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Fireworks explode above the festival fields on Fort Rucker as the crowd watches on during the 2014 Wiregrass Freedom Fest July 3. See Pages A4-5 for more photos.

## FOR FREEDOM

### Wiregrass celebrates July 4

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Thousands flocked to Fort Rucker's festival fields from all across the South to celebrate the nation's Independence Day during this year's Wiregrass Freedom Fest July 3.

In a partnership with Dothan, Enterprise, Daleville and Ozark, the Wiregrass Freedom Fest kicked off at 4 p.m. with food, fun and live music for people to enjoy before people turned their eyes to the skies for the most spectacular fireworks show for miles around.

Attendees this year enjoyed blue skies and fair weather, which was a stark contrast from last year's festival that had to, for the most part, be canceled.

That wasn't the case this year, said Kristi Fink, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation special events coordinator.

"The turnout for this year's Freedom Fest was huge," she said. "It was awesome seeing all these Families come out and enjoy the festivities.

"It makes it so worthwhile to see all the hard work that goes into planning this event come together to create this incredible event," she continued. "It's a nice time for the local community to come on post and celebrate our freedom with the Soldiers and their Families, and it shows the Soldiers that they are appreciated for all they do to keep us safe."

Brig. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, was on hand to welcome people to the festivities and remind them that the freedoms that people enjoy every day come at a cost, and to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Tonight we're going to really pay tribute to those that have fallen, as well as their Families that are here with us tonight," said Lundy during Freedom Fest. "As we think about the freedoms that we enjoy, our nation is blessed because of the Soldiers that have sacrificed so much and the Families that have sacrificed so much."

It's because of that freedom that so many people were able to enjoy all that Freedom Fest had to offer, including dozens of food

vendors, bounce houses, the Warrant Officer Career College Confidence Course for children to test their mettle, static displays and even a zip line.

Jason Spark, civilian, came out with his mother and father, Jeanna and David, and said his favorite part of the festival was the WOCC Confidence Course, at least until the fireworks.

"I really liked the course they had set up because you don't get to do too many things like this," he said. "It was nice that they had the Soldiers there to help out with each part of the course so it wasn't too dangerous or anything. It was just a lot of fun."

The course featured a rope swing, wall climb, monkey bars and more, and warrant officer candidates were on hand to make sure that each child made it through the course safely.

Another popular attraction during the festival was the zip line, which people of all ages were able to enjoy, and Brittany Davis, Army Family member, said it was something she won't soon forget.

"I was a little scared when I first got up there because it was really high, but once I got strapped in I just told myself that I need to do it and that it was going to be a lot of fun, and it was," she said. "It wasn't as scary as I thought it would be and it was a lot of fun zooming down. After that I just wanted to go again."

Although all of the attractions and vendors were set up to entertain patrons from all around, they were only teasers to the main events.

Before attendees were treated to colorful explosions in the skies, the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band took to the stage to offer the crowd a musical treat with songs of all genres, ranging from rock and roll to pop to country.

Amy Smith, military spouse, said she was really surprised by the talent of the Army Band.

"I had no idea that the Army Band was so versatile," she said. "I've been to ceremonies and things like that before and I've seen them there playing the national anthem or the Army song, but to hear them like this showed me a whole different side

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## NEW HOME

### Pharmacy closes for move

By Katherine Rosario  
Public Affairs Officer  
Lyster Army Health Clinic

The Lyster Army Health Clinic Pharmacy will close temporarily from Wednesday-July 20 to move to its new, permanent location inside the clinic.

The pharmacy will close Wednesday at 1 p.m. in preparation for its move into the new space and open July 21.

Construction inside the clinic for the new pharmacy started about a year ago. The new 7,000-plus sq. ft. space is double the size of the old pharmacy and contains state-of-the-art medication dispensing machines and equipment. Patients will have access to 10 pharmacy windows, with two of those windows dedicated to prescription refills.

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Spc. Amber Young, U.S. Army Aeromedical Center, refills pharmaceuticals last year at the Lyster Army Health Clinic Pharmacy.

## ACLC welcomes new commander

By Sara E. Martin  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command welcomed its new commander during a change of command ceremony July 1 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Maj. Gen. James M. Richardson, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command commanding general, hosted the ceremony that welcomed Col. Kenneth Kliethermes to Fort Rucker and the Wiregrass Area.

"It's a great day to be in the United States Army here at Fort Rucker and today is a big day," Richardson said. "I'm honored today to farewell an outstanding commander and to welcome another equally talented one."

Kliethermes is a proven leader, holding numerous leadership positions, including platoon leader; detachment commander; troop commander; executive officer; operations officer; air and ground planner for the Standing Joint Force Headquarters, Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii; battalion commander; and a professor for the strategy and policy department at the Naval War College, R.I.

"I would like to welcome Ken and his Family to Fort Rucker. Ken, you are the right person for the job," said Richardson. "Every position you have held has given you the perfect



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Col. Kenneth Kliethermes, U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command, receives the unit colors from Maj. Gen. James M. Richardson, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command commanding general, during a change of command ceremony where he assumed command from Col. Michael Aid at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum July 1.

skill set and experience for the challenging mission you are accepting today. There is no doubt that this will be your greatest challenge to date."

Richardson said that every change of command is bittersweet, but that he knows that Kliethermes can take ACLC to the next level.

"Good luck," he continued. "I look forward to serving with you to support the Fort Rucker team."

Richardson finished by saying

that ACLC Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors make 26 flight classes and the training of more than 900 Aviators possible each year.

"The daunting task includes the maintenance of (more than) 500 aircraft launches every single day," he said addressing the new commander. "So, go forth and just have fun."

Kliethermes assumed command

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Expert advises: Make job fairs pay off

By: **Bryan Tharpe**  
*Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Center*

Have you ever contemplated attending a job fair but thought, “Why bother? It’s only a waste of my time.” Well, you are not alone.

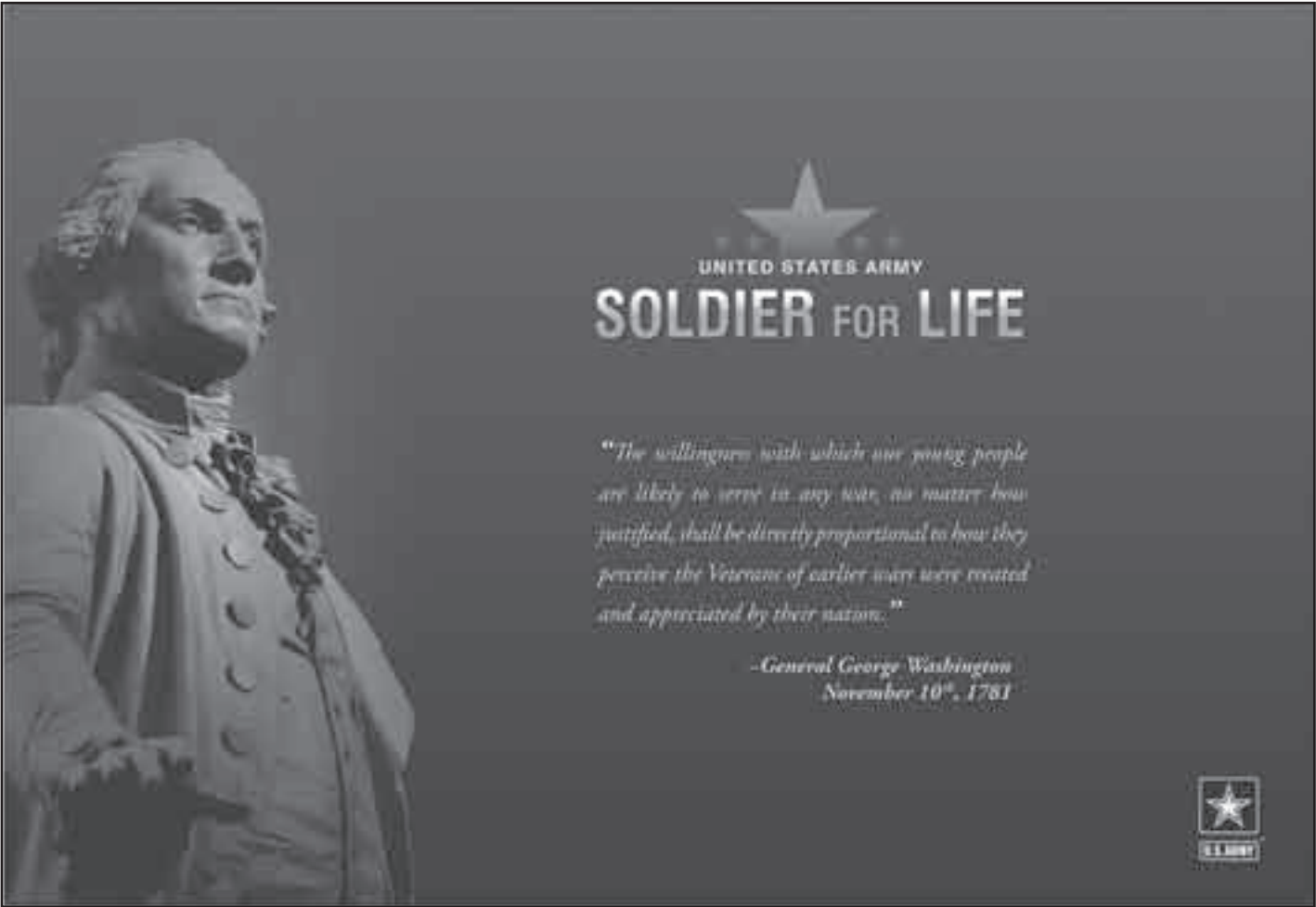
Most job seekers rarely spend time attending job fairs for fear that there will be little or no return on their investment. However, if you take time to properly prepare for job fairs, they can be very beneficial to your overall job search strategy.

Before attending the job fair, you should get a list of all employers attending. Most job fair promoters will make this list available two to three weeks prior to the event, depending upon the number of participants. From this list, you should research the companies to gain a thorough understanding of their products and services.

Once you are familiar with the participants, choose the employers that interest you the most and make a checklist to use at the job fair. By researching the companies and creating a definitely visit list, you reduce your idle time at the job fair.

Make sure you have your job fair resume in order and plan to take many copies. The number of copies you should take may vary depending upon the number of employers attending the fair. You need a copy for each employer on your definitely visit list and several extra. In addition, you may want to complete an application and take it with you. It is much quicker to simply copy the information than spend time trying to remember phone numbers and addresses. Also, take several blue and black ink pens. Employers may require that you complete applications in a particular color.

Finally, make sure you are dressed appropriately. Dress as if you were go-



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ing on an interview. Wear a suit, groom yourself and take a portfolio with your information neatly organized. It is appropriate to wear your uniform if the job fair is being held on a military installation. Do not dress casually – this may send the message that you are not a serious job seeker.

Not all job fairs are alike. There are several types of job fairs including technical, professional, general and industry specific. Depending upon the type of career you are seeking, you will need to target the appropriate type of job fair.

In addition, many job fairs offer free or very low cost admission to job seekers.

If you are an active job fair participant, you should come away with very valuable information, even if you do not land a job. You should leave the job fair with a good knowledge of company policies, hiring practices and products. Furthermore, you should have a better understanding of job requirements and industry standards.

Job fairs can expose you to many potential employers in a short amount of time. They can provide you with addi-

tional access to the hidden job market and they can help you refine your networking skills – if you are prepared.

Plan to attend the upcoming Fort Rucker Job Fair at the Ozark Civic Center Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A partial listing of employers who will be attending can be found on the Fort Rucker Soldier For Life Center Facebook page, [https://www.facebook.com/#!/FortRuckerACAP?ref\\_type=bookmark](https://www.facebook.com/#!/FortRuckerACAP?ref_type=bookmark).

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to have multiple employers under one roof at the same time.

## Rotor Wash

“ScreamFree Parenting Workshops are held Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. in Bldg. 8950. What tips do you suggest for calming down during frustrating or stressful situations?”



