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PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN
Spc. Shawn Glanton embraces his wife, Kimberly, and son, Parker, Tuesday morning at Wings Chapel upon returning home from Afghanistan.

WELCOME HOME *'Fast and Furious' Soldiers return to Family, friends*

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

Latishya Walk, Soldier and Army spouse, welcomed home her husband after nine months apart early Tuesday morning along with nine other Families who were gathered at Wings Chapel to welcome home Soldiers from the 597th Ordnance Maintenance Company.

The long wait through the evening to the 2:30 a.m. arrival was worth it to her and her Family, who came from Ohio to see her husband return.

"We are both active-duty Soldiers and we have four daughters, so the hardest part has been separating my role as mommy and my role as sole provider while he has been away," she said, eagerly checking her watch shortly before her husband's arrival. "It is always hard to manage the household when one of us is away, so we are all thankful that things will return to normal soon."

This was Walk's husband's fourth deployment, but she said their Family takes each one, one-at-a-time.

"We are really used to our routine, and when he first left, we had to create a new pattern. We just got used to it, so now it is going to be a challenge to get him back into the loop," she said. "But that is an adjustment we are looking forward to. We are very proud of him, and as long as we support each other we can do anything."

The Soldiers deployed to Kuwait and Afghanistan and were continuing the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group's long-standing deployment routine, something Col. Michael Shenk, Air Traffic Services Command and 164th TAOG commander, thanked them for.

"You guys did a great job seeing it through all the way to the end. Thanks for sticking it out with our continuous deployments," he said.

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SCHOOL'S OUT



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN
Anthony Hanks, future seventh grader, holds on to his team's water-bottle rocket May 29 at Fort Rucker Elementary School before air pressure sends it flying. For more, see Page A4.

FREEDOM FEST

Post readies to host July 4 celebration

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker is gearing up for one of the installation's biggest celebrations of the year as officials expect people to once again come out by the thousands to celebrate the nation's independence.

In a partnership with Dothan, Enterprise, Daleville and Ozark, the Wiregrass Freedom Fest will return to Fort Rucker in full swing July 3 from 4-10 p.m., and will feature food, fun, games, vendors, live music and more, said Kristi Fink, Fort Rucker special events coordinator.

"This is a great way for people in the local communities to come out and get to know some of the Soldiers and their Families during the celebration," said Fink. "They can come out and interact with them and show their appreciation for their service to the nation."

"People from all around will be coming from all walks of life to take part in the celebration and to see one of the biggest fireworks shows in the area," she continued. "So people should come out and get ready to have a good time."

The celebration, which brings more than 20,000 people annually to the installation, will feature the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band who will hit the stage from 6-9 p.m. and will be performing a variety of music, ranging from modern pop to country



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU
Fireworks explode over Fort Rucker during the Wiregrass Freedom Fest in 2012.

to classical to patriotic hits, said Janice Erdlitz, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director.

The band will also perform a tribute to fallen Soldiers to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom that the nation enjoys, added Fink.

In addition to the band, people can enjoy a wide array of vendors, from food vendors serving all the carnival favorites, like hot dogs, hamburgers, turkey legs, roasted corn, boiled peanuts, cotton candy, popcorn and funnel cakes, to craft vendors where people can purchase a variety of arts and crafts.

Children don't have to feel left out during the festivities, said Fink. They will be able to enjoy jumping and bouncing at the Fun Zone, where inflatables and bouncy houses

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PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES
Command Sgt. Maj. William D. Lohmeyer accepts the NCO Sword from Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander, as he assumes responsibility as the garrison command sergeant major during a ceremony Tuesday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum as outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Buford E. Noland, looks on.

Garrison welcomes new command sergeant major

By Jim Hughes
Fort Rucker Public Affairs Office

Fort Rucker Soldiers, civilians and Family members turned out in force to welcome the garrison's new command sergeant major and bid farewell to the outgoing senior NCO Tuesday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Command Sgt. Maj. William D. Lohmeyer assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Buford E. Noland, represented by the ceremonial passing of the NCO Sword, during a change of responsibility ceremony for the garrison.

Col. Stuart J. McRae, garrison commander, hosted the event, adding that it was a significant day for the garrison.

"These two senior NCOs symbolize what distinguishes the U.S. Army from any other fighting force in the world, a professional NCO Corps that leads by example, trains by experience, knows and enforces standards, takes care of Soldiers – and, in our case, Soldiers, Families and civilians – and adapts to change and successfully accomplishes all missions. Both Command Sergeants Major Noland and Lohmeyer have lived by these high standards throughout their careers, and have had a positive and lasting impact on many Soldiers along the way."

McRae then spoke about the numerous accomplishments and awards at Fort Rucker on Noland's 23-month watch, his work taking care of Soldiers, Families and civilians, and his efforts off post to ensure the ties between the post and the local communities remained strong.

And the colonel welcomed Lohmeyer to the Fort Rucker team.

"I have supreme confidence that Command Sergeant Major Lohmeyer will help us expand on the work started by Com-

mand Sergeant Major Noland and help us take it to the next level. Sergeant Major Lohmeyer, you are joining a team of teams, committed to excellence and with an excellent track record."

The newcomer said he appreciated all the help he's received in making his transition from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., to Fort Rucker.

"You have truly made me feel welcome, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you," he said. "I also want to thank Sergeant Major Noland for taking the last two weeks preparing me for my life as a garrison command sergeant major."

"It was a bit overwhelming, and I felt like I was drinking from a water hose, but I understand why," he said. "Gene put a lot of time and energy into building something special here in lower Alabama, like setting the conditions for winning the Army Communities of Excellence and too many awards to name. I wish you and your Family the best of luck in your travels and your next assignment – God-speed."

He then thanked McRae and said he was looking forward to serving under the colonel's command.

"I cannot express to you the joy and honor I feel in being selected for this assignment," he said. "In my entire Army career, the two things that have given me the most satisfaction above all else – serving my country and taking care of Soldiers. I can think of no better place to accomplish that than right here."

Noland and his Family will move on to an assignment at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., McRae said, adding that the sergeant major will "get back to his roots where he

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PERSPECTIVE

'Sky warriors' reunite during anniversary

By Lt. Col. Steve Pierce and
Maj. James A. Attaway III
1st Battalion, 13th Aviation
Regiment

The weekend of May 16-18 brought some legendary sky warriors back home to Fort Rucker for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Reunion.

The reunion was sponsored by the 13th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam), and hosted by the current 1-13th Aviation Regiment and Fort Rucker.

Members of the 13th Combat Aviation Battalion, and other Vietnam veterans, gathered to reminisce, swap stories and old lies, and remember when they were young and ruled the skies.

Most of the attendees had trained or spent time during their Army careers at "Mother Rucker." For some, it was a return to their flying home, for others, a walk down memory lane. The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence rolled out the red carpet for their visit.

The veterans came from California, Arizona, Maine, Michigan and most points in between. The reunion chairman, Larry Castagneto, had lined up a busy schedule, including Friday visits to the Night Vision Device Branch, Helicopter Overwater Survival Training facility, Directorate of Simulations and the Aviation Enlisted Training Institute.

May 16 was the first gathering of the group and included smaller, more personal reunions, with crew members getting together



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Pvt. Chase Francis, Pvt. Garrett Taylor and Pvt. Anthony Durrah, A Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, speak with veterans from the 13th Combat Aviation Brigade May 17 during a social picnic between veterans and Soldiers from 1-13th.

for the first time in more than 40 years. A member of the Navy's Black Pony OV-10 attack squadron attended the reunion for the first time. The Black Pony, which was also based in the Vietnam Mekong delta, provided dedicated support to the "brown water navy" of gunboats, landing craft and SEAL Teams.

May 17 started with golf at the Dothan National Club, and then was followed by a unit picnic at Yano Hall on Fort Rucker. Current members and Soldiers of the 13th Aviation Regiment helped set things up, and then shared some Sweet Tooth BBQ while they listened to the veterans' stories.

The favorite event during the

picnic was the opportunity to fly in a genuine, authentic Vietnam UH-1 Huey helicopter. The Huey was flown by the Friends of Army Aviation from nearby Ozark and was painted as it was in Vietnam. For many of those in attendance, it was their first time back in a Huey since leaving Vietnam, and for Family members, it gave them a much better perspective of what their veterans did during their time in the service.

The reunion dinner was held May 17 at The Landing. There, the veterans had a dinner date most of them had dreamt about for more than 40 years. Actress Chris Noel came to visit "her boys." Noel hosted a daily radio show heard

around the world on Armed Forces Radio from 1966-71. In Vietnam, it was played in the evening and was called "A Date with Chris Noel." She took requests through the mail and answered scores of letters from GIs on things as important as the newest dances, the length of mini-skirts, and most important were her trips to visit the troops in the field. She made over a dozen trips in all, visiting smaller locations that were usually bypassed by the larger USO shows.

Chris is still serving the troops today, as she now runs a shelter for homeless Vietnam veterans in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"It's what I was born to do. I

want to serve these men the same way they served their country. I haven't forgotten their sacrifice," said Noel.

Col. Robert Doerer, chief of staff for the USAACE, spoke at the dinner. He thanked the men of the 13th for their service and for setting the standards for Army Aviation, which are still being followed today.

"You learned the lessons, many written at the cost of lives, but thousands more lives have been saved with the tactics you developed. We are in awe of what you did in your years of combat," Doerer said.

The gathering concluded May 18 with a touching memorial ceremony at Veterans Park in front of the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. The service was attended by the veterans and Soldiers of today.

During the event, a memorial wreath was placed by reunion organizers, and Army Aviation Maj. Jay Billington played and sang "Amazing Grace." Touching remarks were given by Castagneto about the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters in all the wars throughout this nation's history.

After the ceremony concluded, many of the veterans stayed around to talk and visited with the troops before beginning the journey home. As Castagneto remarked, "They may look old, fat and bald now, but if you had seen these amazing men back then you were looking at the bravest sons of a guns you would ever meet. They were the greatest of their generation."



