreciation Week

The Montgomery Zoo will thank the country’s men and women of the armed forces during its Veterans Appreciation Week Nov. 8-14. All veterans, active duty military and their immediate family members will receive a 50-percent discount on regular daytime admission to the Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum. Participants must provide a valid military identification to receive the discount.

For more information, visit montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/veterans-appreciation-week.

Alabama Pecan Festival

Mobile will host the Alabama Pecan Festival Nov. 6-8 at the Tillman’s Corner Community Center. The event will feature a carnival atmosphere with rides, food, face painting, arts and crafts, and jewelry. Free grandstand events include a classic country and western show, a Sunday gospel show and more.

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

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. Reg-

istration 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.

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

Alabama National Fair

Montgomery plays host to the Alabama National Fair now through Nov. 7 at the Garrett Coliseum and Fairgrounds, 1555 Federal Drive. The event features more than 60 rides, food, information and commercial booths, livestock competitions, and more. Scheduled entertainment includes Lynyrd Skynyrd Nov. 7.

For more information, visit www.alnationalfair.org.

Old Time Christmas Market

Lynn Haven, Florida, will host its Old Time Christmas Craft and Vendor Market Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Roberts Hall at the corner of Hwy. 77 and 9th Street. The market will feature about 50 vendors and crafters offering their fall products and services, a visit from Santa and Christmas carolers.

For more information, call 706-506-1450.

Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker

The Moscow Ballet’s production of the “Great Russian Nutcracker” will pay a visit to Panama City’s Marina Civic Center Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. Regular ticket prices range from \$28-\$68, and VIP and platinum tickets run \$105 and

\$175 respectively.

For more information or to buy tickets, call 413-499-1733 or visit www.nutcracker.com.

Veterans 5K Freedom Run/Walk

WVAS-FM Radio Station is partnering with Jimmy John’s to host the 2015 5K Veterans Run/Walk Nov. 7 at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Adults and youth of all ages and people from all branches of the military, whether active or retired, are welcomed to participate in this event honoring and supporting veterans in the River Region.

The run and walk will begin at Jimmy John’s on Carter Hill Road, and wind its way through the campus of Alabama State University and Old Cloverdale. Additional information about the event, including vendor information and entry fees, is available by calling 334-229-5074.

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 a tour of historic Oakwood Cemetery Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. 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. The tour costs \$10. Registration is recommended.

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

ON THE GROUND

Rwandan ambassador tours U.S.Army Europe training facilities

By Sgt. Lance Pounds
Army News Service

VICENZA, Italy — The U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda toured U.S. Army training facilities in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels, Germany, Oct. 21-22 to explore opportunities for further security cooperation between the U.S. and Rwandan Defence Forces.

Erica J. Barks-Ruggles was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Kenneth H. Moore, U.S. Army Africa deputy commanding general, on her tour of the facilities. USARAF routinely partners with Rwandan forces as part of the annual Accord series of exercises and several direct security-cooperation events annually.

The Joint Multinational Training Command, based in Grafenwoehr, is the U.S. Army’s largest overseas training command, offering combat maneuver and simulation centers, live-fire ranges and expeditionary capabilities to train U.S., NATO and partner-nation units and leaders.

“She is visiting because she is interested in increasing and improving the capabilities of the RDF, which is one of the largest troop contributing countries to United Nations peacekeeping missions,” Moore said.

He added that the RDF currently gets most of its training from the Africa Contingency Operations Training and Assistance, which is a State Department program that



PHOTOS BY SARAH TATE

Erica J. Barks-Ruggles, U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, signs a guestbook at the desk of Gen. George S. Patton Jr. during a tour of the Joint Multinational Training Command facilities in Grafenwoehr, Germany, Oct. 21-22.

enhances the capacities of African partner nations to participate in worldwide multinational peace operations.

“She is really interested in having the RDF take the next step and be able to train themselves,” said Moore.

During the two-day visit, Barks-Ruggles received briefs, and toured facilities at both JMTC in Grafenwoehr and the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels.