**John Albrecht,**  
**Army retired**

“People should vacation. We go down to the gulf coast or even the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee.”



**Vernessa Womack,**  
**military spouse**

“Usually I count to 10 to gather myself. You need to give yourself time to gather your thoughts so you can say the appropriate response.”



**Johnny Faust,**  
**Army retired**

“Just think about the fact that you’re able to wake up in the morning. Every person is going to have problems and hopefully you can work it out.”



**Robert McNamara,**  
**veteran**

“Exercise is a great way to de-stress. It takes a lot of energy to do and you have all of that frustration and rage built up. It’s something productive to help let it out.”



**Sgt. 1st Class Bryce Trahan, A Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment**

“Go to your resilience training. Seek out your unit resilience trainer because they have a lot of tips and practices to help people in these situations.”

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## ACE SUICIDE INTERVENTION

### Ask your buddy

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm.
- Ask the question directly. For example, “Are you thinking of killing yourself?”

### Care for your buddy

- Remove any means that could be used for self-

- injury.
- Calmly control the situation, do not use force.
- Actively listen to produce relief.

### Escort your buddy

- Never leave your buddy alone.
- Escort to the chain of command, a chaplain, a behavioral health professional or a primary care provider.



# Safety 1st

*Installation continues to emphasize motorcycle safety awareness*

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers thinking about hitting the road on two wheels or buying a motorcycle need to make safety Priority No. 1, according to Fort Rucker officials.

To do that they need to take all necessary precautions, make sure they know how to operate the vehicles safely and wear the right gear. There are many factors when it comes to operating a motorcycle safely, and Sharon Manning, installation safety director, said that it begins with protective gear.

“If riders are cycling at night, they should wear reflective gear, and they should always wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, eye protection, gloves and over-the-ankle footwear. An armored jacket would offer additional protection,” she said, adding that shoe strings on boots should be tucked in.

Another factor for motorcyclists to be concerned with is driving defensively.

“The four deadly words are ‘I didn’t see him,’” said the safety director. “Always assume that other drivers are not going to see you.”

Those operating motorcycles aren’t the only ones who need to be knowledgeable on motorcycle safety, said Manning, stressing



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Four students at the motorcycle safety course practice basic skills together before hitting the course while operating the bikes last year.

that those who ride as passengers need to be just as knowledgeable as the drivers.

“Passengers should be dressed the same as the driver and they need to understand the handling characteristics of a motorcycle, such as leaning,” she said.

Riders should always make sure their motorcycle is in proper working condition, and now with summer in full swing, people should also be aware of strong storms throughout the season.

“Always check that tires are not over or under inflated and avoid

riding in rough, stormy weather,” said Manning. “If you plan on a long ride, always check the weather and try to always carry a rain suit in case you encounter an unexpected storm. Be very careful when it begins to rain because the rain hasn’t had time to clear the oily film off the road.”

Storms aren’t the only things that summer brings. Many cyclists are heading to the beaches of Florida to take advantage of the beach weather. And although the state does not require cyclists to wear helmets, Army regulation

does, added Manning.

“People are made famous for thinking, ‘It’s not going to happen to me.’ You can be the safest rider and wear all the protective equipment and still be in an accident where you are seriously injured,” she said.

Manning also had a few tips for people who are planning to go to local beaches and rent scooters.

“Sand can cover many roads, making them slippery, thus causing the scooter to be a little harder to handle should it start sliding,” she said. “Although wearing a

helmet may not look cool, you will look less cool lying on the roadway.”

People should never wear shorts or flip-flops when riding a two-wheeled vehicle, Manning added.

For the rest of the community who stick to four wheels instead of two, Manning asks them to always be on the lookout for cyclists.

“In this area we have a huge number of riders. If you see one, have a little more courtesy on the road. Don’t tailgate them and give them more than one car length between you,” she said.

Motorcycle safety courses are mandatory for Soldiers. There are three courses at Fort Rucker: the basic rider course, the experienced rider course, and the military sport bike course. There’s a regulatory requirement for all Soldiers to take the Basic Course. Then, within a year after taking it, they’re required to take one of the other two courses.

“We have a large number of classes available during the summer, but as soon as the weather gets hotter it will not be as easy to get into a class because they are going to fill up,” said Manning.

Soldiers can register for the courses on-line at [www.apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/default.aspx](http://www.apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/default.aspx).

For more information visit [www.rucker.army.mil/newcomers/motorcycles.html](http://www.rucker.army.mil/newcomers/motorcycles.html).

## Absentee voting easy, important for Soldiers, Families

By Sara E. Martin  
Army Flier Staff Writer

There are many myths and untruths that surround absentee voting, which sometimes discourage Soldiers and their Families from participating in an important aspect of American democracy, but one Fort Rucker official’s mission is to make sure everyone gets the information they need to exercise their right to vote while away from home.

“Asking why Soldiers should make sure they are registered to vote is like asking why Soldiers and their Families want their opinions and voices heard,” said Keith Wilbur, installation voting assistance officer. “It’s a no brainer.”

The Federal Voting Assistance Program is a program in the Department of Defense that helps ensure military members and their Families are aware of their right to vote, and have the tools and resources to do that, according to Matt Boehmer, director of the FVAP, in an interview with American Forces Press Service.

Soldiers and their Families, said Wilbur, are often derailed when it comes to registering for an absentee ballot because popular media around voting times often spread the untruths, including absentee votes not counting, that military spouses and dependents cannot use military absentee voting forms and even that absentee ballots are not kept secret.

“Absentee ballots submitted in accordance with state laws are counted for every



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election,” he said. “All ballots are counted in the final totals for every election, local or national, and every single vote counts the same.”

Even deployed Soldiers are allowed to vote.

“If Soldiers are registered to vote while deployed and they do not get their state ballot in time to vote (45 days prior to mid-term elections) from their location, they can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot found at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov),” he continued. “They just have to turn it in 30 days before the scheduled election.”

People can get the Federal Write-In Ab-

sentee Ballot online if deployed or from Wilbur if they did not receive their absentee ballot in time for elections.

“Soldiers can have a local impact back home, wherever that might be – Maine, California, Texas – it does not matter. But they do need to register early to ensure receipt of voting materials,” added Wilbur. “If they want to have a say-so in the dealings and government back home, then they can, if they so choose.”

Through the FVAP, many states and local municipalities are acknowledging Soldier and Family member registrations, said Wilbur.

“Their ballots will be accepted. If they are a registered absentee voter, they will not only send federal elections, but local elections, as well, even run-offs and primaries,” he continued.

To register as an absentee voter, Soldiers and Families have three options, said the voting assistance officer. They can fill out the application status online at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov); they can email the forms (which they receive from [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov)) into their local state officials, but not all states accept the forms that way; or they can see Wilbur in Bldg. 5700 Rm. 280 or visit their unit’s voting assistant officer.

Registering to be an absentee voter does not cost anything, just a few minutes of time, he said.

“The sooner Soldiers turn in their information, the better, because it does take some time for all of their information to be validated.

ed. Get it done early and get it done now,” he said, adding that after it is validated, though, they should automatically receive their absentee ballots.

People will need some form of identification that will validate who they are when registering to be an absentee voter, just as they would when registering to vote normally.

“Some states do require some type of excuse of why a citizen is becoming an absentee voter, but being in the military or a military Family member always validates that,” he added.

Different states require different times to register and how long the registration is good for, so Wilbur said to check state laws and regulations before submitting any forms.

Soldiers are some of the most important people that should vote, said Wilbur, being as they are government employees.

“Many times the shape of their careers, and the Army as a whole, depends on how elections fall, from local to national,” said Wilbur. “Plus, they are voting for their commander in chief. They are often voting for who they want to work for.”

The importance for Soldiers to vote from afar is something that Wilbur is passionate about.

“Serving as a Soldier in the United States does not mean giving up being an American citizen and its inherent rights and responsibilities,” he said. “And one of those rights and responsibilities is to register to vote and to vote.”

## Give me shelter



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

CW4 Maria Haynes, Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course Class 14-004, sits with a cat at Save Our Strays Animal Shelter June 25 after the class donated \$500 to the facility.

## News Briefs

### Throwback Tuesday

The Fort Rucker Theater will host its first Throwback Tuesday free classic movie showing July 22 at 7 p.m., with the first feature being “Casablanca.” According to Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials, back in the day it would have cost a person at least a dime to see this classic film, but now people can view it for free, adding they hope to make it a night of making new memories and recalling old ones.

### Retiree ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its quarterly retirement ceremony July 25 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are invited to attend and honor Fort Rucker’s latest retirees.

### Opportunity knocks

The following internal positions are available on Fort Rucker: Health Technician (Chiropractic), GS-0640-05, Vacancy No. SCEG140397881154389, with a closing date of July 18; Human Resources Specialist (Classification, Recruitment and Placement), GS-0201-09/11, Vacancy No.

SCEG141356091158459, with a closing date of July 18; Dental Assistant, GS-0681-05, Vacancy No. SCEG141129421151673, with a closing date of July 17; Management Analyst, GS-0343-11, Vacancy No. SCEG141326261147105, with a closing date of Wednesday; Information Technology Specialist (SYSADMIN), GS-2210-11, Vacancy No. SCEG141380831153847, with a closing date of Tuesday; and Training Instructor (Paramedic), GS-1712-09, Vacancy No. SCEG140210181154105, with a closing date of Tuesday.

For more, check out [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

### 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.



# Celebrating Freedom



Fireworks explode above the festival fields on Fort Rucker as the crowd watches on during the 2014 Wiregrass Freedom Fest July 3.

PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU



The 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band rocks the stage before the fireworks show.

## Wiregrass Freedom Fest entertains, thrills thousands

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to them – it was fantastic!"

After the band took the crowd on a musical journey, all attention was on the Fort Rucker skies as fireworks lit up the night with a musical accompaniment in honor of the nation's Independence Day.

Lindsay Davis, civilian, brought her Family from Dothan to enjoy the festivities and said there was no other way she would rather

have spent the day celebrating.

"How else would you celebrate this day other than coming to a military installation to show your support for the troops that protect you right here at home?" she asked. "A lot of people I know went to the beach or somewhere far off to celebrate this weekend, but I knew the best place to celebrate would be right here at Fort Rucker where we've got troops of our own that we can show our appreciation to in person."



Families take a ride on the train around the festival fields.



Inman Martendale, civilian, makes his way across the monkey bars with the help of Warrant Officer Candidates Brady Hiebain and Richard Castleton at the WCCC Confidence Course.



Families stand by and watch their children play in one of the bounce castles.



# Ease of access

*Army moving education content to cloud for better access*

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Eighteen months ago, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command began migrating education content to the dotcom cloud, a commercially operated bank of servers.

This is a significant step for several reasons.

The Army is currently a Common Access Card-enabled, Windows-based devices operating environment. That means Soldiers can't access much of the training and education content from home or other places when they're using non Windows-based mobile devices, said Helen A. Remily, TRADOC's capability manager for the Army Distributed Learning Program at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

The commercial cloud allows them a broader capability to access content via their personally owned devices, such as Apple iOS and Android mobile devices, she added.

"Given information-technology advances, Soldiers expect the ability to access learning content regardless of the type of mobile device they own," she said. "Today's generation of Soldiers and leaders have a high expectation of persistent access to learning content from a reliable network, independent of their location."

Gen. David Perkins, TRADOC commander, is behind the program.

"During the downsizing of our force, it is critical to develop our leadership effectively," he said after assuming command in March.

Leadership development and technical training are at the heart of TRADOC's mission, and delivering learning content to develop leadership competencies in the most efficient and effective way is critical, said Remily.

That delivery just got a whole lot better.

## Migrating to cloud

Remily laid out the timeline: After conducting a 12-month proof of concept, which concluded in December, TRADOC created a commercial cloud learning environment and migrated all of the non-sensitive distributed learning content for the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to the commercial cloud. This has been a highly successful endeavor with about 5,000 students attending annually as part of their professional military education. This has also produced significant savings for the Army.