Rotor Wash

“Fort Rucker students celebrated the last day of class May 29. What are you looking forward to most this summer vacation?”



Isabel Orellana,
future fifth grader

"I am having a farewell party because I am moving to Wisconsin. I am looking forward to the party, but not leaving my friends."



Tricetan Wesley,
future fifth grader

"I can't wait to play outside with my friends every day as much as I want."



Addy Thompson,
future seventh grader

"I am glad for a little break. I want to relax with my friends and take it easy. But I am looking forward to a road trip I am going on to New England with my Family."



Dominic Combs,
future seventh grader

"I am going to Kansas to see some Family, so I am looking forward to that, but not necessarily the 15-hour car ride to get there."



Zander Moody,
future second grader

"I want to meet new friends and get ready to go to a new school. I am sad to leave my friends behind when I move, but excited to make new ones."

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Day in the life

Manager ensures hazardous waste safety

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker residents don't have to worry about anthropomorphic, crime-fighting turtles popping out of the sewers anytime soon because the installation keeps a tight lid on its hazardous waste.

Colleen Quinlan is the hazardous waste program manager, and although she agrees that a Fort Rucker version of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles would be a sight to see, she takes her job to protect people and the environment too seriously to let that occur.

"We have to do right when we collect hazardous waste because safety of our workforce is extremely important to us. We don't want people getting sick or dying from exposure to a dangerous chemical or substance, whether they work on post or (live nearby)," she said.

Hazardous material can be an item or agent that has the potential to cause harm to humans, animals or the environment, either by itself or through interaction with other factors. While hazardous waste has properties that make it dangerous or capable of having a harmful effect on human health or the environment, said Quinlan.

"I am involved on both sides of the house. My office has to approve every chemical that comes onto base that will be used," she said. "The materials are managed



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Colleen Quinlan, hazardous waste program manager, inspects a barrel of military hazardous waste Monday.

and tracked when we get it and we are responsible for the waste forever. So, in 100 years, if someone found one of our drums in a river somewhere, we are still held liable for that."

Quinlan said that there are chemicals that the military has to use that are hazardous, but officials are always looking to find greener alternatives, and safer processes and materials to use on the installation.

The Wiregrass can trust Fort Rucker to not damage communities, because of committed employees like Quinlan.

"Our mission will not succeed at the expense of people or the environment. Our responsibility does not end when the water or air crosses the installation boundaries," she said.

Fort Rucker is fortunate to have civilian and military workers that are conscious of what they do, and the best ways to reduce the harsh products that they use, she said.

"We have a lot of interest in greener products that are more sustainable, and that has a lot to do with us being able to bring down our hazardous waste," she added.

Fort Rucker is a large quantity generator of hazardous waste because it generates more than 2,200 pounds of waste per month. The installation has decreased its hazardous waste generation from 297,436 pounds in 2004 to 74,414 in 2013, with the help of workers like Quinlan.

"I do everything from identify and characterize installation processes that generate hazardous waste and maintaining records to ensuring that the waste is shipped before 90 days (which is the legal holding limit at Fort Rucker). I also help develop and imple-

ment installation initiatives to reduce the generation of hazardous waste," she said.

The position calls for someone who can multitask, said Quinlan, a self-described "passionate worker".

"I feel like I have to be everywhere all the time because Fort Rucker has contractors coming and going every day. So, I have to make sure that everyone is complying with our regulations, and that is important to me because I want to make sure we are all safe," she said.

Quinlan said that working with Soldiers is one of the best things about her work.

"Soldiers really feel comfortable stopping in or calling with questions about recycling or hazardous waste removal, and it's great that they care enough to seek out all avenues and to come to our training," she said.

Quinlan added that many Soldiers "really care about this mission to sustain what we have. That shows that they really believe in the Army Values."

One minor slipup handling and labeling the hazardous waste can have dire consequences for everyone, financially and environmentally. It can also cause bodily harm to an entire community, said the program manager.

"I can't let a mundane routine make me forget about how important this mission is to everyone and everything around us," she said.

Fort Rucker Exchange rewards students

By Susie Antonello
Fort Rucker Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Military students can turn good grades into rewards with the AAFES You Made the Grade program.

From first graders to high school seniors, pupils who maintain a B average or higher are eligible for the program that recognizes academic excellence.

The You Made the Grade program rewards military students with a coupon booklet filled with free offers and discounts, including a free regular six-inch Subway sandwich and a Burger King Tendergrill chicken sandwich. Those who make the grade will also score Snack Avenue coupons for a free 16-ounce drink, a complimentary hot dog and more.

Other offers include \$5 off a \$25 iTunes gift card, as well as discounts on clothing



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and shoes, among others. Students with a B average or better can also enter the You Made the Grade semiannual sweepstakes to receive gift cards worth \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500.

"The Fort Rucker Exchange is proud to reward military students who make it their mission to do well in school," said Lorenzo Salgado, Fort Rucker Exchange general manager.

"Service members' children face unique

challenges inside and outside the classroom," he said, noting MilitaryFamily.org reports that most military children will attend nine different schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. "The Fort Rucker Exchange recognizes these students' challenges and they deserve to be rewarded."

Students, including those who are home schooled, can receive a You Made the Grade coupon booklet by presenting a valid military ID and proof of an overall B

average at the Fort Rucker Exchange at the main exchange customer service section. Eligible students can pick up one coupon booklet for each qualifying report card.

Entries for the gift card sweepstakes drawing can be submitted twice a year, with drawings typically held in June and December.

Students and guardians can visit the Fort Rucker Exchange for more information about the You Made the Grade program.

News Briefs

Vacation Bible School

The Fort Rucker Chaplaincy will host its week-long Vacation Bible School for children in preschool (if accompanied by parent or guardian) through sixth grade Monday through June 13 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939. The theme will be "Covenant Adventure - God Calls His People." The event will feature Bible lessons, crafts, music, recreation, snacks and daily celebrations, according to chapel officials who added that this is an opportunity for children to focus for a week on learning about the Bible, and also developing close friends within the chapel while having a great time. Additionally, chapel officials said VBS is an opportunity for teens and adults to provide service to the chapel through assistance with the program.

To register, volunteer or get more information, call the religious education center at 255-3946 or 255-2989.

AER closing ceremony

The Army Emergency Relief closing ceremony is now scheduled for June 13 at 2 p.m. in the Regimental Conference Room in Bldg. 101.

Command team change

The 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment will host a change of command and change of responsibility ceremony June 13 at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field - in case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Lt. Col. Romeo R. Macalintal Jr. will assume command from Lt. Col. Steven M. Pierce, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald K. Graves will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Jason J. Palfreeman.

Nutritional cooking

Lyster Army Health Clinic's nutrition care experts will put on a cooking class June 20 from noon to 2 p.m.

at the clinic. The nutrition care experts will show people how to prepare delicious, easy meals for the whole family. There will also be samples of each meal, along with the recipe at the end of the class.

For more information or to reserve a seat at the table, call 255-7986.

Free 'Transformers' screening

The post theater offers a free advance screening of "Transformers: Age of Extinction" June 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be picked up at the Fort Rucker Main Exchange Food Court for the not-rated film.

Lyster closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close for training June 25 at noon.

Marriage 101

Marriage 101, a premarital seminar and training, will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each month from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939. Marriage 101 is mandatory for those wishing to get married at Fort Rucker, according to Chaplain (Capt.) Troy D. Allan.

For more information, call 255-3447 or 255-3903.

Opportunity knocks

The following internal positions are available on Fort Rucker: Supervisory Accountant, GS-0510-13, Vacancy No. SCEG1405615311077951, with TRADOC, with a closing date of Friday; Human Resources Specialist (Classification/Recruitment), GS-0201-11, Vacancy No. SCEG140726301125513, with the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, with a closing date of Friday; Program Support Assistant (OA), GS-0303-05, Vacancy No. SCEG140264881116081, with Fort Rucker garrison, with a closing date of Friday; Business Manager, GS-1101-12, Vacancy No. SCEG140549591128498,

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For more, check out www.usajobs.gov.

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.

Fire extinguisher servicing

The Fort Rucker Fire Department is unable to provide people portable fire extinguisher service, but it is still able to conduct annual inspections and tag replacements. For six-year maintenance, recharges and hydrostatic testing, there are local businesses that can assist people.

For more information, call 255-3316.

ID card section

Those who need a military or military dependent ID card may make an appointment by calling 255-2437 or 255-2182. Walk-ins are served on a first-come, first-served basis. People may experience delays in service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students celebrate last day of class

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

School may be out for the summer for Fort Rucker schools, but teachers and students are both happy and sad with upcoming transitions, additions and changes.

Fort Rucker Elementary and Primary Schools dismissed the students May 29 to cheers and a few tears, but many students said they are looking forward to a relaxing summer although many are moving away from the Wiregrass area.

"We are moving to Fort Campbell, Ky., so I am a little nervous and excited to make new friends and go to a new school," said Xander Moody, Army Family member. "I will miss this school because I really liked being in the chorus because we got to sing and go and see places around (the community). But learning how to add and subtract was neat, too."

Addy Thompson, future seventh grader, is fortunate enough to stay in the Wiregrass but is nervous about transitioning to middle school.

"I really enjoyed science this year because we had some really cool projects. I like the possibilities that the class let us explore. The invention convention where we all made a new invention at home was awesome," she said. "I will really, really miss the teachers here, and I won't be going to the same school as some of my friends. But, I am looking forward to new classes I can take."

Even the principals were reflective and somewhat emotional when letting the students go, some for the final time.

"Many of these students leaving the school I have seen grow over the last few years and I am so happy that I got to see the progression that all of them have made," said Vicki Gilmer, Fort Rucker Primary School principal. "I even teared up at the sixth grade graduation (May 28). All of the students have worked so hard and it's just exciting to see them heading off to middle school."

Gilmer said the school has had an amazing year with events, partnerships and testing.

"We had so much going on this year. Some of my favorites were (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Fest, Time to Shine Rally and our 'Wizard of Oz' production," she said. "We also began new partnerships with different organizations on post like U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory and Lyster Army Health Clinic. It was really nice to have a buddy in the neighborhood that could further educate the students."