Moore said building partner capacity is

a priority in USARAF’s African Horizons strategy, a holistic approach to synchronizing Army activities to develop and deepen partnerships over time and across echelons to achieve strategic level objectives.

“We would like to see them have the institutions to train themselves in specialty areas, such as logistics and medical, as well as be able to train noncommissioned officers,” said Moore.

An ocean closer to Africa, USARAF

works regularly with JMTC and U.S. Army Europe to improve readiness and effectiveness of missions conducted on the continent of Africa.

Moore said one example of the capabilities was the JMTC - 7th NCO Academy. The academy has trained multiple African partner-nation leaders.

“I hope this tour informed her of the capabilities that our military forces can provide,” said Moore. “I also hope it helps her identify specifics that meet her strategy and goals that she has set forth for her country.”

According to Moore, the African Horizons strategy also focuses on leveraging the capabilities of others.

Moore said unlike in Europe, which has about 30,000 assigned U.S. Soldiers, USARAF has no assigned forces.

“We have to leverage our partners to fulfill strategic objectives and meet the objectives set forth by (USARAF),” Moore said.

Moore said those partners routinely include: Regionally Allocated Forces, Army Reserve, State Partnership Program of the Army National Guard, sister component capabilities and the capabilities that reside in Europe, such as JMTC, 21st Theater Sustainment Command and 7th Civil Support Command.

“These partner capabilities are what help USARAF achieve the Army’s Total Force concept,” said Moore.

November: Families invited to enjoy night under stars

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ily to Rucker Lanes where children bowl for free. Ages 13 and under will receive three free games and shoe rental with the purchase of three adult games and a shoe rental. This offer is valid all month long and cannot be combined with any other offer. For more information, call 255-9503.

Silver Wings Golf Course
Silver Wings Family Days – Sundays in November from 2 p.m. to close. Features a free nine holes on Sunday – cart fees and green fees included – and Nov. 15, 22 and 29, \$10 for adults, \$5 for juniors (ages 17 and under), for nine holes – cart fees and green fees included. People must have valid drivers license to rent and operate a cart. For more information, call 598-2449.

The Landing

The annual Thanksgiving Day Feast will feature a special military family rate. Family rate is \$39.50 for two adults and up to two children, ages 12 and under. Regular price is \$17.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6-12, \$3.95 for children ages 3-5, and ages

2 and under eat for free. For more details, call 598-2426.

Camping Under the Stars

As part of Month of the Military Family, Fort Rucker is providing the fifth annual Camping Under the Stars event Nov. 13 as a tribute to military families.

People are welcome to enjoy a night of camping out, s’mores and hot chocolate, games, a story reading and two movies on the big screen. All military ID holders will be able to attend this free outdoor event beginning at 5 p.m. near the West Beach gazebo at Lake Tholocco. At 6:30

p.m., story reading under the gazebo will take place, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will play family-friendly movies “Home” and “McFarland USA” from 7-10 p.m. Families are welcome to camp overnight or just stay for the evening festivities – so be sure to bring tents, blankets

and chairs. Outdoor recreation is offering free use of three-man tents and six-man tents for the overnight camp out. Tents are limited, so people should call and reserve their tent early to ensure availability. For more information or to reserve a tent, call 255-9810.



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Monstars win post championship

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Intramural Football League saved its best for last as the two top teams went head to head in one of the most exciting and closest championship games in Fort Rucker intramural history, according to the Fort Rucker intramural sports coordinator.

The D Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment Monstars and the 1st Bn., 11th Avn. Regt. Soldiers with Attitude battled it out over two close games for the crown, but it was the Monstars who edged out their opponents in the final game for the title of post champions.

The double-elimination tournament saw SWA best the 1-145th team in the first game, 20-12, to take the tournament into a second game where both teams brought their A-game. The Monstars got off to a slow start in the second game, but managed to keep a strong defense and even stronger offense to make the plays that gave them an edge over their opponents to win by a single touchdown, 26-19.

In the first game, the Monstars received to start and came on strong offensively, managing to push hard against their opponents to get within yards of the goal line to try for their first touchdown. SWA had other plans in mind, though, as they managed to stop their opponents and force a turnover at the 1-yard line.