Within the next three months, the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., will also

migrate their learning content to the commercial cloud, and by the end of this calendar year, the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., will also migrate content.

The future plan is for other Army schools to migrate learning content to the commercial cloud learning environment, Remily said, with discussions underway with the Army School of Music, Army Chaplain Center and School, the Defense Language Institute, and the Army Management Staff College, which oversees the Army's civilian education system. More will follow.

Students at the Command and General Staff College have already provided very positive feedback, she noted. They value the flexibility of distributed learning and being able to use their personal mobile devices. They also like the social learning aspect of having a dotcom learning environment with peer to peer interactions through threaded discussions, blogs, etc.

Many students who previously did not have a reach-back capability to access relevant content after graduation now do, she added.

For example, Soldiers in the Individual Ready Reserve don't have CACs. Also, foreign nationals who attend schools often receive temporary CACs, however, they must return them after graduation from Command and General Staff College and the War College. Before going to the commercial cloud, they did not have reach-back access to the content.

## Balancing security, access

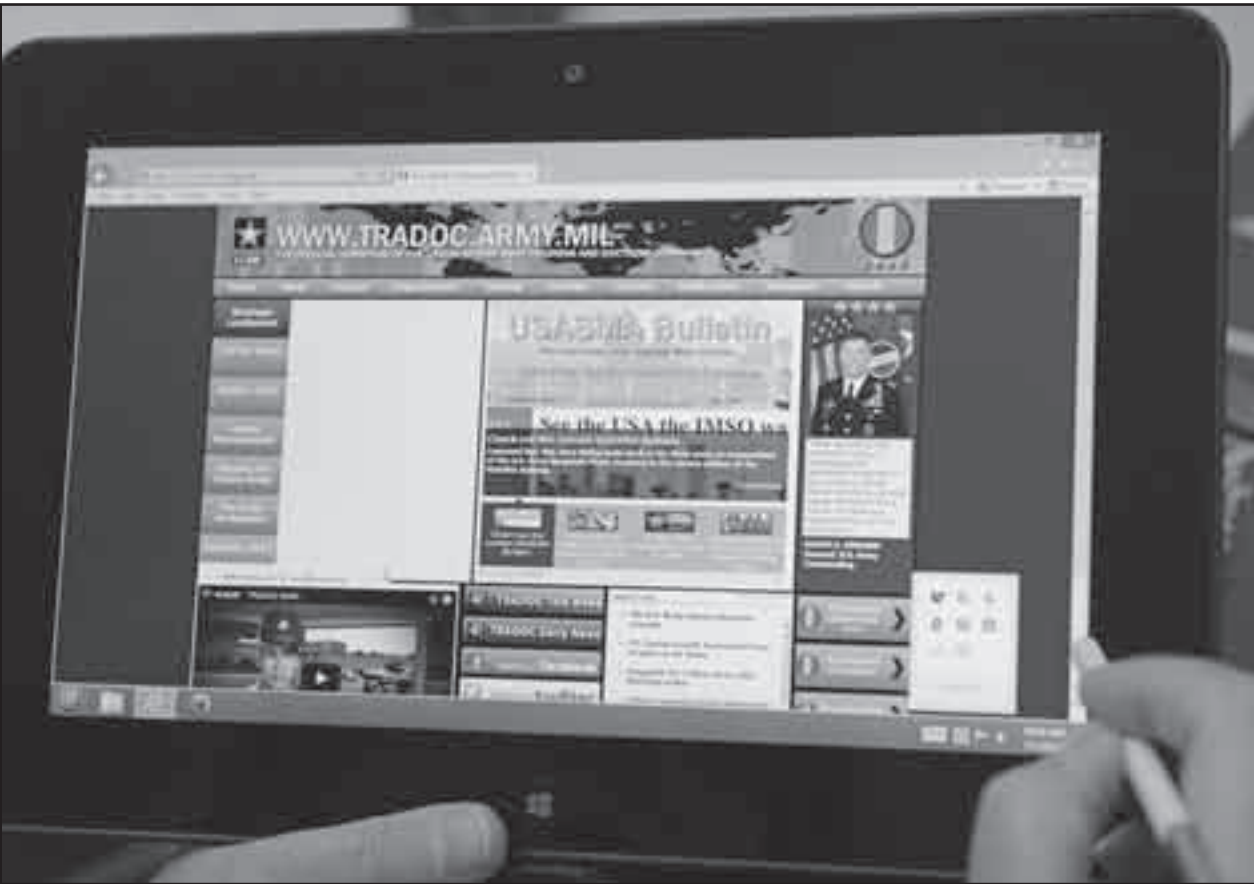
Remily spent most of her 32 years government career with military intelligence and counter-terrorism fields before coming to TRADOC, so she has an abiding appreciation for information technology security concerns.

TRADOC "is working very closely with the [Army's Chief Information Office] community to help design and field an Army-persistent learning capability that doesn't compromise the network," she said.

The Army Chief Information Office's "primary mission is protecting the Army's network, so they are risk-averse, as they should be," she continued. "Many of our adversaries are tech-savvy, and use technology against us as they don't have the regulations and laws that we must follow."

On the other hand, Remily said content should be protected only at the level that's necessary and no more.

"There's no need to over-protect our content as this leads to challenges with



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The Army is a Common Access Card-enabled, Windows-based operating environment. That means Soldiers can't access a lot of education content from home or other places when they're using mobile devices.

accessibility of training and education products and material. It comes down to balancing accessibility and that of security and risk mitigation," she said.

Moving education content to the cloud is actually good news for the Army Chief Information Office.

"Migrating content off of the Army's network automatically increases the operational network bandwidth because you don't have large packets of training and education information flowing back and forth across that network," she explained.

There's a lot of sensitive military occupational specialty-type training that won't go to the cloud, but in the future, it may be possible to do so as commercial cloud-computing has provisions for CAC-enabled authentication.

Despite a tight budget, the future for cloud migration looks promising.

Currently, the TRADOC Project Office for Mobile Devices, which is managing the integration of mobile computing throughout TRADOC, is only temporary.

Recently, TRADOC gained approval for a permanent office to manage the effort. It will be known as TRADOC's Capability Manager for Mobile and it will fall under the Army's Distributed Learning Program.

The new office, she said, will address policy, governance, infrastructure and devices. More importantly it will assist us in identifying mobile content (to include mobile apps) that should migrate and better enable accessibility via personally owned mobile devices.

Because of the resource issues, "we're re-purposing current positions" to establish the new organization, meaning no new hires.

"This is a big move for the Army," she said. "We'll start with TRADOC to get this right and then support other Army organizations."

Col. Charles Harris, TRADOC G-6 deputy chief of staff, said in late June that the Army chief of staff's strategic priority is developing adaptive leaders for a complex world.

"The Army must seek solutions balancing national defense information security and the need for Soldiers' unlimited access to training and education content, products and services through mobile devices and adaptive wireless networks," Harris said.



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# Perkins discusses shared challenges, interests with IDF

By Mike Dearborn  
U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

TEL AVIV, Israel – Gen. David G. Perkins, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, led a delegation to Israel to participate in the 23rd Future Battlefield Annual Talks recently.

Although TRADOC’s relationship with the Israel Defense Forces began in 1973 following the Yom Kippur War, the FBAT was formally initiated in 1988 as an annual event conducted alternately between locations in the U.S. and Israel.

In addition to the TRADOC commanding general, who has served as U.S. head of delegation since 1990, this year’s U.S. delegation also included Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey, TRADOC command sergeant major; Lt. Gen. Robert Brown, Combined Arms Center commanding general; Maj. Gen. Bill Hix, TRADOC’s deputy director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center; and Thomas Greco, TRADOC G-2 deputy chief of staff.

The delegation also included lead-



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KEN FORINGER

Gen. David G. Perkins, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, talks to Israel Defense Forces soldiers during inspection of the troops at Latrun recently.

ership from the Maneuver, Fires, Sustainment, Maneuver Support, Aviation, Intelligence and Mission Command Centers of Excellence, and selected school commandants.

Maj. Gen. Guy Zur, chief of the IDF Ground Forces, served as the Israeli head of delegation.

During his visit, Perkins conducted terrain walks in the Golan Heights, near the Lebanon and Syrian borders. The highlight was the historical brief by retired Brig.

Gen. Avigdor Kahalani, one of the IDF’s most decorated heroes during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, who described the Valley of Tears tank battle against superior Syrian forces. Perkins noted the similar approaches both armies are pursuing in terms of anticipating the future operating environment, and adapting and improving in the face of asymmetric adversaries.

The IDF leaders also echoed during their briefings that these adversar-

ies have not only learned to exploit tactical weakness, but operational and strategic weakness as well.

They see a combination of regular and irregular forces operating in complex terrain, and leveraging innovative weapons and strategic communications to frustrate conventional armies. The human aspects of the operational environment give focus to leader development and mission command programs. Despite scope and scale, both armies will have to operate with fewer resources as they face similar challenges.

During discussions, Perkins defined the problem both armies have to address.

“How do you get better with fewer resources? And, if we have less, we need to identify what is essential and at what echelon we can accept the most risk,” he added.

Other key events included a field visit to the Gaza Division and a recently discovered tunnel complex. According to IDF leaders, the Gaza experience reinforces the need to address the challenge of operating in complex urban terrain.

During the visit, the counterpart

days included tailored itineraries for center of excellence commanders and commandants, where counterparts shared their army’s respective approaches and lessons on a wide range of warfighting themes.

Perkins emphasized during the discussions that TRADOC values the partnership with IDF Ground Forces, and he believes the visit is valuable to the U.S. Army because it provides learning opportunities for commanders. For example, the lessons of the Yom Kippur War in 1973 helped shape thinking in doctrine and concepts then as the IDF’s lessons learned from current conflicts continue to shape thinking today.

Perkins and Zur co-signed a memorandum codifying the next FBAT and the 2014-2015 CoE military-to-military agreed-to actions. The FBAT concluded with Perkins and Zur conducting wreath-laying ceremonies at the 9-11 Memorial and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem.

Perkins said he looks forward to hosting his IDF Ground Forces counterpart in the U.S. next year for the 24th FBAT.

# ACLC: Commander seeks to strengthen relationships

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from Col. Michael Aid, who welcomed his replacement to the team-of-teams.

“You are joining a great team. I know you will build on the achievements that have been built the last couple of years. You will have challenges, but you will turn them into opportunities. My only ad-

vice is to grow, learn and to have fun,” said Aid.

Kliethermes thanked Aid for his kind words and wished him well in retirement.

“I am truly honored to stand in front of you today as I assume command of ACLC,” he said. “I am looking forward to addressing the new challenges that will begin today.”

He continued by saying he is looking forward to building a strong relationship between the Fort Rucker and Huntsville communities as they work together to make the Army stronger.

“I was very excited when I was notified that I would be a commander here. It will be a challenge, and I love and enjoy challenges,” he said. “This command means

as much to me as it does my Family. They are excited to see me possibly fly again.”

The new commander was last here in 2009 and said he is excited to be back as permanent party.

“I love the people and the community here,” he said before being welcomed by those in attendance. “I am glad to be back around the sound of helicopters.”

# Lyster: New facility to bring shorter wait times

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Aside from more space in the new pharmacy, patients can look forward to shortened wait times and quicker refills on medications, said Lt. Col. Tai Bolaji, chief of the pharmacy.

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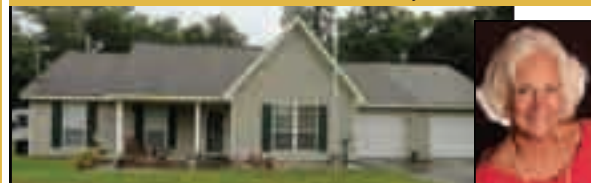
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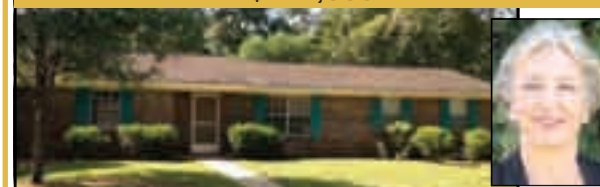
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A 173rd Airborne Paratrooper, left, waits with a Canadian Paratrooper to board a UH-60 Black Hawk for a jump exercise at Adazi Training Area, Latvia, June 22. Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade are training with NATO allies in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland, as part of a land-forces exercise to demonstrate commitment to NATO obligations and sustain interoperability with allied forces.