The school also received the Terra Nova



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Kylie Momeny, Kylie Dewitt, Samantha Slate, and Zechariah Long, Army Family members, create a sail experiment May 29 during the last day of school.

test results last week and they were "absolutely outstanding," she said.

The average score for the Terra Nova is 50 percent, said Gilmer and every grade level and in every content area FRES scored well above that.

"We went up as a school in 14 categories. Our sixth grade class scored ... in the 70 and 80 percentile, and that is remarkable," she said.

FRPS celebrated the last week of school with more than just play dates, said Deborah Deas, Fort Rucker Primary School principal.

"This last week has been really fun and packed full of activities for all the students," she said. "We watched movies, had a water-themed field day along with our traditional field day, and had beach-themed days, pizza parties, game days and other various activities."

Emma Rose Chandler, future second grader, reflected on what she liked best about primary school and what she is looking forward to most at the elementary school.

"I liked going to gym class because I got to play fun games with my friends while exercising," she said. "I am looking forward to going to elementary school because I will get to meet new teachers and

get a locker."

Deas also regarded the school year with success, though she was also sad she was losing students.

"One of my favorite things we did this year was Operation Celebration where we sent Christmas presents to Soldiers overseas. But, we also had a STEM night where we invited parents to build a project with the students."

The primary school had the Georgia-Alabama Teacher of the Year, which added another aspect to the school's thriving year.

This will be the first year in many that the school will not have major renovations or infrastructure rebuilding.

"Here is to next year being as good as this one," said Deas as children flooded the halls to say goodbye.

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Home: Deployment a career-building experience

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Brianna Parnell, wife of Staff Sgt. Brandon Parnell, said this was the hardest deployment she had to withstand because the couple's young daughter was sick throughout the nine months.

"It's hard for my daughter not to have her daddy at home. She realizes he is gone, and every time the (video chat) rings she knows it's him and she runs to the computer," she said. "I just had to wake up every day with a positive attitude because in this type of job you have to."

The Parnell's planned a big surprise for their daughter, who was not at the ceremony, for later that morning.

"We are going to have him (video chat) with her later today, pretending like he is still deployed. And he will come through the door and surprise her," she said.

CW4 Robert Martin also returned Tuesday and felt that the mission where they conducted airfield maintenance was a success, even though there were a few challenges along the way.

"We had many Soldiers get certified while we were inspecting airfields and landing zones for safety and operational effectiveness. We also helped design more effective use of combat airspace and helped numerous airfield managers in the

southwest Asia theater and the south-central Asia theater with airfield management issues and air traffic control problems," he said. "So, we were pretty busy."

This type of experience can be really rewarding for many Soldiers because it is a career builder, said Martin.

"To see the different countries and interact with different services and different military occupational specialties is invaluable," he said. "Soldiers can take away resilience, the ability to work in harsh and austere conditions, and a passion for their job that they might not have had before."

For one Soldier who returned, it was

the learning experience of a lifetime.

"This was my first deployment and I learned so much – I gained so much experience. I grew up a lot out there as a Soldier and as a person," said Spc. Shawn Glanton. "I definitely learned that the work you put in is the work you get out."

Glanton said being away from his son was 100 percent the hardest thing he has ever had to do.

"I missed my Family for sure – it was so hard being away from Parker. Thank God for (video chatting). The last 24 hours were rough knowing I was so close to home yet still so far away. I am glad to be home."

Freedom: Events to include carnival-style rides, confidence course

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will be available from 4-8:45 p.m.

The children can also test their mettle with the Warrant Officer Career College confidence course, where they can get a taste of what warrant officers go through in their training.

In addition to the WOCC confidence course, people can enjoy carnival-style rides for people of different age groups.

The evening will culminate with one of the largest fireworks displays in the area.

"Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and kick back and enjoy the show," said Erdlitz. "This is the party of all parties, and no party is complete without fireworks."

Since Freedom Fest is sure to be a crowded affair, Fink suggests that people come out early to get their spots and enjoy everything that the celebration has to offer.

People coming on to the installation should also remember that there will be designated parking lots for each gate entrance.

"People need to make sure to park in the parking lot that is designated for the gate that they arrived," said Fink. "If they came in the Enterprise gate, they need to make sure to park in the area designated for the Enterprise gate entrance."

When leaving the installation, people also need to make sure they leave from the gate they entered to ensure that traffic flows as smoothly as possible, she added.

Also, for the safety of all patrons, there are certain items that people are prohibited from bringing to Freedom Fest, including coolers, backpacks, pets, fireworks of any kind, glass containers, weapons of any kind, bicycles, scooters

and skateboards, said Erdlitz, adding that bags for medical and baby care items are exceptions.

For more information, call 255-9810.

New: Sergeant major returns to his roots

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will be working with proponent issues for the Military Police Branch and making the Army a better place."

"Sergeant major, you've been a fantastic battle buddy," McRae continued. "I'll never forget the level of personal loyalty that you consistently showed me and the people of Fort Rucker garrison during our time together. Thank you for your service, and I want to wish all the best to you (and his Family) as you set off on the next chapter of your lives."

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Above the Best



An AH-64 Apache helicopter from 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment provides aerial support to tank and Bradley crews from 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team during combat training operations at Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, May 25 during the multi-national training exercise, Combined Resolve II.

PHOTO BY CAPT. JOHN FARMER

NEW HORIZONS

Combat Resolve II helps interoperability take flight

By Sgt. Bethany McMeans
131st Mobile Public Affairs
Detachment

HOHENFELS, Germany — Exercises such as Combined Resolve II help to facilitate interoperability growth by allowing 15 allied and partner countries to experience full-scale training opportunities that include ground support, such as Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles, as well as air support from Black Hawks, Apaches and Lightweight Utility Helicopters.

Combined Resolve II is a U.S. Army Europe-led, multinational exercise at the Joint Multinational Training Command's Hohenfels and Grafenwoehr Training Areas. The exercise, May 15-June 30, includes more than 4,000 participants and trains the U.S. Army's

European Rotational Force, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, alongside allies and partners from 14 European countries.

"The main reason we are here is we have to support our troops who are doing the training for the European Rotational Force," said Austrian Army Maj. Thomas Geiger, commander of 2nd Light Transport Helicopter Squadron. "They need a little transport capacity to do the airlifts so we are here to conduct tactical air transports in a multinational area."

The training enables countries to prepare for future operations on the battlefield.

"It [training] seems to be very professional, and we like to train together because it can bring us both up to new heights and we can learn from each other in terms

of operational experience and real-war scenarios," said Austrian Capt. Christian Sperlich.

"This is the first time for us to train with Soldiers from other countries," added Austrian Master Sgt. Thomas Mullner, 1st Squadron.

Maintaining flexibility is essential when working in a multinational setting, as well as being able to adapt, Sperlich concluded.

Exercises like Combined Resolve II enable allies to share skills and improve partnerships.

"Americans are familiar with procedures while on the battlefield and so I think we can learn a lot," said Geiger. "We are like a sponge ready to get some information because Americans know how to do it [procedures used during

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PHOTO BY CAPT. JOHN FARMER

An Austrian Soldier looks through the rocket pod of an AH-64 Apache at Hohenfels, Germany, during a capabilities day presentation prior to the start of Combined Resolve II in mid-May.



PHOTO BY SGT. DANIEL COLE

Soldiers of the 1-214th Aviation Regiment prepare to sling load a cargo net carrying sandbags to a UH-60 Black Hawk at Wiesbaden, Germany, during training between U.S. troops and German police focusing on disaster response and interoperability.

RISING TIDE

Aviators train for flood response

By Sgt. Daniel Cole
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

CLAY KASERNE, WIESBADEN, Germany — U.S. Army Europe Aviators from the 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment, trained with their counterparts from the German federal police in early May to share skills and improve the time it takes for Aviators to move supplies to a disaster area by helicopter sling load.

The training, which took place on and off Wiesbaden Army Airfield, focused on moving 660 kilograms (about 1,455 pounds) of sandbags by sling load in response to a flood disaster, said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Shattuck, a standardizations instructor for the 1-214th AVN.

The event showcased and improved the interoperability of the U.S. Army and Bundespolizei Aviators and local civil emergency services agencies by lifting the supplies from a field near Weilbach, approximately 10 kilometers east of the airfield. The scenario was played out in turn by 1-214th crews flying UH-60 Black

Hawk helicopters and German Aviators flying Super Puma aircraft, he said.

A group of about 100 spectators, including area firefighters, police officers, journalists and local citizens, observed the exercise.

Shattuck explained that the training was important for two reasons: to showcase the capabilities of U.S. Soldiers, and to build capabilities and relationships with their German counterparts. He said the training was vital to ensuring that U.S. forces and German law enforcement personnel can respond quickly to potential flood events and work together to bring emergency relief supplies if requested.

Before the load can be picked up it must be inspected by a certified sling load inspector. Spc. Billy Mitchell, one of three certified inspectors in the 1-214th, was on the job for this mission. That job includes weighing the load, inspecting the hoisting equipment, and double-checking that any potential malfunctions have been

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USASOC qualifies 1st C-27J pilots, loadmasters

By Staff Sgt. Thaddius Dawkins
U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation
Command

POPE ARMY AIRFIELD, N.C. — After receiving the Army's first and only C-27J aircraft and attending months of training, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Flight Company finally has its first trained pilots and loadmasters.

Four pilots and four loadmasters completed the training, which was taught by contractors with previous C-27J experience. Those same contractors had been flying the UFC C-27J missions since the aircraft began arriving at Pope Army Airfield in October.

"The overall training is normally three months, however, this first class will go almost four," said CW5 James A. Lindsay, a UFC standardization officer. "At the end of the three months, the contractors will train and certify us as instructor pilots and functional check pilots. The additional training will allow us to train others — showing us things to look out for as instructor pilots when we are setting up simulator emergencies, or flying with new guys, so we don't damage aircraft or hurt ourselves."