The 1-11th team had a long way to go to get to the opposing end zone, but managed to push up field to the 50-yard line, but it couldn't keep their momentum going as the Monstars' defense held them off long enough for a turnover.

For much of the first half, neither team seemed able to make headway against the other, but it was the 1-11th that would turn the tide with an interception with less than a minute left in the half that gave them the chance to score before the buzzer.

SWA managed to find the holes in their opponent's defense to push toward the goal line as they used their strong running game to push into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game to lead, 6-0.

The Monstars had less than 10 seconds during their possession in the half to tie the game, but it wasn't nearly enough time for them bust



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Second Lt. Ryan Gray, player for the Monstars, pushes past opposing players during the Fort Rucker Intramural Football Post Championship game at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center Football Field Monday.

through the opposing defense before the half ended.

The 1-11th received to start the second half and took full advantage on offense as they pushed through their opponents. They were able to get close enough to the goal line and scored a TD on a running play to go up 13-0.

Not to be outdone, the 1-145th team managed to rally during their possession and finally find gaps in their opponent's defense, culminating in a 20-yard TD pass for their first touchdown to trail 13-6.

The Monstars defense came back strong, as well, as they were able to hold off SWA and force a punt with just two minutes remaining in the game. But just as it seemed things were looking up for the 1-145th, the 1-11th picked off a pass and turned the tide.

SWA took their newfound fortune and literally ran with it, managing another touchdown on the very next play to take a healthy lead, 20-6, with less than a minute remaining.

The Monstars were down, but not out, as

their offense came out strong and managed another touchdown. Time wasn't on their side, though, as the clock wound down, ending the game with a 20-12 loss, and forcing a second and deciding game for the championship.

The Monstars took the opening kickoff and, despite a strong offense, weren't able to make much headway early on.

The 1-11th didn't seem to lose any steam, though, as they blazed through the 1-145th's defense for a touchdown to once again find the lead, 6-0.

The Monstars immediately pushed back with aggressive running plays to push against their opponents, which paid off as they found themselves in the opposing end zone to tie the game.

Both teams seemed even matched at this point and both were able to score additional touchdowns, but the 1-11th managed to get an extra point to take a 13-12 lead.

With less than a minute remaining in the first half, the Monstars managed to pick off

a pass to get back on offense and try to score, but SWA's defense proved too strong once again.

Not to be discouraged, though, the 1-145th held their opponents back, retook possession and managed to score another touchdown to take the lead for the first time in the night, 19-13.

Both teams seemed evenly matched and it was still anybody's game as the 1-11th managed to tie things up with only two minutes remaining.

The Monstars were determined to not let their chance go, and they took it as they pushed up the field with a hail-Mary pass to get within 15 yards of the goal line. The follow up to that answered prayer was a TD-scoring run play that gave them a 25-19 lead with 24 seconds remaining in the game.

Try as they might, it wasn't enough time for SWA to turn things around and the buzzer sounded with the Monstars taking home the championship.



SPOOKY 5K

PHOTO BY TORI EVANS

Runners jump off the starting line as they take on the Spooky 5k run held in front of Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center Saturday.

PIGSKIN PICKS



Cleveland vs. Cincinnati

Oakland vs. Pittsburgh

Green Bay vs. Carolina

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Chicago vs. San Diego

 Col. Tom von Eschenbach CDID (39-17)							
 Capt. Louis Hill 6th MP (34-22)							
 Jim Hughes PAO (43-13)							
 Capt. Mike Simmons DPS (41-15)							
 Sharon Storti NEC (40-16)							

READY TO RUMBLE

Soldiers compete in opening night of Olympic boxing trials

By William Bradner
Installation Management Command
Public Affairs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Four Soldier-athletes from the U.S. Army Installation Management Command are battling it for a spot on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Women’s Boxing Team.

Twenty-four of the nation’s best boxers are participating in a double-elimination team trials tournament at the Memphis Cook Convention Center in Tennessee. Among them are 1st Lt. Giovanna Camacho, Spc. Alex Love, Pfc. Rianna Rios and Spc. Naomi Graham, all members of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program.