## NEW HORIZONS

*Future vertical lift capability focuses on tech demo*

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army-led Future Vertical Lift program is being developed to replace the service's aging helicopter fleet and also the aircraft of other services at some point in the future.

The need for Future Vertical Lift was explained by Dan Bailey, program director, Joint Multi-Role Technology Demonstrator/FVL, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal.

Bailey, who spoke at a JMR-TD/FVL panel at the Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington, D.C., July 1, said there are significant limitations on the current fleet and that, over time, those gaps will escalate, resulting in potential adversary overmatch.

The panel included representatives from each of the four vendors touting their versions of FVL: AVX Aircraft Company, Bell Helicopter, Sikorsky-Boeing Team, and Karem Aircraft.

Potential adversaries are also



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Bell Helicopter displays its version of the Future Vertical Lift aircraft, as an industry rep talks to Soldiers during the two-day Army Aviation Association of America 2014 Mission Solutions Summit at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., May 6.

working on their own versions of FVL, Bailey said, adding to the urgency.

For decades, the U.S. has added incremental upgrades to its aging fleet of helicopters. That approach is getting expensive and is at its limits to what can be added to those legacy platforms, such as the Black Hawk and Apache helicopters, he said.

"We've never had the opportunity to start over fresh across DOD

to bring a new fleet to bear that takes innovation into account," Bailey said, adding that the Joint Multi-Role Technology Demonstrator gives DOD and defense industries the chance to do that, and to dig deep into their science and technology efforts.

While the goal of JMR-TD is eventual production of FVLs, the knowledge gleaned from these science and technology efforts is probably just as useful, because

without the 50/50 cost sharing between DOD and the vendors, the tools and competencies that go into making this happen would be moribund. In other words, there would be no incentive for industry to pursue it, Bailey explained.

A couple of the requirements are that the FVL be able to self-deploy on one of the longest known routes, between California and Hawaii, a distance of about 2,100 nautical miles. Self-deploy

means not having to be loaded on a C-5 Galaxy or other type of aircraft or via ship.

This would be an exciting development for the Army's pivot to the Pacific, said Robert Hastings Jr., senior vice president and chief of staff of Bell Helicopter.

Shipping a brigade of helicopters via boat or cargo aircraft to remote areas might take weeks, he

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## Downed aircraft recovery team trains in Afghanistan

By Staff Sgt. B. Wesley Lewis  
Army News Service

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Proactive beats reactive in the military, especially when preparing for the worst-case scenario. In the world of Aviation, preparation to react to a downed aircraft can mean the difference between life and death for the crew and passengers.

Twenty-two members of Task Force Raptor's downed aircraft recovery team strengthened their technical abilities and communication skills while training on scrap vehicles at the airfield June 22.

The Raptor Downed Aircraft Recovery Team program, led by Task Force Bellator and consisting of Soldiers from every battalion, is responsible for extracting personnel from a downed aircraft using high-powered equipment.

"Everybody is excited because they're on DART. Their unit has that much trust and confidence in that we'll accomplish the mission," said Staff Sgt. Erik E. Lopez, an Aviation hydraulics repair NCO and DART team leader.

Lopez, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., was one of three personnel who started the program and now, along with other instructors, is responsible for selecting and training members who can handle extreme situations, based around various helicopter airframes.

Soldiers are selected for the additional duty based on a high proficiency in their military occupational specialty. Some Soldiers volunteered in support of the aerial mission in southern Afghanistan.

"On my first deployment, I focused on becoming proficient at my job," said Spc. Justin R. Corwin, a Task Force Bellator aircraft powertrain mechanic. "Now I'm trying to take a step forward in my career and try something new. I volunteered for DART because I have experience in my shop on multiple airframes, so I have a general idea on disassembling an aircraft — and with what's safe and not safe."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. B. WESLEY LEWIS

Soldiers on the Task Force Raptor Downed Aircraft Recovery Team practice using a gas-powered saw on a scrap pickup truck June 22 on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

Instructors pushed their new members outside their comfort zones by putting dangerous tools in their hands and reinforcing the urgency of removing people from a life-threatening situation.

"The objective we had was to teach these guys how to think on their feet," Lopez said. "We used the concept, 'Treat it as if it were your own Family member stuck in the vehicle. What would you do to get them out of that vehicle?' You have to think of it in that aspect when you get to the site."

Soldiers were introduced to using basic tools, such as a crowbar and sledgehammer, as well as heavy-duty equipment used to cut through or pierce structural parts of an aircraft.

"We used the Jaws of Life and portable gasoline saws to teach these guys how to cut certain joints of an aircraft, to make it

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PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS THADDIUS S. DAWKINS II

Spc. Mark E. Aescht (center), a Black Hawk crew chief with the Aviation Life Saving Equipment section, 1st Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), and Sgt. Derek A. Youngs (right), a wheeled-vehicle mechanic with 1st Platoon, HHC, 160th SOAR (A), receive instruction on writing an operations order during the Army Warrior Task lanes while competing in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Best Warrior Competition June 25.

## NIGHT STALKERS

*Soldiers compete to be 'Best Warrior'*

By Staff Sgt. Thaddius Dawkins  
160th Special Operations  
Aviation Regiment

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Two Soldiers from the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) tested their inner warrior last week during the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Best Warrior Competition.

Spc. Mark E. Aescht, a Black Hawk crew chief in the Aviation Life Saving Equipment section, and Sgt. Derek A. Youngs, a wheeled-vehicle mechanic, both from 1st Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 160th SOAR (A), competed in four days of events that included an Army Physical Fitness Test, written essay, live-fire range and stress shoot, day and night land navigation, Army Warrior Task testing and combatives.

"To prepare myself for the competition, my main focus was on marksmanship,

the Army Warrior Tasks and physical fitness," Aescht said. "I coordinated with the THOR3 guys and gave them the events I would be competing in. They recommended a workout program that I followed extensively. I also ruck-marched every three days, increasing the distance and amount of weight that I carried each time and I coordinated with our medics to practice trauma lanes when I could."

Youngs said although he took time to train for every part of the competition, he put additional time into marksmanship training.

"I put more focus on the shooting because we don't use a lot of pop-up targets for qualification," he explained. "I knew pop-up targets were going to be used during this competition, so I tried to familiarize myself with them again."

A highlight of the competition for

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# Horizons: Demonstrators now being built

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said, but self-deploying enough FVLs to support a brigade would only take a few days.

Another requirement is that the FVL be able to be operated autonomously like an unmanned system and be operated semi-autonomously.

All of the vendors’ representatives said their FVL variants will be able to fly much faster, farther and carry more payload than today’s helicopters, while retaining the benefits of helicopters’ ability to hover and maneuver.

FVL can’t yet fly today – although it can on computer – but it’s getting there.

Pre-prototypes, known as demonstrators, are now being built by each of the four vendors. This would be analogous to a concept car in the automotive industry.

Each of the demonstrators has existing capabilities, as well as experimental capabilities built into them and each is being constructed in such a way that future technologies will be able to be incorporated into them, Bailey said. These

are technologies that don’t yet exist.

“All vendors have relevant designs and they’re all working hard toward eventual flight test,” he said. “We’re at the critical point in our schedule where we’d love to take all four to flight test, but the financial situation will not allow us to do that, so we’ll need to make a de-scope decision within the next 30 days or so.”

Full-scope would mean all four vendors flight testing and de-scope means that won’t happen.

“We’ll de-scope to something less than all four for full flight test, but that should not represent that any of the four vendors have an unviable design, configuration or opportunity for the future,” he noted.

The timeline, he said, is the materiel development decision will be made in late 2016, an analysis of alternative designs in 2017 and flight testing in late 2017.

This is where it gets interesting, he said.

If, say, two of the vendors don’t go on to flight testing, that doesn’t mean they’re losers, in the normal sense of a Federal Acquisition Regulation-type contract where there’s

a down-select, effectively outing any vendors who don’t make the cut.

JMR-TD was designed under a Technology Investment Agreements contract, negotiated to run through 2019, so the vendors who won’t go on to flight test – in the decision that will be made in about a month – will continue to develop their FVL variant and could still have a chance for final selection.

The services will harvest the science and technology research from all four vendors from now until 2019 and, after that time, there will be a competitive acquisition process for the new FVL, he said.

Technology Investment Agreements fall under Part 37 of DOD Grants and Agreements Regulations and are designed to reduce barriers to commercial firms’ participation in defense research, and to give DOD access to the broadest possible technology and industrial base research. Technology Investment Agreements also serve to promote new relationships of technology companies and individuals in the defense and commercial sectors.

# Recovery: Training focuses on skills, teamwork

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easier to pull a pilot or passengers out of a downed aircraft,” Lopez said.

Two pickup trucks with smashed-in doors were presented for groups to rotate through, until nothing remained except a pile of random pieces.

“As far as material goes, it varies depending on the type of aircraft. On an aircraft, you deal with a lot of composite and titanium, so the way it burns is different,” Lopez said. “With the vehicles we used, it was a lot harder because it gave them an

opportunity to think of how to approach it, instead of us saying ‘cut here, cut there.’”

“Every type of vehicle has a frame, so working on the trucks helped us think about working on the cockpit of Black Hawks, Apaches and other airframes,” added Corwin, a native of Fresno, Calif.

Once Soldiers became familiar with the basic use of each tool, groups had to learn how to work together by using the appropriate tool at the right time.

“The Jaws of Life is a very heavy piece of equipment. It’s very powerful and slow moving,” Corwin said. “You can lift it, but

when actually trying to use it in a precise area, you need two operators.”

“Everybody has to learn how to communicate, because if I’m holding the saw and he’s got the crowbar, I’m thinking where I have to cut and where I’m going to need help. I also have to be telling my guy where to pull,” Lopez added.

Pieces of unrecognizable vehicles continued to be tossed into a pile as Soldiers became comfortable with the crunching power of the Jaws of Life, as well as the fireworks of sparks produced by the saw.

“As the day progressed, they got to un-

derstand the limits of the tools, how to use them and they were thinking about where they needed to be by this point instead of looking at the instructor,” Lopez said.

Two piles of scrap metal sat where two trucks once existed in the morning. Soldiers who started the day with uncertainty ended up feeling accomplished about the serious task they might have to perform.

“People should stay open-minded and think about doing it more as a civil service to help your brothers and sisters in arms. It’s a bad situation that nobody wants to do, but has to be done,” Corwin said.

# Warrior: Competition helps Soldiers sharpen skills

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both men was the round-robin combatives tournament. Both Night Stalkers made it to the finals in the NCO and Soldier tournament, with Aescht winning the Soldier portion and Youngs falling to Sgt. 1st Class Matthew D. Carpenter, a Special Forces NCO from 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Carpenter would go on to beat Aescht in the NCO vs. Soldier final.

“I was a little bit surprised and

relieved when I won the Soldiers’ combatives tournament,” Aescht said. “I was confident in my skills, but it really showed me where I stood and how good I have become thanks to the training at the regiment and the guys around me. With that training, I was able to remain dominant during every one of my matches and I didn’t really have any time that I feared I was on the losing end.”

Along with combatives, Youngs said the stress shoot was a highlight, as well.

“The stress shoot was a lot of fun and probably my favorite event other than combatives,” he said. “We don’t get the opportunity to do that a lot. It was nice to see how we fared against the other competitors.”

As the week came to a close and both Night Stalkers fell short of their ultimate goal of taking home the title of USASOC Best Warrior, both said they had learned more than they could have imagined and are already looking forward to competing next year.