The training included a classroom portion, flight evaluations and in-flight emergency simulations. Though all the training was important, Lindsay said they knew they would need to learn a lot more than what was taught in the four months of class.

"We spent months prepping before the course began," he explained. "We did extra work and studied nightly between classes and flight training periods, so that we are able to immediately produce instructor pilots right after the course is complete. We are doing as much as we can to be mission-ready pilots-in-command and instructor pilots."

Initially, the UFC is planning on training about 20 pilots, Lindsay said. Between Pope Army Airfield and the Military Freefall School in Yuma, Ariz., they will have seven C-27J aircraft. Ben A. Pasquine, a UFC fixed-wing standardization officer and former UFC commander, said he hopes he will



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. THADDIUS S. DAWKINS II

Pilots from the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Flight Company conduct a C-27J training flight April 24. Four pilots went through the initial training and are now responsible for training additional UFC pilots.

have the pilots on station and fully trained in the next 12 months.

Pasquine, who has more than 30-years of Aviation experience, said he feels the toughest thing to learn about the new aircraft is the automation. He went on to say that the C-27J has more automation than any Army or commercial aircraft he has ever flown.

With the new aircraft, the UFC also had to nominate Soldiers for C-27J loadmaster training. The first class, which was also four months, showed the UFC NCOs just how important their new job would be.

Master Sgt. Todd A. Lewis, the USA-SOAC standardization NCO, has more than 15 years of Aviation experience, and is one of the first NCOs to be fully qualified as a loadmaster.

The UFC is the only active duty Army unit that has aircraft loadmasters, said Lewis. For the first class, the company trained and qualified four loadmasters. Now, much like the pilots, those loadmasters will be responsible for training other Soldiers within the UFC.

"Upon completion of this class, we will immediately start training other UFC Soldiers to become C-27J qualified loadmasters," Lewis said.

With a lot of training still to come, the UFC Soldiers know this aircraft is much different and more complex than any other Army airframe they have previously trained on.

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Horizons: Joint forces overcome communication barriers

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operations].”
Geiger alluded that the Austrians had strengths in other areas, such as their ability to fly in mountainous areas.
Austria’s terrain is similar to that seen in Hohenfels, which is an opportunity for Austrian pilots to showcase their flying skills. The Austrian pilots train to fly low and practice to build extraordinary maneuverability skills. The skills are useful as an added defensive mechanism, Sperlich said.
“The Austrian pilots are very skilled in what they do,” said U.S. Army Maj.

Eric James, from Glasgow, Mont., the operations officer for 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Katterbach, Germany. “They are a very capable force. They fly very well and it’s been very pleasant to work with them.”
When bringing multinational forces together in an exercise such as Combined Resolved II, there are usually challenges, whether great or seemingly small. Overcoming those obstacles is one of the reasons the U.S. conducts these exercises.
“There are always challenges when working with other countries and knowing how they do things,” said James. “There are different tactics or procedures that

they’ve put into place and making sure everyone has a common understanding of what needs to take place when we’re out there flying.”
A common challenge when working in a multinational setting is communication. Fortunately, the language barrier is not as big of an issue for Aviation as it is for ground troops.
“Language isn’t a problem because, as a pilot, you should have pretty good English due to having to use the radio,” said Sperlich, adding that English is the language spoken over the airwaves regardless of nationality or the location one is flying in.

Even with English as the common language, there are still hurdles to overcome.
“The only real challenge I’ve found in working with the Austrians is a slight accent barrier. Sometimes it’s hard to understand them. Other than that, the Austrian pilots have been great, safe and efficient,” said U.S. Army Spc. Matthew Holder, from Washington, Okla., an air traffic controller with F Company, 5th Battalion, 158th General Support Aviation Regiment.
Another primary challenge when dealing with communication are the different military acronyms and jargon, said Mullner.

Tide: Aviators practice effective movement to drop zones

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identified and corrected before the load is transported.
Once the load was OK’d to go, the lifting helicopter was called in by the ground crew at the Weilbach landing zone to fly from WAAF to pick it up. Upon arriving, the ground team quickly guided the aircraft into position and attached the cargo net holding the sandbags. In less than a minute the pilot had the load off the ground and was head-

ing toward the designated drop zone.
Capt. Ralf Paulus, one of the pilots flying the Super Puma during the event, said he believes this kind of training is essential, so everyone will be ready when disaster strikes.
“It is important to know each other’s procedures and to see how we can work together,” he said.
When a national government formally declares a disaster, it can request American assistance. If the U.S. government deter-

mines the affected nation cannot respond effectively to a declared disaster without aid, it can ask for help via its U.S. embassy and the U.S. State Department, said Dana Chivers, an adviser to the U.S. European Command for the U.S. Agency for Inter-

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Be prepared!

Fort Rucker officials stress importance of preparedness

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Although this year's hurricane season is expected to be mild, it only takes one big storm to wreak havoc on coastal states, and Fort Rucker officials remind people that preparation is key.

Having a kit ready and being prepared for a storm has the potential to save lives and give people what they need to not only make it through a storm, but be able to survive the aftermath, said Willie Worsham, Fort Rucker emergency response manager.

"Throughout hurricane season, people need to understand the dangers that are associated with hurricanes, even though we don't live right along the coast," he said. "We are still close enough to the coast that we do feel the effects of hurricanes."

Worsham said that people should familiarize themselves with what hurricanes can bring, such as high winds, torrential rainfall, flooding and even tornadoes that can come along with the storm systems. Education is important so that people understand what they need to prepare for, he added.

"Make sure you have plenty of water to drink, because in the event of flooding, water systems could become contaminated," said the emergency response manager. "People need to have at least one gallon of water per person, per day. And normally they should have at least three days of water on hand, but with a hurricane, people should prepare for at least a week."

Along with water, people should make sure to have at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, any necessary medications, first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, ID cards and anything they feel might help them if they are without power.

People should also take into account the needs of their pets, he added.

In the event of extended power outages, which can be fairly common with severe storms, people should also invest in a back-up generator to power their most essential appliances, such as a refrigerator.

Although we are relatively close to the coast, when a hurricane makes



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As hurricane season makes its way into the Gulf, Willie Worsham, Fort Rucker emergency response manager, offers tips to make sure families are prepared.

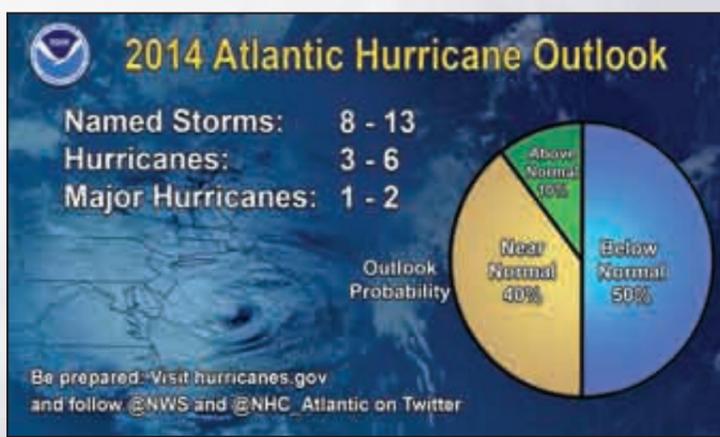
landfall, it loses power fairly quickly, so areas surrounding the Fort Rucker community won't experience the kind of devastation that coastal cities might see, but people should prepare for the worst nonetheless, said Worsham.

Hurricanes can also spawn strong storms with high winds, large downpours, lightning, possible tornadoes and even flooding in low-lying areas, he said.

Tornadoes are one of the main things people need to be prepared for since they are so unpredictable and can strike without warning, said Worsham.

"The dynamics in the atmosphere during these periods are very conducive for the formation of tornadoes," he said. "If people hear tornado sirens, they should immediately move to an interior area of their house, such as a hallway or closet, and try and shield themselves with mattresses or anything they can."

If people live in low-lying areas prone to flooding, they should try to evacuate to an area out of the flood



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zone to avoid danger, he added.

Another thing people should be prepared for is after the storm. Afterward, they should do a damage assessment to make sure their area is still safe. Some things people need to look out for are downed trees and power lines, and they should make sure to stay clear of any power lines they see on the ground.

In the event of a storm, Fort Rucker residents can stay informed with CodeRED alerts direct to their smart phones, which they can sign up for at www.rucker.army.mil/codered/.

For more information on emergency weather preparation, visit www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra_readiness.htm#natural.

Program offers building blocks to success

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

When starting a small business, the journey to success could be a road that's hard to travel, but Fort Rucker's Army Community Service is offering a service to help budding entrepreneurs find their way.

ACS's Employment Readiness Program is offering small business counseling sessions June 12 at Bldg. 5700 for people who are either interested in starting a small business of their own, or for those who already have a small business but would like to expand their endeavor, said Mike Kozlowski, ACS employment readiness program manager.

"This is something that is for anyone who has any interest in starting their own business, so if someone has an idea that sparks their imagination, they should make an appointment," he said. "Also, for those businesses that are time-tested, these sessions would be a good way for those people to figure out how to expand their (enterprise)."

Counselors will be coming from Troy University's Small Business Development Center, so those

interested in the sessions should know that their advice and guidance will come from professionals who have experience in the small business world, said Kozlowski.

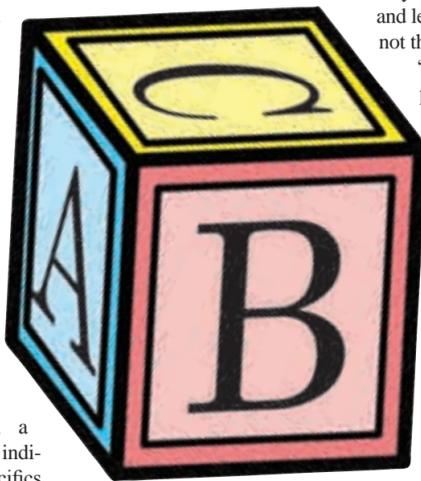
"People should take the guidance of those who have been successful and that's what these counseling sessions are," he said. "People will have the chance to talk with someone who has had experience in setting up and running a small business. This will give people not only the courage to go ahead and go with the idea they have, but to go into it confidently, and that's key."