“These are the elite of the elite,” said WCAP Coach Staff Sgt. Quentin McCoy. “So, this week it’s all about execution. We have a game plan and we’re going to execute.”

McCoy and the rest of the coaching staff, including Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette and Staff Sgt. Joe Guzman, have been reviewing tape of the other boxers and developing a strategy for the Army boxers for months, McCoy said.

Each fight consists of four two-minute rounds, and most fights end with a decision from the judges, McCoy explained. Knockouts and technical knockouts are rare in women’s amateur boxing.

“That doesn’t leave a lot of time to impress the judges,” McCoy said. “There’s no time to feel out the opponent. You have to go in with a game plan and execute.”

The real challenge for the boxers comes if they lose the first match of the tournament. If so, they could conceivably have to fight every day of the six-day tournament to battle back through the loser’s brackets to win a spot on the team.

The double-elimination format requires



PHOTO BY WILLIAM BRADNER

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxer Pfc. Rianna Rios (in blue) prevails against Lisa Porter at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Women’s Boxing Team Trials Oct. 26 in Memphis. Rios won a split decision.

a weigh-in every morning at 7 a.m., a grueling schedule for the boxers requiring them to build up energy during the day to box, compete and then shed any excess weight before the next morning’s weigh-in.

“We’ll be up all nights some nights this week, just to make weight,” McCoy said.

Camacho, Love and Graham may face that schedule: all three lost their first fights. Camacho and Graham lost on unanimous decisions, and Love lost a split decision.

Graham’s first fight was against the 2012 Olympic gold medalist in her weight class, Claressa Shields of Flint, Michigan.

Rios took home the first victory for the Army, in a split decision.

“This is not going to be easy,” McCoy said, “but they’re going to go out there and compete like Soldiers. They’re going to fight like there’s no tomorrow and never quit.”

For more information on the Olympic qualifying process for both male and fe-

male athletes, visit www.usaboxing.org. For more information about Army Olympic hopefuls, visit www.ArmyMWR.com.

The 24 Olympic Trials participants earned their berths in the event in one of three qualifying tournaments, beginning with the 2015 USA Boxing National Championships in January. The two finalists from the national championships and top three finishers from qualifying tournaments in June and September all earned spots in the Olympic Trials.

PIGSKIN PICKS



	Mississippi State vs. Missouri	Florida State vs. Clemson	Army vs. Air Force	TCU vs. Oklahoma State	Louisiana-Monroe vs. Troy	ISU vs. Alabama	California vs. Oregon
 David C. Agan Jr. PAO (38-18)							
 Kent Anger, DPTMS (39-17)							
 Todd Conyers USAACE (29-27)							
 Wes Hamilton NEC (38-18)							
 John Tkac DPS (34-22)							

FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

Big Buck Contest

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation hosts its Big Buck Contest now through 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.

Fitness challenge

Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center fitness class

instructors will hold a two-hour fitness challenge each month, with the next scheduled for Monday. The challenges are open to all authorized PFC patrons. Each class costs \$3.50 or people can use their class cards. Each session will feature door prizes and refreshments. All challenges are held at the Fortenberry-Colton PFC at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 255-3794.

Veterans Day Stars and Strikes

Rucker Lanes will host its Veterans Day Stars and Strikes Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The special includes bowling for 25 cents per game and 50-cent shoe rentals per person. For more information, call 255-9503.

CG Veterans Day Golf Challenge

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its second annual Commanding General’s Veterans Day Golf Challenge Wednesday. The driving range will open at 6 a.m., a continental breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. and a shotgun start will be at 8 a.m. Deadline to enter is Friday. Format will be a four-person-team scramble and be 18 holes. A limit of 36 teams may participate. Priority for team slots will be given to active-duty Soldiers. The event will also feature lunch and prizes. The cost is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members. The challenge is open to the public.

For more information, call 598-2449.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Trivia

Answers

1. “Twin Peaks”
2. Liver
3. Taxonomy
4. John Adams
5. Andrew Young
6. Ethiopia
7. A sphere
8. Maxwell House coffee
9. Henry Fonda
10. Mark Twain

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