“Coming into the week, my goal was to win,” Aescht said. “Even though I didn’t accomplish that, I think I met another goal, which was to take something back to my unit. Prior to this, all the competitions I had competed in were hosted by my unit, on my home turf. This one was hosted in a different environment and surrounded by a large number of ground forces, as opposed to Aviation guys. I learned something from everyone competing. I’ve learned different techniques and

training methods that I will be taking back to my unit in order to help other guys prepare for future competitions.”

With all that he’s learned, Aescht plans on being unstoppable if given the opportunity to compete in next year’s competition.


“I get promoted to sergeant in July. I will absolutely start prepping to compete next year. As long as my leadership blesses off on it, you can plan on me being back, and I don’t see anyone stopping me.”

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**Brittany Aronson, recreational assistant, teaches Lt. Col. Mike Lightfoot, 23rd Flying Training Squadron, how to cut a corner for a photo frame at the arts and craft center last year.**



**Charlotte Allen, arts and craft center recreation assistant, finishes the embroidery on a commissioned piece Tuesday.**

*Center's products, services help people de-stress, learn hobbies*

**By Sara E. Martin**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

There are many ways people can learn new things and decompress after a hard day and the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center's mission is to help people learn multiple skills and find peace of mind through crafts.

The center in Bldg. 9205 on Ruf Avenue provides opportunities for Families to spend time together, as well as for Soldiers to relieve stress.

"People can learn a new hobby here," said Joan Varner, arts and crafts center program manager. "They can leave with a certification that says they are qualified to do something. So when they go to their next duty station, they can walk in and utilize the shop instead of having to buy something."

The center offers many forms of learning and entertainment, from art classes to social events, and even though the building is undergoing major renovation, classes are still in full swing.

Basic framing classes are offered three times a week. Classes are \$40 each, which includes all materials. People will walk out of the class with a completed piece.

Adult pottery wheel throwing classes are held once a month on Saturdays. Classes are \$24. Patrons make three to four pieces and everything in the class is included. The next class will be held July 19 at 10 a.m.

There is a sewing class for \$10 and it also includes everything. It is held several times a month on Saturdays from 1-3 p.m.

A woodshop safety class is offered every Saturday for \$5 at 9 a.m., and there are also quilting classes, wood burning classes, ceramic classes, crafting classes, and a sip and paint class.

Pick-N-Paint, where people pick from ceramic items and paint them, is available during shop hours. Prices start at \$5 an hour plus the item cost.

Most classes have age requirements and

are by appointment only, so Varner asks that patrons sign up for all classes at least 24 hours before class time, with the exception of the regular woodshop safety class.

Varner added that if there is any craft that a patron wishes to learn, and a class is not offered, to contact the center and that someone will most likely be able to instruct them.

The center has a full engraving shop, which enables workers to engrave on almost anything besides the inside of a ring.

The center also has embroidery, sublimation and custom framing services.

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"We do custom orders. There are literally hundreds of things people can buy and customize here," she continued.

All military personnel, their Families and those who work on the installation are allowed to use the facility.

"Families can come in here and our services can be utilized on a rainy day to keep their brains active. It is nice to do a Family project together," she said. "Or you can meet with a group of friends for a class."

People take pride in things they have made with their own hands, and learning a new craft is beneficial in a lot of ways, she added.

"It can be very therapeutic," she said. "When Soldiers come back from overseas, they need something to do besides just talking about it. Painting, framing and ceramics gives them something to do with their hands – it can be great therapy for them."

The center is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 255-9020.

## TAG, YOU'RE IT!

*DFMWR photo scavenger hunt offers fun, prizes*

**By Sara E. Martin**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Posting photos to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter on the Internet is a popular way many people choose to show friends and Family fun and interesting activities that are going on in their lives, and Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation is jumping on the bandwagon.

DFMWR is hosting a photo scavenger hunt where participants tag @FortRuckerMWR and hashtag #fortruckermwr in their personal photos to give patrons the opportunity to participate in something fun and creative, all while entering for a chance to win awesome prizes, said Kristen Taylor, DFMWR marketing, website and social media assistant.

Participants must follow Fort Rucker DFMWR on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter, or all three on a device, and must hashtag one of the scavenger hunt items.

Prizes include four one-day passes to Wild Adventures in Valdosta, Ga., and four passes to Shipwreck Island Waterpark in Panama City Beach, Fla.

"Whether or not you are a lucky winner, we want our participants to have captured memories to look back on when the event is over," said Taylor, adding that the competition is open to the public and to all ages.

In order to be more accommodating, DFMWR officials use the DFMWR website and social media pages as quick resources for patrons. By participating in the photo scavenger hunt, it allows patron interaction and gives them an opportunity to share their creativity, said the marketing, website and social

media assistant.

"We want our community to use our social media pages to stay informed, share news and be interactive. We hope by tagging @FortRuckerMWR we are offering fun, engaging ways to communicate," she said.

There are 10 hashtags that participants must tag on the photos. The hashtags are #RedWhiteandBlue, #GreenMachine, #ANuttyBuddy, #SandyToes, #BearClaw, #ACupofJoe, #SweetT, #HappyFeet, #SideKick, and #Army Strong.

Taylor said that the department wanted to incorporate Army, patriotism, summer and personal interests into the scavenger hunt and that the tags leave much to the imagination.

"#SideKick can be a picture of you practicing a dance move or it could be you and your best bud taking a spin in a pink jeep," she said. "We want you to have fun and capture your portrayal of the hashtag items."

The photos can be uploaded in any order, and participants can repeat more than one hashtag if they wish, but all 10 tags must be used by July 31.

"After completing everything on the scavenger hunt list, you can then submit your entry form for a chance to win at [www.ftruckermwr.com/tag-youre-it-scavenger-hunt-contest-submission-form](http://www.ftruckermwr.com/tag-youre-it-scavenger-hunt-contest-submission-form). You can do all of your hunting and tagging anytime between now and the deadline," said Taylor.

Winners will be decided in different categories from the completed submissions Aug. 1, and people should make sure on the registration form to let officials know which website the photos have been uploaded to.

"We will randomly pick the grand prize winners from the submission



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forms with completed lists," she said. "We will also have additional prizes to give out to those with the most creative photos."

Taylor said that DFMWR officials want the community to be as imaginative and creative as possible. So, participants don't have to limit photos to just Fort Rucker, they can be taken anywhere photography is allowed.

"We live in a digital age. People use their cell phone for everything. Pictures, to-do lists, calendars, research – your whole life can evolve around your cell phone," she continued. "Most individuals turn to social media as a primary source for information. When individuals move to a new duty station, they want to have all the information at their fingertips. Fort Rucker DF-

MWR has something for everyone, and our goal is to improve the quality of life for our Soldiers, civilians and their Families during their stay at Fort Rucker."

People can get all of the details for the photo scavenger hunt by visiting DFMWR's website at [www.ftruckermwr.com](http://www.ftruckermwr.com) and clicking on the Tag You're It! button on the home page.



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

**National Blueberry Muffin Day**

The Landing Zone's Coffee Zone will celebrate National Blueberry Muffin Day Friday. When patrons purchase a coffee drink, they will receive a free mini blueberry muffin. The offer cannot be combined with other promotions or discounts.

For more information, call 598-8025.

**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.

**Summer reading event**

Center Library will get wild about reading Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The program will teach people about the many animals that live in the wild, ways people can help protect wildlife and what to do if people see an injured animal. There will also be a live alligator and other wildlife friends on hand. Space is limited to the first 65 people to register. The event is open to summer reading participants and authorized



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## Soldier Show

The cast of the 2014 U.S. Army Soldier Show. The Soldier Show returns to Fort Rucker Aug. 12-13. Performances will take place at 7 p.m. each night at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. The event is free to attend and open to the public. For more information, call 255-9810.

library patrons.

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

**Newcomers welcome**

Army Community Service hosts the newcomers welcome July 18 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.

**ACS Lunch and Learn**

Army Community Service, and the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program and Family Advocacy Program invite people to a lunch and learn July 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950, on Seventh Avenue. People can bring their brown bag lunch for a free session on Positive Coping Mechanism: Avoiding the Pitfalls. Topics will include: the way people think, day in and day out, affects all aspects of their lives; how to learn to listen to your internal voice; and developing a plan to handle the pitfalls. Registration is required by July 15. Space is limited to the first 20 participants. The workshop is open to active-duty and retired military, Department of Defense employees and their Family members.

For more information, call 255-2382 or 255-0960.

**Right Arm Night**

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night July 24 from 4–6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held ev-

ery month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For more information, call 598-8025.

**Self defense workshop**

Army Community Service, the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Prevention program, Family Advocacy Program and Directorate of Training and Doctrine NCO Academy will host a self defense workshop July 24 from 4:30-6 p.m. at The Commons. The workshop will cover topics such as personal protection, environmental awareness and practical self defense techniques. Registration is required by July 21. The workshop is open to active duty and retired military, Department of Defense employees and their Family members. For more information and to register, call ACS at 255-8103 or SHARP at 255-0960.

**Beach-themed craft**

The Center Library will host a beach-themed craft making activity Aug. 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register.

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

**Fort Rucker Job Fair**

The Fort Rucker Job Fair is scheduled for Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ozark Civic Center.

**Atlanta Motor Speedway tickets**



Atlanta Motor Speedway offers special ticket prices to all military personnel and their Families through Aug. 12 at Fort Rucker Leisure Travel Services. The race will take place Aug. 29-31. Available tickets will be for the NASCAR Nationwide Series Qualifying, NASCAR Nationwide Series Race and the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race. Service fees may apply. All sales are final and no refunds or exchanges are given.

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# Army publishes SHARP campaign

By Lillian Boyd  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – “We must take conscious steps to understand and reduce environmental risks, identify predatory behaviors, and mitigate personal vulnerabilities associated with sexual assault and harassment,” Lt. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, G-1, said in the opening letter of the Army’s first formal Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention campaign plan.

The Army has seen a 50-percent increase in reports on sexual assault in fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012, and officials believe it may be an indication of greater confidence in the Army’s response systems and chain of command.

In order to keep the momentum going by increasing awareness of SHARP services and encouraging victims to report, the campaign plan provides a road map of how the Army intends to synchronize actions across five lines of effort.

The SHARP efforts are in alignment with the Department of Defense’s Sexual Assault Prevention Strategy to embed and integrate programs across the force.

“To change the culture, to create an Army where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, where people understand boundaries – that takes time,” said Lt. Col. Geoff Catlett of Army G-1. “I think what we’re doing is setting the conditions to create culture change.”

The Army is facilitating the culture change by improving and synchronizing its response systems by enhancing prevention, investigation, accountability,



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advocacy and assessment capabilities.

The Army has had a prevention strategy in effect since 2009, when it introduced “I. A.M. Strong” to the force, where the initials stand for intervene, act and motivate,” which focused on the importance of bystander intervention. Although marketing materials and messaging were created to get the word out, it was the release of the Department of Defense Prevention Strategy that served as the impetus for a standalone SHARP Campaign Plan that operationalizes the lines of effort set forth in the Strategic Direction to the Joint Force on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, Catlett said.

The DOD prevention strategy gave Army leaders and the campaign team an opportunity to rethink

how the program is discussed and to place greater emphasis on certain areas, Catlett said.

The campaign emphasizes prevention as a priority out of the five SHARP objectives.

“A lot of our training is geared toward education. We get a lot of young people coming into the military who don’t necessarily have a solid foundation on understanding boundaries between people,” Catlett said. “We try to educate young men and women of what it means to live in close proximity while treating each other with dignity and respect.”

As for investigating assaults, the SHARP program assures victims that world-class investigators and prosecutors will take their case seriously in order to hold perpetrators appropriately accountable.

However, there’s more to accountability than punishing offenders. Leaders are now being held to an even higher standard based on their actions or inactions with regard to SHARP.

“We are holding commanders responsible for their command climates and doing it in a way we’ve never done before,” Catlett said.