Throughout the session, a counselor will sit with an individual and go over the specifics of how to start a business, such as planning, how to get funding and marketing.

"The counselors will sit down with people, take a look at their business plan, if they have one, and advise them on what their next steps should be," said Kozlowski. "If they don't have a business plan, then the counselors will help them formulate a plan of their own."

After discussing the business

plan, people will get to talk about the specifics of their idea and go over whether there is a realistic



market for what they want to offer, and discuss what their short- and long-term goals are regarding progression.

They'll also learn about the amount of work and commitment that goes into owning a small business, and that the first few years of the business are critical.

"Most small businesses fail within two to three years," said the

program manager. "Sometimes people have unrealistic expectations, and sometimes they feel that they can just set their business up and leave it to run itself, and that's not the case."

"That seems to be a big problem with a lot of the small business startups out there - they have irregular business hours, they don't have a proper marketing plan and there are a lot of issues with following through," said Kozlowski. "During the sessions, they'll get to talk about marketing, how it can affect their business and how it's necessary for expansion."

The number of counselors that come depends on the amount of interest people show, and people must sign up so that Troy University has an idea of how many counselors to send. This is to be able to better serve the people of Fort Rucker and make sure that each individual has ample time to talk to each counselor.

"The counselors will sit down and talk to each person about their ideas at length," said Kozlowski.

"They'll even go into talking about the legal framework of their business, such as whether it's advisable to set their business up as a limited liability corporation, S corporation or C corporation, which is an important decision for tax purposes."

Each counseling session is about 30 minutes long and is by appointment only, so people need to make sure to reserve their spots, said the program manager, and people shouldn't feel intimidated to come.

"There is a part within each blossoming entrepreneur out there that has doubts, but to be successful, you've got to believe in what you've got to offer and give that idea flight," said Kozlowski. "These counselors are encouragers. They'll never take a negative approach to any idea out there, and they'll give advice and counsel on how to make it work if possible."

"If you don't try, then you deny the population, in some cases the entire world, of the benefits of the product or service that came up in your mind," he continued. "If you never put it into action, what good does it do anyone?"

For more information or to make an appointment, call 255-2594.

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Financial readiness training

Army Community Service will host financial readiness training Friday from 7:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in 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 welcome to attend.

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

International spouses get together

Army Community Service will host its International Spouses Get Together Friday at 9 a.m. in the Allen Heights Community Center to help those who may need help understanding the American culture and military life. Spouses can meet other spouses from other countries, and gain support and knowledge with finding the resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, drivers licenses and more. Multilingual volunteers are available.

For more information, call 255-3735.

Paws to Read kickoff

The Center Library will kick off its summer reading program, Paws to Read, Monday from 2-3 p.m. Registration for the program will continue through June 20. To take part, children must be completing grades kindergarten through ninth, and parents or children must have a Center Library membership.

For more information, stop by the Center Library or call 255-3885.

Father's Day Craft Activity

The Center Library will host a Father's Day craft activity Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The event is open to children, ages 3-11. Space is limited to the first 65 children registered.

For more information and to register, stop by the library or call 255-3885.

Small Business Counseling

Existing and potential small business owners will get the chance for free one-on-one counseling June 12 between 9:30 a.m. and noon in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm.



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SPLASH!

SPLASH Park, located behind The Landing, is open for swim season. Hours of operation are Wednesdays-Mondays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. SPLASH is open to the public. Season passes are available to purchase at leisure travel services, both fitness centers and SPLASH. For more information, call 255-2296.

350. Areas of counseling may include, but are not limited to: advertising, organizational structures, financial planning, inventory, controls, management, marketing, personnel planning, pre-business planning and sales techniques. The event is sponsored by the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program and the Troy University Small Business Development Center.

Appointments are scheduled every 30 minutes, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and people can schedule appointments by calling 255-2594. The counseling is open to active-duty military, members of the Guard and Reserve, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and Family members.

Employment Readiness Class

Army Community Service is giving people the chance to build and enhance their careers at one of the Fort Rucker's Employment Readiness Program Orientation Sessions, held monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A. In June, the sessions will take place June 12 and 26. People will first meet in Rm. 350 for paperwork and attendance prior to going to Rm. 371A. People can sign up to learn essentials about the program and receive helpful job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

For more information, including times, or to register, call 255-2594.

Father's Day brunch

Dads that come by The Landing Zone on Father's Day, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will get half off their brunch entree with the purchase of a regular priced brunch entree. The

offer is for dine in only, and cannot be combined with any other promotion or coupon.

For more information, call 598-8025.

Family member resilience training

Army Community Service will host Family member resilience training June 16 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Commons. The training helps people acquire the tools they need to become more resilient to face the challenges that life throws at them. To attend, people should register by June 13.

For more information and to register, call 255-3735.

Dueling Pianos

The Landing will host Dueling Pianos June 20 from 8 p.m. to midnight in its ballroom. The show is described as a high-energy, all-request, sing-along, clap-along, rock-n-roll, comedy-piano show where the entertainers do their best to get everyone in the room involved. The event is for those 16 and older. Cost is \$12 if tickets are purchased by June 18, and \$16 at the door.

For more information, call 255-9810.

Newcomers welcome

Army Community Service hosts the newcomers welcome June 20 from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Landing. Active-duty military, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and Family members are welcome to attend. A free light breakfast and Starbucks coffee will be served. For free childcare, people can register their children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.

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

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Fort Rucker Family & MWR Upcoming Events & Activities

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The Landing Zone

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FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH SPECIAL

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Sunday, June 15th
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For more information visit www.ftruckermwr.com.

FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 5-8

Thursday, June 5	Friday, June 6	Saturday, June 7	Sunday, June 8
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Odierno presents GI Film Festival Spirit Award

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In its eighth year, the GI Film Festival premiered 56 movies May 19-25 celebrating the indomitable warrior spirit of America's Soldiers, from the Civil War through Iraq and Afghanistan.

The week-long festival line-up covered about every aspect of military triumph and struggle. In addition to showcasing courage on the battlefield, the GI Film Festival mission was to bring attention to problems facing returning GIs on the home front, including post-traumatic stress, family issues and unemployment by bridging the gap between the military and the general public with dynamic films and special events.

May 23, special tributes were paid to Hollywood movie stars such as Cpl. Alan Ladd, 2nd Lt. William Holden, Capt. Ronald



PHOTO BY J.D. LEIPOLD

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno praised the late James Gandolfini for his work in bringing the story of Soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress to the American public with his movie "Wartorn." Odierno presented the GI Film Spirit Award to the Gandolfini family at the week-long GI Film Festival, which ran May 19-25.

Reagan, Maj. Clark Gable and Col. James Stewart, who along with Lt. Col. Jack Warner, produced more than 400 propaganda and training films, which helped shape America's involvement in World War II.

Following the evening's first

presentation, the premiere of the documentary short, "The First Motion Picture Unit: When Hollywood went to War," long-time service benefactor, actor and philanthropist Gary Sinise introduced special guest Army Chief

of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno to the standing-room-only audience at the historic Old Town Theater in Alexandria, Va.

Odierno spoke about the four or five times he'd met with actor James Gandolfini, who had produced several documentaries on the post-traumatic stress many Soldiers deal with following combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Jim was known for his work on 'The Sopranos,' but the real James Gandolfini I got to know was an individual with a large heart who cared so much about the young men and women who served and who went out of his way to do simple things that showed the American people what these great young men and women went through," Odierno said.

"He was always frank and honest and hard with his questions, but his point was he wanted to get to the truth, and he wanted to show America what some of

the challenges are that our young men and women face," he said. "Prior to 'Wartorn,' Jim profiled 10 disabled veterans, officers, non-commissioned officers, enlisted from all walks of life in an HBO documentary. He was struck by the personal courage, and the continued patriotism and love for their country."

Odierno then presented the Gandolfini Family with the prestigious GI Film Festival Spirit Award.

The final event of the night was the premiere of "Travis: A Soldier's Story," about Travis Mills, an 82nd Airborne wounded warrior, motivational speaker, actor and advocate for veterans and amputees. Despite losing portions of both arms and legs to an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan in 2012, the former staff sergeant continues to overcome life's challenges, breaking physical barriers and defying odds.



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Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday

Headquarters Chapel, Building 109
8 a.m. Multi-Cultural Worship Service

Main Post Chapel, Building 8940
9 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday
11 a.m. Traditional Worship 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 Contemporary Worship Protestant Service
1 p.m. Eckankar Worship Service (4th Sunday)

Spiritual Life Center, Building 8939
10:45 a.m. CCD (except during summer months).

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday -

9 a.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center
6 p.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center

Wednesday -

11 a.m. Above the Best Bible Study, Yano Hall
11:30 a.m. 164th TAOG Bible Study, Bldg 30501
12 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Soldier Service Center
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center

Thursday -

9 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center
6:30 p.m. Latter-Day Saints Bible Study, Wings Chapel



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2D: 1:30, 4:00, 7:00 & 9:30

Church Directory

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Activities

Alabama's Gulf Coast is famous for the relaxing effect of its emerald waters and sugar-white beaches, but the activities available are sure to get your blood pumping. Chartering a fishing boat is an absolute must if you're an avid angler, and for those who'd rather just enjoy the scenery, dolphin sightseeing tours are a great option, as well.

Another can't-miss experience is the world-class golf offered near Alabama's beaches, where you can find more than a dozen golf destinations including two stops on our famous Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

For more ideas on things to do in Alabama, check out <http://www.alabamatravel.com>.



COURTESY MAP

WIREFLASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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ONGOING — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegionpost80.org.

DALEVILLE

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

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

DOTHAN

NOW THROUGH JUNE 16 — The Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts a variety of summer art activity. Pre-registration is required for all camps. Space is limited, and early registration is suggested.

All supplies are included in the camps and classes are divided by ages, junior camps for 6-9 year olds and senior camps for 10-13 year olds. Camps begin as early as June 16.

Art Attack! is a Visual Arts Camp that is all about creativity and fun. Campers will explore folk art, sculptures, mosaics, murals, paper-making, printmaking and more. Play in the Clay! is a pottery camp where students will learn a variety of ceramic techniques including pinch, surface decoration, glazing and more. Art Around the World! will have campers exploring the world through different art forums.

For more information, call 794-3871 ext. 25.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 9 — Land-

mark Park's summer camps are starting June 9. The camps, for ages 4-11, are: Earth Art, Adventure Days, Earth Explorers, Pioneer Farm, Ecology Camp, Discovery Days, Farm and Forest Fun. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

JUNE 8 — Landmark Park will host a free ice cream social from 5-8 p.m. to celebrate National Dairy Month. Families are invited to learn about cow milking and will have the opportunity to churn butter, make ice cream and participate in a cake walk. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

JUNE 12 AND 26 — Landmark Park will host Music By Moonlight at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo. People can pack a picnic and bring Family and friends. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

JUNE 13, 20, 27 — Landmark Park offers Animal Adventures, an opportunity to learn about the natural world at 10 a.m. Children are invited to see the wonder of many native animals. Programs include: Great Gators, Alabama Birds and Homing Pigeons. Registration is required. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

JUNE 10, 17, 24 — Landmark Park offers Animal Tales at 10 a.m. where Susan Broland will tell stories of traditional animals from all over the world. This event is for pre-schoolers and requires pre-registration. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

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 school aged children. For more information, visit wiregrassmuseum.com or call 794-3871.

ONGOING — The Tri-State Community Orchestra rehearses every Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Dothan Cultural Arts Center. They welcome all string, brass, woodwind, and percussion players ages 16 and up. For more information,

visit www.tristatecommunityorchestra.com or call 585-4903.

ENTERPRISE

NOW THROUGH JULY 15 — Sept. 12 and 13 the Wiregrass Decorative Painters Chapter is sponsoring a two-day oil painting seminar taught by Bill Bayer. The seminar will be held at the First United Methodist Church's Gathering Room. The cost is \$85 per day and covers all oil paints, brushes and prepped canvases. The seminar is open to the public. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is July 15. For information, call 393-2191 or 406-0593.

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

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 the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Disable American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a DAV service office in the New Brockton Police station every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. All veteran services provided are free. The chapter will sponsor a DAV Mobile Service Officers visit July 21-22 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. They will operate from the conference room in the police station at 202 South John Street. For more information, call 718-5707.

OZARK

ONGOING — The Ann Rudd Art Center is offering free art lessons for children ages 5 and older. The Young Student class is held Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and the Adult/Teen Class from 12:30-3 p.m. Slots are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 774-7922.

PINCKARD

ONGOING — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church. For more information, call 983-3064.

SAMSON

ONGOING — 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, finger foods, and refreshments.

For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

WIREFLASS AREA

JUNE 20-21 — The Slocomb Tomato Festival will be held at Recreation Park on East Cox Street at 10 a.m. Families are invited to enjoy live entertainment, parades, music, recipe contests, a Ms. Tomato Pageant and more. For more information, call 886-2334.

JUNE 7 — The town of Sneads will host a bream and shellcracker fishing tournament and festival from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sneads Park on Lake Seminole. Entry Fee is \$15 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded, and the launch fee will be waived for this event. For more information, call 850-593-6636.

Beyond Briefs

Art Show

The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University will feature William Colvin and John W. Feagin June 13 at 5:30 p.m. The exhibit is entitled "Art and Jazz: The Colvin-Feagin Annual Community Art Show." This event is free and open to the public.

For additional information, visit www.lib.alasu.edu/natctr.

Watermelon Festival

The 65th annual Watermelon Days Festival in Albany, Ga., will be held today through July 4. Different events at different locations in the city will be held, including: photography exhibitions, a Watermelon 5K Run and Fun Run, a Watermelon Queen Pageant, puppet shows, watermelon taste testing, watermelon decorating contests, a health fair, a fishing rodeo, horseshoe

tournaments, train rides, dog shows, live entertainment, parades, antique car and tractor shows, arts and crafts, a watermelon eating contest, and chunking contest, a seed spitting contest and more. For more information, visit <http://albanygacalendar.com>.

Stone Carving Workshop

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts will hold a stone carving workshop today through June 7 and today through June 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the fast-paced, informative workshop, participants will learn to carve soft alabaster while gaining the skills and knowledge to carve in a variety of different types of stone. The workshop will cover the entire stone-carving process including conceptualizing the form of the sculpture, creating a stone sculpture using carving chisels, hammers, rasps and files, and polishing the stone to finish the work of art. The class is for beginners. Cost is \$200 for members and \$245 for non-members. Students currently enrolled in an accredited college or universities only pay \$150. For more information, visit www.mmfa.org.

Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival

The 59th Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., will be held today through June 8. Events include local and regional bands, food, arts and crafts, pirates, a torchlight parade, children's activities, fireworks and more. For more information, visit www.billybowlegs-festival.com.

North Light Red Snapper Challenge

The third annual North Light Red Snapper Challenge gives anglers the chance to enjoy some of the best fishing of the shortened federal water snapper season while competing for cash payouts and prizes June 7 from midnight to 7 p.m. Entry costs \$159 per team up to five anglers, with additional anglers \$35 each. Teams can register to compete in several red snapper categories as well as optional lady, youth and king mackerel divisions. For more information, visit www.northlightchallenge.com.

ROLLING THUNDER

Tens of thousands draw attention to POWs, MIAs

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – “The first time I went, my daughter brought me. And my son-in-law was there, and his friend. That day we had clouds, low clouds like fog. And when I saw those statues – I’d seen it in real life. My knees started to go.”

Frank Harper, a Korean War veteran who served in the Air Force, was talking about the statues at the Korean War Memorial, in Washington, D.C.

“They both grabbed me. They said ‘Sorry dad. Good job. Your job is done.’ That was the first time I got thanked,” Harper said.

Harper, his daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, were among the tens of thousands of motorcyclists who lined up their bikes in the vast parking lots surrounding the Pentagon, this morning, as part of the Memorial Day weekend Rolling Thunder XXVII motorcycle rally and protest. The event is meant to bring attention to prisoners of war and service members who have gone missing in action.

In January 1951, Harper dropped out of high school to join the Air Force and participate in the Korean War. In the Air Force, he flew aboard the C-47 Skytrain, also called a “Gooney Bird,” where he was responsible for reconnaissance photography.

For many, the ride around the National Mall will close with a visit to the Vietnam Wall. And while Harper said he rides for veterans from all wars – he did serve in Korea. And it’s his memory of that conflict that has pushed him to participate each year in the rally.

“I lost buddies. I had one fellow that was cut right in half by an ack-ack shell,” Harper said. “The shell came through the plane, it didn’t blow, it went through him and went out the other side. We were all harnessed up so we could work on either side of the aircraft. It kept you from banging up against the aircraft. And he was right beside me. And the co-pilot came back and said he was standing there saying ‘come on Kyle ... wake up Kyle.’ And he had a hold of his shoulder and was shaking him. And the lower part of his body was sliding toward the back of the aircraft.”

Harper said the young man, a friend of his, had just gotten news that his wife had



Carol Sours, her husband, Buddy Sours, a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, and dog, Isaiah, participated in the 27th annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally in support of POWs and MIAs May 25 in Washington, D.C.

given birth to their first child.

“He was all happy about that,” Harper said.

Since returning from Korea, Harper said he’s seen attitudes about veterans change significantly.

“Now they seem to be treating veterans that are coming back a lot better than they did me,” he said. “When we came back they treated us like they did the Vietnam veterans. Baby killers. Butchers. All that.”

Today, he said, people sometimes pay for his dinner in a restaurant. And once, he said, when delivering a package at Boston University, he had the opportunity to ride in an elevator with three Korean students who expressed interest in the Korean War veteran hat he was wearing.

“They said ‘when were you there?’ And I said ‘1951-1953.’ And they said ‘thank you for giving us freedom,’” he said.

Keith Sellers is a Vietnam veteran who served as a tail gunner in the U.S. Navy with the “Navy Sea Wolves.”

“We worked real close with the SEALs, to insert the SEALs in country,” he said. “And we supported riverboats.”

Sellers has made the ride to Washington

yearly since 2001 from his home in Wilmington, N.C. He rides with the motorcycle club “Nam Knights,” and said his wife has come with him once to the nation’s capital -- but ultimately, “it’s a brother thing.”

“The main reason I am here is to support those who gave it all, and those wounded warriors,” he said. “The very main reason is that wall means a whole lot to me. It’s a sacred place.”

“I had several friends who died in Vietnam,” he said. “I had a lady who asked me one time – the first time I went to the wall I was really having a hard time. Did I know anybody on the wall? I said all of them. That’s just the way I feel. They are all brothers.”

Many of the Rolling Thunder participants will end up at the Vietnam Wall, but Sellers said he’s only been able to approach the memorial once – the impact is too hard on him.

“I’ll go to the wall, but stand around the perimeter of it. It’s just really hard,” he said. “It’s just hard for me to do.”

Marine Corps veterans Alex and Omar Teran are both riding this year in the rally.

Omar, Alex’s father, now works as a civilian with Headquarters, Department of the Marine Corps, in the Pentagon. He said his wife, not at the ride with the father and son team, retired from the Navy. Alex, just 23 years old, joined up with the Army Reserve after his time in the Marine Corps.

“We have been around the military all our lives,” Omar said. “The military has been pretty much everything I have known as an adult. This is a great way to maintain that connection.”

Alex, who served in the Marines from 2009-2013, did a tour in Afghanistan. He said he joined up “because my dad was a Marine.”

Omar said he bought his first motorcycle around the time his son joined the Marine Corps. They decided to start riding in 2010.

Today, he said, they ride to remember their fellow Marines, and all service members, who died in service to their country – including some friends of Alex, who were killed in Afghanistan.