In addition to a more stringent directive on command climate assessments that includes questions on SHARP and which are administered more frequently at the company-level on up, commanders now have a 360-degree assessment tool that is used to evaluate performance.

“The Army will use these surveys and metrics to gather data and track progress for the assessment portion of the program,” Catlett said.

The SHARP program is improving, enhancing advocacy lines of effort through a pilot of 11 new SHARP Resource Centers, a study to determine the feasibility of a separate military occupational specialty code for SHARP as well as a school house dedicated to professionalizing those who serve as sexual assault response coordinators and victim advocates.

“It is a constantly evolving landscape,” Catlett said about responding to numerous congressional

mandates.

“I am constantly inspired by how much this means to the secretary of the Army and the chief of staff of the Army. They genuinely want to see an end to this horrible crime in our ranks,” Catlett said. “And I think commanders want that, too. We just have to continue to educate and be constantly vigilant.”

For more information about the Army SHARP program, visit [www.preventsexualassault.army.mil](http://www.preventsexualassault.army.mil).





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Some 20 World War II veterans of the 94th Infantry Division gathered in Arlington, Va., June 28 for their 65th annual reunion.

# 94th Inf. Div.

## Vets reunite to remember World War II

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – To remain hidden against the snow in Germany during World War II, “the quartermaster gave us a white sheet to wear over our uniform – and a white pillowcase to wear on our helmet.”

Jerome Fatora, a World War II veteran with the 94th Infantry Division, remembered that his uniform back then stood out against the snow without a little help from the quartermaster.

Fatora was one of about 20 World War II veterans of the 94th Infantry Division, who gathered in Arlington, Va., for their 65th reunion June 28, along with some of their Family members.

Fatora was in the Army at 18, inducted at Indiantown Gap, Pa., just outside Harrisburg. Initially, the Army had told him he’d be part of an elite educational program – the Army Specialized Training Program – to earn him an engineering degree, but that wasn’t to be.

“They said we’re closing the program,” he said. “See, what happened was, they made the invasion, and they realized that they were going to have a lot more casualties than they thought they would have. So they pulled all the regular Army division units out and put them into the invasion force. And they pulled us kids to fill up the Reserve divisions. The 94th was a Reserve division, so they put us in there.”

It was the plans for D-Day that Fatora remembers might have made the Army think twice about sending so many Soldiers off to college when it would probably need them elsewhere – considering how ambitious those plans were.

Fatora didn’t end up “storming” the beaches at Normandy, though. But he got there eventually, on “D+94.” About three months after D-Day, he and the 94th Infantry Division arrived on Utah Beach, and entered the fight in Europe. Fatora said he entered and exited the combat unscathed.

“I went 209 days without a scratch,” he said.

Fellow 94th ID veteran Andy Cella joined Fatora for a chat at the reunion. It was unclear if the two knew each other in combat. They may have known each other in recent years from attending reunions and they knew some of the same stories. And Fatora, who had been a private at the time, knew of Cella – who had been a lieutenant.

“I joined Jerry’s outfit about the second week in March,” Cella said.

“We called them 90-day-wonders,” Fatora said. “We used to make fun of these guys. We’d already been in combat and these guys come in with their brand-spanking-new gold bars. We made fun of – we really shouldn’t have.”

Cella had been part of a program to earn a commission in just three months. He came to the 94th ID as a second lieutenant.

“I was a platoon leader of an infantry platoon,” Cella said.

“We knew the lieutenants who came in,” Fatora said. “Of course, Cella was one of them. Officers had a shortened life over there. They got killed pretty fast. We had two or three ... they didn’t last very long.”

While their paths didn’t cross in Europe, they knew the officers and enlisted among them who had been injured or killed.

“The guy whose place I took lost his leg,” Cella said. “Then there was Sergeant King, remember Sergeant King? He lost his leg.”

“King, yeah, running through the woods. I remember seeing him,” Fatora said. “He had blown his toes off. He’s running through the woods screaming. I said, ‘Hey Sarge!’ He lost his toes.”

“You remember Lieutenant Seeby?” Cella asked.

“Seeby was with us when we got captured. Carl Seeby. Yeah,” Fatora said.

All around a tiny banquet hall in a high-rise hotel near the Pentagon, veterans of World War II – members of the 94th ID – shared stories.

“Seeby, he was your platoon leader. He broke me in,” Cella said.

“He came in late, too,” Fatora said. “We gave him the raspberry. See, whenever these lieutenants came in – we were combat veterans now. We didn’t pay a hell of a lot of attention, honestly, to lieutenants.”

“Seeby, last couple of weeks of the war, he went across the Rhine River and he got captured,” Cella said.

“Yeah. I was with him,” Fatora said.

“Were you in that?” Cella asked.

“I was a patrol leader after him,” Fatora said.

Fatora told Cella how he came to be taken prisoner of war for less than a week by a group of over-anxious German youths.

“This guy could speak perfect English. He said we got an 88mm lined up on the front door, do you want to surrender? Seeby said no. I said ‘screw you Seeby, I’m leaving,’” Fatora said.

“Seeby was real tough, and he wouldn’t surrender. The war ended three weeks later. That’s the problem we had. They carried us on a morning report, present for duty. And we were captured! We were all taken. The guys were 14 years old who took us POW. The Germans were 14. That’s all they had left. But they took our guns. What’re you going to do, tell them to go to hell? They were ready to kill us. And a lieutenant kept them line. Otherwise they would have shot us. They were crazy. They were Hitler Youth.”

Cella said he remembered having been tasked to go look for the captured Soldiers. “We didn’t know right away they were captured. We thought they were just isolated over there.”

Later, Fatora said, the 10th Armored Division freed them.

Cella said he remembered the most important thing about being in the Army back then. And it’s remarkably similar to what Soldiers today often recall about their own time in combat.

“It was the camaraderie and the togetherness,” Cella said. “Each guy depends on the next guy. For me to join the outfit, it took them about three weeks to get a line on my ego so I would fit in. Otherwise they had no confidence in me. That was the whole company. They would rely on each other.”

“In a unit like that, you got to,” Fatora said. “You work as a unit, you know. It’s just like when a lieutenant comes in like that, he comes into a combat outfit, and we’d already been to battle. All of the sudden he’s got to adjust. I don’t know how they do it. It’s damn hard to do it.”

Bill Graves served as a mortarman during his time with the 94th ID. He was

drafted at 18 out of Richmond, Va., in 1944. By January 1945, he was in the 94th ID and found himself in England.

“At that age, I guess you kind of adjust rather fast,” Graves said of joining the Army. He was a farm boy then, living in Spotsylvania, Va. “It was different. I’d never been very far away from home. I’d been to D.C. a few times. I’d been to West Virginia. That’s about the extent of my travel.”

At the induction station in Richmond, he said, he was given a choice about what branch of service he could go into. He didn’t choose the Army – or any other branch of service. Like so many things, it seems, he found there that he’d be given a choice and the military would have its way with him just the same.

“You knew you were going into the service. You didn’t know which. When we got to Richmond, they lined us all up and they asked us ‘do you want Army, Navy or Marine Corps?’ If you said Army, they put you in the Navy. If you said Navy, they put you in the Army or Marine Corps,” Graves said.

“When they came to me, they said what do you want? And I said I don’t care. And he said, ‘well, you have a choice.’ And I said I still don’t care. Well then he picked up a stamp and I thought he was going to break the table he slammed it down so hard. He said ‘You’re in the Army now.’”

In Europe, Graves said he sustained few injuries – once, though, he suffered a flesh wound that would have earned him a decoration.

“I only got a little shrapnel,” he said. “They bandaged it up and said ‘I’ll put you in for a Purple Heart.’ And I said no – they’d send a telegram home. So I didn’t get a Purple Heart.”

He wanted to avoid worrying his moth-

er, he said.

Graves remembers one NCO who, the way he tells it, might be a template for NCOs today.

“Our platoon sergeant, he said I want everybody to know how to operate the mortar. So one day you’d carry ammunition and another day you’d be assistant gunner. And another day you’d be a gunner,” Graves said. “He was an older guy. Well, he was 32. We called him ‘Father Hertwick.’ A real nice guy.

“When we were lined up, Captain Dare said he wanted four volunteers for the weapons platoon,” Graves continued. “So I stepped out and three other guys stepped out with me.” They went with Hertwick. “He said, ‘listen to me and I’ll take care of you.’”

Graves said he remembers the heroics of the combat medics. “A lot of times if a guy was wounded, they’d go get the guy, even with artillery coming in around them, and also small arms.”

Graves said he comes to the reunions to connect with the men from his old company. He said in years past – long ago – maybe 35 to 40 such men would show up from his company. From the 94th ID, maybe 2,000 veterans total. This time, only about 20 veterans total from the 94th ID made it to the reunion.

After the war, Graves became a certified public accountant. He also earned a Bronze Star from his service in World War II.

Joe Milich and Andrew Moranz sat on a leather lounge together after a banquet dinner. Both had been members of the 94th ID during World War II. And like Fatora, they too had been selected for the Army Specialized Training Program. Like Fatora, they, too, found that the program

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# Rangers remember Korean service

By Lisa Ferdinando  
Army News Service

JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, Va. — Soldiers with the Army’s only all-black Ranger company fought bravely, endured extreme conditions and served with distinction during the Korean War, according to the veterans and the Army’s top NCO.

Four members of the elite, segregated outfit – the 2nd Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) – were guests of Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III at a Twilight Tattoo here June 25 that honored NCOs.

The four men – Donald Allen, Richard Briscoe, Herculano Dias and Winston Jackson – proudly served in this historic company, Chandler said.

“I was fascinated by their incredible stories of heroism and danger in wartime, and their continued service as mentors and trainers of young Soldiers at home stations,” he said.

Dias, a sergeant who served in the Army four years, noted the company was the “first and only all-black Airborne Ranger outfit” in the whole Army.

“We were the only all-black Ranger outfit to make a combat jump. We jumped March 23, 1951, in a place called Munsan-Ni, Korea,” Dias said.

He recalled losing fellow members, seeing intense combat and enduring the brutal winter. When he and his fellow Rangers arrived in Korea in December 1950, snowfall accumulations were high and temperatures were sub-zero.

“A lot of guys were evacuated for frostbitten feet because the equipment we had was not sufficient,” he said.

Conditions were indeed brutal, Briscoe said.

“It was colder than hell, man. It was real cold,” he said.



PHOTO BY LISA FERDINANDO

Korean War Army Rangers Donald Allen, Winston Jackson, Herculano Dias and Richard Briscoe talked about their service during the war in the Army’s first and only segregated, all-black Ranger company, the 2nd Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne).

“When we got off the plane, it was 20-below zero, and we had to ride in open trucks, with no canvas over (them),” Briscoe said.

Soldiers made do with what they had to stay warm.

“We had put up our pup tents, we’re muddy, there’s snow on the ground,” he said. “We had to use our overcoat to put it on the ground and sleep on that. We slept in our clothes.”

The men saw a lot of combat and had many casualties, Dias said. At one point, before replacements arrived, the outfit was down to 65 men, from 110.

“By the time we left there, we had lost 13 men and we saw a lot of action,” Dias said. “We had

nine guys receive Silver Stars, and 13 received the Bronze Star with the ‘V’ for valor.”

Being an Airborne Soldier takes dedication, said Allen, who retired from the Army in 1967. Working hard, giving it your all and being considered the best are things Soldiers today should strive for, he said.

“The Airborne Soldier is the best thing out there because you’re going to have to do a little bit more to be a paratrooper,” he said, recalling that hearing his men say he was the best first sergeant made him feel great.

“When you work hard and you hear one of the people who you are responsible for say that you’re the best, you are the best.

Try your best,” Allen said.

Jackson said he was in the first cycle of Soldiers to integrate at Fort Jackson, S.C. He recalled going into the Army on Oct. 4, 1950.

“For me, I moved up kind of fast,” he said. “I came out a staff sergeant and wasn’t in the service for (but) 23 months. You never know who is watching you.”