“When you join the service, it’s because you believe in the mission,” Omar said. “Unfortunately, people sacrifice their lives or are injured. That’s part of the job. You want to commemorate them for what they have done.”

Buddy Sours draws a crowd at the Rolling Thunder rally. Actually, it’s his dog, a Chihuahua named Isaiah that draws the crowd – Sours just holds him in his arms. For several years now, Sours and his wife Carol have brought the tiny dog to the Rolling Thunder rally dressed in a combat helmet with four stars, and a tiny pair of sunglasses. Sometimes he’s wearing a leather vest like his owner.

Sours served as a Soldier in Vietnam, 1967-1968, where he drove a truck hauling petroleum, oils and lubricants. After serving in the Army, he worked at the Smithsonian Institute in Front Royal, Va.

“I was in charge of building a fence for rare and endangered species,” he said.

He and his wife are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary over Memorial Day weekend, and he said the two have been together for as long as they have “because we like to do the same things. We’re outdoor people.”

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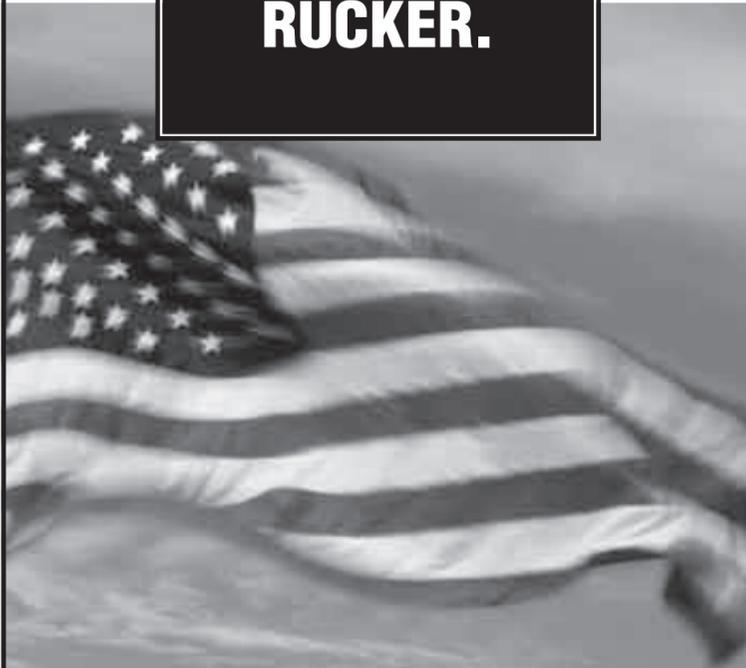
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PAINTBALL

Soldiers, civilians sling paint to relieve stress

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Adrenaline junkies are often searching for the next thing to get their rush, and Fort Rucker is offering one way for Soldiers and civilians to get their fill using strategy and tactics.

Paintball is offered on the installation at outdoor recreation in conjunction with Dothan Survival Games, and is available to the general public, said Brian Jackson, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation program manager.

"Paintball is just one of the great activities provided by DFMWR," he said. "It's recreational, but it also helps tie into the team cohesiveness component that Soldiers are accustomed to. Although [participants] are using paintball guns to fire at one another, the activity creates a competitive environment on the leisurely side."

There are three different courses available on Fort Rucker, all located near Lake Tholocco and each with their own character, said Jackson.

"The speedball course is a flat-land area with wooden barriers that are mirrored on both sides," he said. "Games end rather quickly on this course, but make for an exciting and high-adrenaline experience."

The other two courses are woodland courses, one big and one small.

"Both woodland courses give you a genuine feel of a fraction of being down range when it comes to strategy and down-range tactics used by military units," said the program manager. "I have learned numerous tactics through paintballing with Soldiers, and it's truly impressive to see the camaraderie and skill set used by our service members."

The price of paintball depends on the size of the group and rental equipment needed and the fields are only available by reservation. A minimum of eight people is needed to utilize the courses on Fort Rucker. For more information or to make reservations, call 763-8202.

Paintball equipment, including masks



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Then-Capt. Thad Solhjen, Captains Career Course, takes aim to bring down an opposing team member during a game of paintball in 2012.

and guns are included in the price the group pays, but the paint must be purchased.

Paintball isn't used only for recreation, however. It's also used in the Installation Management Command Warrior Adventure Quest program, which is designed to recondition Soldiers who are returning from deployment, said Lance Oliver, ODR maintenance and WAQ facilitator.

WAQ is important for Soldiers who have been deployed because it allows them to reclaim what is considered a normal mental state, added John Clancy, outdoor recreation program manager, adding that retention reset is the goal of the program.

"They get that rush every day over there and when they get back they seek that high

again, often in very dangerous ways," he said. "When they are all pumped up and don't know how to get that out of their system, it can lead to injuries and even death, often caused by POV (privately owned vehicle) accidents. So, to help prevent that, this program and others like it were developed."

The funding from IMCOM enables Soldiers to participate in activities like this without any cost to them.

"It is a chance for them to find a free, reachable norm without them going off post alone and being reckless or getting into trouble," said Jackson. "WAQ activities provide a transition from overseas to being back in the states."

Fort Rucker is unique with IMCOM's requirement that Soldiers who participate must have been downrange in the past 120 days because it is a non-deploying base.

"IMCOM has given us permission to work with Soldiers outside the 120-day window. It takes a much longer time for us to contact Soldiers who maybe have been back a year and didn't know about our program here at Fort Rucker. It's out there for any leader, commander or sergeant major if they want to get some of their [Soldiers] involved. Just contact us," said Clancy.

Oftentimes Soldiers go into the program looking for "the catch," but Clancy is determined to prove that the program is strictly about improving Soldier's mental states.

Healthy choices

Festival helps Families shop smart, healthy

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Army knows that keeping an active lifestyle is key to staying healthy, but there's more to healthy living than just exercise.

That's why the Defense Commissary Agency is hosting the "Your Healthy Lifestyle Festival" at commissaries across the nation, and Fort Rucker is no exception when it comes to helping people "shop healthy, eat healthy and be healthy," said Bobby Ward, Fort Rucker Commissary store director.

The campaign will kick off Friday and run through July 6, and Fort Rucker will jump-start the festivities with activities and demonstrations in the commissary parking lot that will promote healthy living, with the kickoff celebration lasting through Sunday.

One of the main attractions will be the commissary's "farmers market," which will feature produce from the Fort Rucker Commissary's own selection.

"Summer time is when a lot of fruits and vegetables are the freshest – right after they're harvested – so we're going to set up some tables outside to promote a healthy lifestyle by featuring our fruits and vegetables," said Ward. "This is to help draw attention to the healthier options of food



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Brenda Fitts, Fort Rucker Commissary produce manager, restocks pineapples in the commissary's produce section Friday.

people have here on the installation and show them what we have to offer in terms of that."

Friday, people will be able to enjoy a

Zumba demonstration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and children will be able to get their face painted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, peo-

ple will be able to enjoy a Vitamix Blender demonstration, during which they can see how to blend various fruits and vegetables to create healthy, delicious smoothies, said the store director.

Commissary employees will also be on hand cutting melons, and other fruits and vegetables for people to sample, as well as offering discounts on many items that are featured in the outside marketplace.

Saturday will feature a vegetable grilling demonstration at 11 a.m., and people can come out Sunday at 2 p.m. when the commissary will be grilling steaks and mushrooms.

"The military is all about promoting a healthy lifestyle through physical training and things like that, and it's all about promoting readiness, also," said Ward. "So, we're trying to go along with that and encourage military Families to be more healthy."

The festival is open to the public, but in order to take advantage of the commissary's savings, patrons must be valid military ID card holders.

In addition to the commissary's Farmer's market, the post exchange will be having its sidewalk sale where people can save on health and fitness products.

For more information, call 255-2212.

DOWN TIME



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

T R I V I A

- TELEVISION: What was Shaggy's real name on the "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!" animated series?
- U.S. STATES: What is the only state that can be typed on a single row of a keyboard?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a young swan called?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in "lachanophobia"?
- MUSIC: What musical instrument does the marimba most closely resemble?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which comic actor once said, "Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall into an open sewer and die"?
- MEASUREMENTS: What does a caliper measure?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which one of Canada's provinces has the nickname "La Belle Province"?
- MOVIES: In which movie did a girl gang called the Pink Ladies appear?
- U.S. OLYMPICS: In which sport is a pommel horse used?

See Page D4 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword NATION REORGANIZATION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Earth clump
 - 5 Congenial
 - 12 Stopped the flow of, as blood
 - 20 Old Claude Akins sitcom creator
 - 21 Acoms
 - 22 2009 animated film featuring the voice of Dakota Fanning
 - 23 Soap opera in Haifa?
 - 25 Mileage recorder
 - 26 "Sirens" actor Sam
 - 27 Break off
 - 28 Gadabout
 - 29 Parishioners in Milan?
 - 33 Onion roll in Benghazi?
 - 37 With 110-Down, scamming guys
 - 38 Style expert Klensch
 - 39 RCA rival
 - 40 As hoarse as —
 - 41 Show's star
 - 44 Third degree
 - 46 Quotation mark shape
 - 47 Goner's cry
 - 50 Royal trappings in Oran?
 - 54 Spiny, yellow-green, tart-tasting fruits
 - 56 Name of four Pharaohs
 - 57 "Sliver" writer Levin
 - 58 Entertainer Brynner
 - 59 — for Evidence" (Sue Grafton book)
 - 60 Morning lawn
 - 61 Kind of witness
 - 62 Kind of sword
 - 65 Ballroom dance in Nuku'alofa?
 - 66 Foe in Aden?
 - 71 "Snick-a-—" (combat knife)
 - 72 Yule quail
 - 73 Ear buildup
 - 74 Note after fa
 - 75 Tony winner Burrows
 - 76 Like British soldiers in the Revolution
 - 80 Amer. currency unit
 - 82 Old sitcom guy in Aarhus?
 - 86 Stimulants, in slang
 - 87 Suffix with Bronx
 - 88 — the season ...
 - 89 Tall, lanky types
 - 91 Verbal exams
 - 93 Ancient Brit
 - 95 Aloe —
 - 96 Lucy of film
 - 99 Jet in Katmandu?
 - 102 Rogaro in Niamey?
 - 105 Verdict
 - 106 Prefix with pop
 - 107 Match venue
 - 108 Overlay, as an ID
 - 111 Comparable thing in Huambo?
 - 115 Short play
 - 116 Collection of fringed plants
 - 117 Pulled apart
 - 118 Big leopards
 - 119 Couple
 - 120 Not yet paid
- DOWN**
- 1 Mini-hospital
 - 2 Be beaten by
 - 3 Actor Hugh
 - 4 Multiskilled worker
 - 5 Comcast competitor
 - 6 More, in Madrid
 - 7 Pro
 - 8 Eisenhower
 - 9 How goods are sold to the public
 - 9 Of the sea
 - 10 Element with the symbol Pb
 - 11 Wriggling fish
 - 12 — Doo
 - 13 Sooner than tomorrow
 - 14 Nice smell
 - 15 Convention ID tag
 - 16 Priest, e.g.
 - 17 Top 10 tune
 - 18 Lansing-to-Flint dir.
 - 19 Article in Germany
 - 24 TV Tarzan
 - 28 — Tin Tin
 - 30 Direct to the exit
 - 31 City official: Abbr.
 - 32 Dots in the sea, in Spain
 - 33 Petal of "M"
 - 34 Asia's — Sea
 - 35 Loughlin of "90210"
 - 36 Female youth org.
 - 39 Looks like
 - 41 That female
 - 42 Class that's a cakewalk
 - 43 Mystery author Marsh
 - 44 Superior skill
 - 45 Worked (up)
 - 47 "Virtue — own reward"
 - 48 Dimwit
 - 49 An Allman brother
 - 51 Part of CPI
 - 52 "Uh, excuse me ..."
 - 53 With the stroke of —
 - 55 — constant (tiny number in physics)
 - 59 Hollywood's Samantha
 - 62 Norman Vincent —
 - 63 Imprison
 - 64 Ones looking
 - 66 Bacterium
 - 67 Small recess
 - 68 When tripled, "and so on"
 - 69 Occurring in small knots
 - 70 Split to unite
 - 73 "Haven't — somewhere before?"
 - 77 Has a midday meal
 - 78 Soft & — deodorant
 - 79 Ikea item
 - 80 Take wooden pins out of
 - 81 DJ's stack
 - 82 Celine of pop
 - 83 Reason d'—
 - 84 Type of tide
 - 85 Vicinity
 - 90 10-Down source, e.g.
 - 92 Calf catcher
 - 93 Chair weavers
 - 94 Language of N. Amer.
 - 96 Stay in hiding
 - 97 Brush aside
 - 98 Not mature
 - 100 Meal holder
 - 101 Cola quantity
 - 102 United — College Fund
 - 103 Took off
 - 104 Poetry Muse
 - 106 Was sure of
 - 108 Chop (off)
 - 109 California's Santa —
 - 110 See 37-Across
 - 111 At the rear
 - 112 Zodiac feline
 - 113 Recliner part
 - 114 Certain vote

See Page D4 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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See Page D4 for this week's answers.

KID'S CORNER

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

ORANGE ADI Place two letters in each square. These are orange under a white-matched jet (orange) on one of the letters. Use the adjacent squares to form the words in the other side without using the same letter twice. (You may use the same letter twice in the same word.)

1	C	A	T	C	H
2	A				
3	T				
4	C				
5	H				

CATCH-WORD TEASER

THERE'S A catch to the word CATCH. Can you use the word CATCH in a sentence with four more words that begin with the same letter? (You may use the same letter twice.)

DOTS-DOTS! What can you draw to complete the picture? (Use a pencil.)

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2	6	2	8	7	2	4	6	8	5	7	6	4
A	B	B	N	P	U	A	E	O	O	R	C	H
7	6	7	3	7	2	5	3	4	5	2	3	6
O	O	F	S	O	N	T	T	E	H	D	A	U
8	4	8	4	6	8	2	7	2	5	2	8	3
T	A	E	V	R	M	A	U	N	E	T	P	Y
5	2	7	4	7	3	7	3	4	2	3	2	6
R	H	N	Y	D	N	L	E	W	A	U	P	T
5	4	7	8	5	4	7	5	7	5	2	4	3
S	O	O	T	H	R	V	E	E	L	P	K	T
6	8	3	6	3	2	6	8	2	8	6	4	3
E	A	R	O	A	I	U	T	N	I	S	L	L
5	8	5	8	4	8	2	4	5	2	5	4	2
P	O	Y	N	O	S	E	A	O	S	U	D	S

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY DOLTRY

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are 10 eyes in each of the other three drawings. Can you find them? (You may use the same eye twice.)

Team Army wins gold at Special Olympics

By Sgt. Jennifer C. Johnson
Military District of Washington
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Military and federal employees from around the National Capital Region provided volunteer support during Military Day at the annual Special Olympic summer games hosted by Special Olympics D.C., at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., May 21.

A 4x100-meter relay race featuring teams pairing two military and two Special Olympics sprinters kicked off the day's events.

"All of the athletes really brought their A Games today," said Command Sgt. Maj. David O. Turnbull, Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region and U.S. Army Military District of Washington senior enlisted adviser, and Army relay teammate. "This was a great opportunity to support these wonderful athletes and give them a chance to be a part of the team by representing a military service."

Founded in 1968, the Special Olympics provides sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their Families, other Special Olympics athletes and their communities.

Before the relay, the Special Olympic sprinters were given T-shirts that designated what military branch they were competing for. Friendly banter between the military participants helped to heighten the competitive spirit of the sprinters.

At the end of the relay race, it was the Army in first place, followed by the Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines and then the Navy.

Other events included shot-put, mini javelin, running long jump, standing long



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER C. JOHNSON

Command Sgt. Maj. David O. Turnbull, Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region and U.S. Army Military District of Washington senior enlisted adviser; Demarcus Cutchin, Special Olympics sprinter; Demetrius Cutchin, Special Olympics sprinter; and Col. William McGarrity, Army Air Operations Group commander, display their gold medals after winning first place in the 4x100-meter relay race during Military Day at the annual Special Olympic summer games in Washington, D.C., May 21.

jump, softball throw and tennis ball throw. More than 600 athletes participated in this year's Special Olympic summer games from more than 40 different schools.

"Overall, this is a very rewarding program as a volunteer or as someone participating in an event," said Turnbull. "All the service members and sprinters did an amazing job in the relay. It was great to see these athletes excel while have a great time."



Command Sgt. Maj. David O. Turnbull, Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region and U.S. Army Military District of Washington senior enlisted adviser, grabs the baton from Demarcus Cutchin, Special Olympics sprinter during the 4x100-meter relay race.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Free summer bowling

Rucker Lanes offers free bowling to youth all summer long. Each youth receives three free games of bowling and shoe rental for free — up to three youth, up to 13 years old — when at least one parent bowls with them for \$8.50. The offer is available Mondays-Fridays until Aug. 31. The offer is open to the public and is exceptional-Family-member friendly.

For more information, call Rucker Lanes at 255-9503.

Xtreme Army Birthday Bowling

Rucker Lanes will host a month-long Army birthday celebration throughout June. Saturday nights, people can

bring their military ID cards for Xtreme bowling, where they will receive a special two-for-\$15 rate.

For more information, call 255-9503.

Daddy and Me 3-Free Bowling

Children can bring their dads to Rucker Lanes June 15 where all dads will be treated with free bowling. Each dad will receive three free games of bowling and show rental. Children ages 13 and younger who bowl with their dads will receive three games of bowling and shoe rental for \$4.75 per child.

For more information, call 255-9503.

Family bowling night

Army Community Service will hold an Exceptional Family Member Program and Hearts Apart Family bowling night June 19 from 5-10 p.m. at Rucker Lanes Bowling Center. ACS invites all active-duty military Families with special needs, disabilities, and Families with Soldiers deployed or serving an unaccompanied tour to join it for a night of bowling. Registration is required no later than two days prior to the event and cost is \$1 per game and \$1.50 for shoe rental.

For more information and to register, call 255-9277 or 255-3735.

Army Strong Triathlon

Fort Rucker will host its annual Army Strong Triathlon June 21 from 7 a.m. to noon at West Beach, Lake Tholocco. Event will include a ¼-mile swim, 10.6 mile bike race and a 3.1 mile run. Cash awards will be given to the top overall finishers and the top relay team. All pre-registered participants will receive T-shirts. T-shirts will be available only while supplies last. Individual cost is \$40 if pre-registered by Monday or \$50 afterwards. Relay teams, with a maximum of three people, cost \$70 to register by Monday or \$80 afterwards. The event is open to the public.

For more information and to register, call 255-2296 or 255-3794.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

CLOD	AMIABLE	STANCH	ED
LOBO	OAK TREE	CORALLINE	
ISRAEL	SERIAL	ODOMETER	
NEILL	END	ROAMER	
ITALY	LAITTY	LIBY	ABIALY
CON	ELSA	SONY	ACROW
	HEADLINER	PHD	ARC
IM	DEAD	ALGERIA	REGALIA
SOUR	SOPS	AMEN	HOTEP
IRA	YUL	EIS	DEW
TONGA	TANGO	YEMEN	ENEMY
SNEE	NOG	WAX	SOL
	RED	COATED	USDOLLAR
DENMARK	KRAMDEN	UPPERS	
ITE	TIIS	BEAN	POLES
ORALS	CELT	VERA	LIU
NEPAL	PLANE	N	GERREIGN
	RULING	KER	ARENA
LAMINATE	ANGOLA	ANALOG	
ONE	ACTER	FERNERY	TORE
PANTHERS	TWOSOME	OWED	

TRIVIA

Answers

- Norville Rogers
- Alaska
- Cygnets
- A fear of vegetables
- Xylophone
- Mel Brooks
- Diameter or thickness
- Quebec
- "Grease"
- Gymnastics

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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



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