Jackson said he would like to see military service be mandatory for all Americans – it will “make you or break you,” he said.

Briscoe, who was a corporal during the war, remembered when he volunteered to be in the company after hearing that

Ranger sign-ups were taking place a few blocks away at battalion headquarters.

“I jumped up off the bunk and went up there,” he said. In a few days, he was on his way to Fort Benning, Ga., for Ranger training. Before long, he was in Korea.

The 2nd Rangers were officially inactivated Aug. 1, 1951.

The men displayed exemplary courage and leadership; their service and sacrifice to the nation is impressive, Chandler said.

“It reminded me that our Army has changed in many ways over the past 64 years, but some things have not changed; NCOs know that readiness is always our top priority,” he said.

## 94th ID: Vets remember heroics of regular Soldiers

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had been cancelled. The two ended up as infantrymen in the 94th ID.

“I had no opportunity to do anything else,” Milich said. “They needed bodies. The 94th had a large percentage of ASTP people.”

Moranz said he had “made himself available” to the draft board. He wanted to go to war. He took some classes in the summer between his junior and senior year of high school, so that he’d be eligible to go. The Army inducted him in August. He was overseas by January.

“They awarded me a high school diploma,” he said. “I could have stayed in school, but I thought the war was going to end. And I didn’t want to miss it. I wanted to go into the Army. So I made myself eligible to be drafted.

“I was the son of a German,” Moranz continued. “My mother left Germany a year before I was born. My father married her and brought her to America. And I wanted to – when I became 18 – I did not want to miss the war. I wanted to be in the Army.”

Milich offered a different explanation, perhaps, for why it was Moranz would go out of his way to leave high school before his senior year and go off to join the fight in Europe.

“It was a different generation,” Milich said. “A different case. Everybody was patriotic. We all wanted to go fight for the country.”

Both Milich and Moranz saw heavy combat in Europe. Milich fought in the Battle of the Bulge, Moranz fought elsewhere.

“We were surrounded,” Moranz said of one battle. “We were going to assault them. Somebody asked me if I was scared. Not particularly. I didn’t have a concept of being killed. I didn’t think I’d be shot.”

Milich said in one conflict, after his unit had crossed the Saar River, he was up on top of a hill. “I knew I had to get off the hill. But I wasn’t fast enough. I got hit by mortars. I laid there until noon, I guess.”

Later, he said, he saw two American Soldiers taking six German prisoners to a jeep.

“I yelled to them. They came and they picked us up. I ended up in a field hospital,” Milich said. After that, he said, he found himself in a hospital in England. And later, he was able to fly back to the United States – his first time ever on an airplane.

Milich said when he looks back on his time in combat he remembers the heroics of regular Soldiers risking their lives to save others who had been injured. “I saw guys, under fire, getting the wounded and getting them back. I saw my friends do that.

“When I was wounded, that was six days before my 19th birthday. I was a kid,” Milich said. “Maybe that’s why I don’t like to talk about it. But when I was discharged, I went to college. I was a sophomore when I got married. I had a kid my senior year. I had no money. I graduated. I had a job. So, I was busy living, raising kids.”

Milich spent the remainder of his adult years as a mechanical engineer – after completing the courses the Army might have initially offered him as part of its ASTP. He built jet engines and now has four children. One of his

grandsons is a Soldier and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Moranz, with five daughters, said he “didn’t admit to being in the war for a long time.” Just recently, last year, he started coming to the reunions of the 94th ID.

The 94th Infantry Division fought in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and elsewhere in Central Europe. The unit was activated Sept. 15, 1942; entered Europe Aug. 6, 1944; left Europe Feb. 6, 1946; and was deactivated Feb. 9, 1946.

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# Alabama Road Trip: Childersburg, Sylacauga feature Family fun

By Alabama Department of Travel  
Press Release

Sylacauga and Childersburg are located only 10 miles apart along a stretch of highway that is both U.S. Hwy. 280 and U.S. Hwy. 231.

Sylacauga is best known for being located on top of a bed of pure white marble and as the spot where a meteorite struck a woman resting inside a home in nearby Oak Grove. Childersburg proclaims to be the “Oldest Continually Occupied City in America” with history dating back to the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto.

People can take their Family to explore a cave that’s 12 stories deep. Along the way, you can see how ice cream is made and the location where “stars fell on Alabama.” This road trip takes you along U.S. Hwy. 280 between Sylacauga and Harpersville and includes a stop at a vineyard.

### Childersburg — Covered Bridge and Cavern Fun

Childersburg is believed to be the location of a Coosa Nation village visited by the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto in the fall of 1540. Childersburg calls itself “The Oldest Settlement in America.” Named for the explorer, DeSoto Caverns Family Fun Park (5181 DeSoto Caverns Parkkway, (256) 378-7252, [www.desotocavernspark.com](http://www.desotocavernspark.com)) is a magnificent 12-story cave. Guided tours of the cave include a light, sound and water show on every tour. The more than 25 attractions outside the caverns include a maze and wacky water golf. The park also includes a butterfly house. In warm weather, you can watch the butterflies as they scurry from place to place.

Also on the outskirts of Childersburg are the histor-

ic 1864 Kymulga Grist Mill and the adjacent Covered Bridge built in 1860 (7346 Kymulga Grist Mill Road, (256) 378-7436). Visit the mill site, walk across the covered bridge that spans Talladega Creek and then explore the nature trails. The Kymulga Grist Mill grounds are the home of the annual Coosa Fest held in late September.

### Vineyard, ice cream

Drive on U.S. Hwy. 280 across the Coosa River and as you head north toward Harpersville (less than 10 miles), you will reach Morgan Creek Vineyards (181 Morgan Creek Lane, Harpersville, (205) 672-2053 [www.morgancreekwinery.com](http://www.morgancreekwinery.com)). This Family-owned vineyard and winery offers free guided tours.

Start your trip in Sylacauga with a fun walking tour of the Blue Bell Ice Cream factory (423 N. Norton Ave.; (256) 249-6100). Blue Bell is located a block from city hall and offers tours Mondays through Fridays, with the first tour at 9 a.m. and the last starting at 1 p.m. You should call ahead to schedule your place on the 45-minute tour.

Since you are in Sylacauga, which sits atop a bed of mostly white marble, take time to visit the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum and Arts Center (711 North Broadway, (256) 391-1352, [www.comermuseum.weebly.com](http://www.comermuseum.weebly.com)). This museum, containing works of art by the Italian sculptor and quarry investor Giuseppe Moretti, is a great place to learn about Sylacauga’s marble history. It also has a “Nabors Room,” which celebrates native son Jim Nabors, who gained national fame as both an actor and a singer. Be sure to tour the upstairs gallery inside the museum, where you will see a copy of the Hodges

Meteorite and newspaper clippings that tell the story of the 8 1/2-pound rock that fell from the sky and struck Ann Elizabeth Hodges as she napped in a farmhouse in Oak Grove just outside of Sylacauga.

You can also view Sylacauga marble sculptures at the B.B. Comer Memorial Library (314 N. Broadway; 256-249-0961, [www.bbcomerlibrary.net](http://www.bbcomerlibrary.net)) where the sculptures from visiting Italian artists are on permanent display. They can be found in the lobby around the stairwell. Another must-see are the 17 paintings that ran as advertising for Avondale Mills in The Saturday Evening Post. These paintings by Douglass Crockwell reflect the American way of life in 1948 and are in a similar style to that of Norman Rockwell.

### Where “Stars Fell on Alabama”

From Sylacauga, travel north on U.S. Hwy. 280 to the adjacent community of Oak Grove, the site of a rare occurrence. An 8.5-pound meteorite crashed into the home of the Guy family on November 30, 1954, striking Elizabeth Ann Hodges. A farmer found another meteorite nearby. These two Oak Grove rocks from the sky are the only known meteors from that day.

To find the location of this unusual event and see the “Stars Fell on Alabama” historical marker (<http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=44229>) commemorating the occurrence, travel U.S. 280 N. from Sylacauga. When you see the Nissan automobile dealership, exit to the right onto the Old Birmingham Highway. The historical marker will be on your right just before you reach Odens Mill Road.

(For more on this or other Alabama Road Trips, see <http://www.alabama.travel/road-trips-and-trails/>)

# WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## ANDALUSIA

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

## DALEVILLE

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6020 Franchise J. Ballard Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters on State Road 84 every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Breakfast is served 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

**JULY 17** — Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts Art After Hours beginning at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free to members and is \$5 for non-members. There will be live music, beverages and food. For more information, call 794-3871 or visit [www.wiregrassmuseum.org](http://www.wiregrassmuseum.org).

**JULY 26** — A watermelon sampling will be held at Landmark Park beginning at 10 a.m. Free with paid gate admission. For more information, visit [www.landmarkpark.com](http://www.landmarkpark.com).

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 12 holds their monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the VFW on Taylor Road. For more information, call 400-5356.

**ONGOING** — Ballroom dancing lessons

will be offered every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center. Lessons will teach the Fox Trot, East Coast Swing, Rumba and Waltz. The cost will be \$2 per person per night. For more information, call 791-9407.

**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](http://www.tristatecommunityorchestra.com) or call 585-4903.

**ONGOING** — The Wiregrass Youth Symphony Orchestra meets every Saturday morning at the Dothan Cultural Arts Center. They offer beginner lessons and welcome all string players high school age and below who already play. For more information, visit [www.tristatecommunityorchestra.com](http://www.tristatecommunityorchestra.com).

## 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 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 406-3077, 393-6499 or 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.

**ONGOING** — The New Brockton DAV Chapter 99 offers college scholarships of \$500 to applicants that are children of a U.S. military veteran who have fallen or were wounded, medically discharged wounded veterans and spouses of fallen Soldiers. Applicants may already be attending college or have been accepted at a certified college or university. Applications and additional information can be picked up at the New Brockton Police Department Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

## OSZARK

**NOW THROUGH AUGUST 16** — The Ann Rudd Art Center presents new art works titled “From One Extreme to the Other.” Guests are asked to join Tommy Moorehead at the opening reception of his show July 12 from 6-8 p.m.

**JULY 12** — The Friends of the Library is having a Book Sale at the Ozark Dale County Library from 9 a.m. until noon.

**ONGOING** — The Ann Rudd Art Center is offering free art lessons for children ages 5 and over. 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.

**ONGOING** — Every Monday through Friday aerobic classes are open to the public at the Autrey Recreation Center from 8-10 a.m. Please call 334-774-2042 for more information.

## 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.

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

## 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.

## WIREGRASS AREA

**ONGOING** — Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 3073 Wiregrass Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters at 1426 Taylor Road every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. There is a fish fry every Friday night from 5-7 p.m. then karaoke begins at 6 p.m. The post will be celebrating its 80th anniversary on August 1. The event is open to members and guests only. For more information on any event, call 334-793-7912.

# Beyond Briefs

### Summer Concert Series

Aaron Bessant Park at Pier Park in Panama City Beach, Fla., holds a concert series now – Aug. 14 from 7-9 p.m. Visitors are asked to bring coolers, lawn chairs and friends for an evening of music under the stars. For more information, visit [www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/things-to-do/events](http://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/things-to-do/events).

### 5K Cool Summer Race Series

The inaugural Panama City Beach Cool Summer Series is set on a 5K course that weaves through Pier Park now – Aug. 13 at 8 a.m.

The Cool Summer Series is a celebration of all things summer—fun in the sun, good friends, Family and a little

friendly competition. This 5K is a run/walk course open to everyone. Registration is \$25 cash or \$30 debit card day of the races.

For more information, call 850-890-4775

### Poker Run

Fleet Feet Sports Montgomery hosts a poker run every second Thursday in July. The poker runs start at 6 p.m. at the store. The event is free to participate.

Visitors can stay afterwards and fellowship with running and walking friends. For more information, call 356-5412 or visit [www.fleetfeetmontgomery.com/fun-runs/poker-run](http://www.fleetfeetmontgomery.com/fun-runs/poker-run).

### River Festival

Every second Saturday now through August visitors are invited to Riverfront Park in Montgomery for a Family-

friendly event from 5-9 p.m. The fun includes live entertainment, games for all ages, food vendors and adult libations. Admission is \$1 per person. For more information, call 625-2100 or visit [www.funinmontgomery.com](http://www.funinmontgomery.com).

### Art and Music Festival

Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson Park and the Friends of the Forts, Fort Toulouse Foundation in Montgomery host the Toulouse Fest July 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to spend a day in the park and enjoy the creative offerings of local artists and musicians. Visitors are asked to bring chairs, blankets and the whole Family. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child.

For more information, call 567-3002 or visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Toulouse-Fort-Jackson-Park/339146612767420](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Toulouse-Fort-Jackson-Park/339146612767420).



# 'Miracle' baby

## Terminally-ill Army spouse gives birth

By Elaine Sanchez

Brooke Army Medical Center

JOINTBASESANANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — When doctors told Yesenia Ruiz-Rojo she was terminally ill, the pregnant 21-year-old put all thoughts of herself aside.

Just save my baby, she asked.

Less than four months into her pregnancy, Ruiz-Rojo was facing aggressive liver cancer and given two to four months to live. But rather than give up, the Army wife and her team of providers at Brooke Army Medical Center decided they were going to beat the odds.

Four months later, Ruiz-Rojo gave birth to a healthy boy named Luke.

"I love spending time with my son — he's beautiful," she said over the phone from a hospice center in California. "I'm so thankful for him."

She shared a picture of her family on Easter. Her 5-year-old stepson close behind her and with her baby, in a mini suit and tie, cuddled on her lap. Luke, who turned five months old in June, has received the gift of his mom's care for longer than anyone expected.

Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Raul Palacios, BAMC's chief of interventional radiology, calls Ruiz-Rojo's case "a medical miracle."

"She told us all she wanted was for her baby to live," Palacios said. "She was willing to do whatever it took to make that happen."

Ruiz-Rojo arrived at BAMC in her 15th week of pregnancy. Previously healthy, she had become alarmed by a severe bout of abdominal pain and vomiting and went the emergency room at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, Texas. Tests revealed a tumor covering more than 65 percent of her liver. She was transferred to BAMC two days later.

When BAMC providers heard about the case, they knew the situation was dire. Based on current literature and case reports, a pregnant woman with this type of aggressive cancer hadn't lived very long, let alone long enough to deliver a healthy child.

"There was nothing out there we found in conventional medicine that would offer her any hope," Palacios said. "We weren't aware of anything in the past that had been tried successfully before."

Unwilling to give up, experts from more than a dozen specialties met to explore every possible



COURTESY PHOTO

Yesenia Ruiz-Rojo with her husband, stepson and "miracle" baby, Luke, this Easter at her family's home in California.

treatment option.

They couldn't remove the tumor because of its size and location, and traditional cancer treatments, such as chemotherapy, would cause harm or terminate the patient's pregnancy, explained Army Col. (Dr.) Stephen Harrison, BAMC's chief of hepatology and consultant to the surgeon general for gastrointestinal and liver diseases.

Palacios suggested they try a fairly new therapy called selective internal radiation therapy with Y-90, which places tiny radioactive particles in the patient's artery that feeds the liver tumor which then either shrinks or dies, he explained.

BAMC is the only Defense Department facility that uses this treatment, he noted, which is FDA approved to treat primary liver and colon cancer.

"After meticulous consideration, the entire team felt there would be minimal risk to the patient and her baby," Palacios said. "We held our breath, acknowledged Mrs. Ruiz-Rojo's desires, and made the best educated decision with what we knew at the time."

Interventional radiology completed her Y-90 treatment in six weeks, after which there was nothing left to do but monitor her health and pregnancy, Palacios said, noting some early encouraging signs that the tumor was responding. Ruiz-Rojo returned to the hospital at 32 weeks and delivered her baby on Jan. 9.

Her providers were thrilled at the outcome.

"The fact that at a moment's notice everyone dropped everything to come up with a plan speaks volumes about BAMC's dedica-

tion and commitment to care for our patients," Palacios said.

"If the team hadn't looked outside the box, we wouldn't have had the chance to give her a viable baby," added Army Col. (Dr.) Scott Kambiss, chief of OB/GYN. "Just the idea that someone would have that opportunity to bring forth life ... that was incredible for all of us. Every day is a day she didn't have before."

Shortly after, Ruiz-Rojo moved to California to spend time with her family and new baby while relatively symptom-free. She has lived there since mid-March creating happy memories her son can view in pictures and videos as he grows up.

"She didn't want cancer treatments that would impair the quality of time she has left with her baby," Palacios said.

Ruiz-Rojo's journey may end

soon, but because of a caring team of BAMC providers, her baby now has a shot at a long and happy life, Palacios said.

"I hope someone tells Luke someday how brave his mother was to allow doctors at BAMC to participate in her health," he said.

"The fact that she is able to be with her child and experience this time with him is amazing," Harrison added. "It's heartwarming for all of us."

Ruiz-Rojo's mother, Olivia, expressed her gratitude in Spanish while at her daughter's bedside in hospice.

"Luke is a beautiful baby — so active, so playful," she said over the phone. "All my daughter wanted was to have her baby and have some time with him. She was able to do that, thanks to the caring doctors at BAMC."

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4:00 p.m. Catholic Confessions Saturday  
5:00 p.m. Catholic Mass Saturday

**Wings Chapel, Building 6036**  
08:00 a.m. Latter-Day Saints Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Wings Contemporary Worship Protestant Service  
1:00 p.m. Eckankar Worship Service (4th Sunday)

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

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**Tuesday-**  
9:00 a.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center  
6:00 p.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center

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

**Thursday-**  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center  
6:30 p.m. Latter-Day Saints Bible Study, Wings Chapel  
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# SHUT DOWN

## Outcast defeats Plug Uglies, 11-0

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

While the rest of the world sat amazed at Germany’s triumphant 7-1 victory over Brazil in the World Cup, some of Fort Rucker’s finest were busy in a heated competition of their own.

The Fort Rucker Intramural Softball regular season came to a close Tuesday as teams battled it out in their final games before the playoffs.

The C Troop, 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment Outcasts beat the Fort Rucker Fire Department Plug Uglies in their final game of the regular season, 11-0.

Taking a page out of Germany’s book, the Outcasts managed to score six runs in the first inning alone, giving them a huge advantage to start.

CW4 James Thompson, coach for the Outcasts, was excited about the team’s win and said his team’s ability to put the ball where they want was a contributing factor to the shut out.

“I think we played really well,” he said. “This is a great group of guys and they’re really talented players. They put the ball where it needed to be. We got on them quick, we got six runs in the first inning, and that’s hard to come back from.”

Plug Uglies took to the plate first and started off on the right foot with two base hits, but the Outcasts’ defense proved up for the challenge and didn’t allow their opponents to advance past second base.

Two plays at second and a pop fly later, Plug Uglies was sent into the outfield and the Outcasts took to the plate to begin their onslaught.

The 1-14th was off to a good



Matt Rendel, player for the Outcasts takes a swing during his team's final Fort Rucker Intramural Softball regular season game against Plug Uglies Tuesday.

start with a base hit, followed by a shot to left field, and despite a play at second for their first out, they followed up with a two-run shot to start their scoring streak.

Outcasts’ ability to put the ball where they wanted made it difficult for their opponents to stay on top of their defense, which allowed the 1-14th to bring in run

after run.

They managed to keep their momentum going long enough to bring in six runs for the inning before a play at first ended their time at the plate.

Plug Uglies had their work cut out for them going into the second inning, and again started off on the right foot with two back-

to-back base hits to get runners on base, eventually managing to load the bases with two outs.

The board was set for the Fire Department’s team to bring in some runs, but a pop fly to left field sent them packing once again.

The Outcasts took to the plate with the same intensity they start-

ed with and continued to keep the ball on the ground to get runners on base before Matt Rendel hit a three-run homer over the center field fence to extend their lead.

Coupled with another RBI before their third out put Outcasts in the lead 10-0 at the end of the second.

Plug Uglies’ offense didn’t seem to fair much better going into the third as they racked up three outs quickly, but their defense tightened and were able to use some of their stopping power against their opponents, and both teams ended the inning scoreless.

Going into the fourth, despite Plug Uglies’ tightened defense, they needed to get on the scoreboard if they wanted to stay in the game, which they were unable to do before Outcasts again took to the plate.

The 1-14th managed to break the stagnation and bring in a single RBI to end the inning.

Plug Uglies needed to score at least two runs during their time at the plate at the top of the fifth in order to stay in the game, but were unable to get past their opponent’s defense and the game ended, 11-0.

Teams will now square off in the playoffs, starting Monday, and Thompson said he’s confident in his team’s ability to take the championship.

“I think our chances in the playoffs are really good,” he said. “Waiver Wire is the team to look out for, they’re just so fast and have talented, young guys who can run.

“I think we can beat them, though,” said the Outcasts coach. “Last time we played them, we only had nine players and they beat us by one run, so we’re looking for a little pay back.”

## Permethrin-treated uniforms protect against lethal diseases

By Capt. Brian Knott  
*U.S. Army Public Health Command*

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — In an age when diseases transmitted to people by insects or animals — called vector-borne diseases — are emerging worldwide, personal protective measures are essential.

The development of permethrin-impregnated clothing has been one recent advance in protecting persons at risk.

Soldiers live, train and operate in non-combat areas every day around the world. There is increased risk of getting bitten by insects that transmit potentially lethal diseases. Only a few are preventable by vaccines. Although there are certain drugs available for the prevention of malaria, drug resistance is currently on the increase and spreading throughout many parts of the world.

For this reason, personal protective measures against biting arthropods and arthropod-borne diseases constitute the first line of defense. A major advance in the protection of high-risk personnel — outdoor workers, travelers and Soldiers — has been the development of topical repellents in combination with residual insecticides that can be impregnated into clothing, tents and netting.

The Army combat uniform treated with permethrin protects Soldiers from insect and tick-borne diseases while in garrison, training and non-combat deployed environments. Here are some facts about insect and tick-borne disease.

Cases of tick-borne diseases are on the rise in North America:

- Lyme disease — 35,000 cases in 2010, up from 12,000 cases in 1995;
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever — 2,500 cases a year ; and
- Erlchiosis and anaplasmosis — 1,000 cases each per year.

Here are some facts about mosquito-borne diseases:

- since 1999, more than 30,000 people in the U.S. have reported illness from the West Nile virus — it has killed more than 1,200;



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- other types of mosquito-borne encephalitis occur in North America;
- Dengue “broken bone” fever is making a comeback after a 45-year absence; and
- Chikungunya is a new emerging disease in the Western hemisphere.

The key to preventing diseases transmitted by insects and other arthropods, such as malaria and West Nile virus by mosquitoes and Lyme disease by ticks, is the simultaneous use of all elements of the Department of Defense insect repellent system. Wearing permethrin-treated uniforms is a key component of this system. A single factory treatment with permethrin offers significant benefits to the ACU-permethrin wearer.

The ACU-permethrin eliminates the need for Soldiers to ever think about treating their uniforms. The factory treatment uses special binders to ensure that

enough permethrin is retained in the uniform’s fabric to protect against mosquito, tick, fly, chigger and midge bites for the lifetime of the uniform. Factory treatment guarantees that a safe and effective amount of permethrin is precisely applied to each ACU-permethrin. The guesswork as to who has and who does not have a permethrin-treated uniform is removed.

Factory treatment mitigates the potential risk of increased exposure by eliminating the need for Soldiers to apply concentrated liquid permethrin products. Factory treatment also eliminates environmental concerns associated with the use and disposal of field-applied permethrin products.

Soldiers who’ve deployed before may have treated their own uniforms using what many call the “Shake ‘n Bake” kits. Most people agree that getting a pre-treated uniform is much better. Factory-treated

uniforms are the best passive protection available. Passive protection means Soldiers don’t have to do a thing — just put on the uniform and the bugs will not bite.

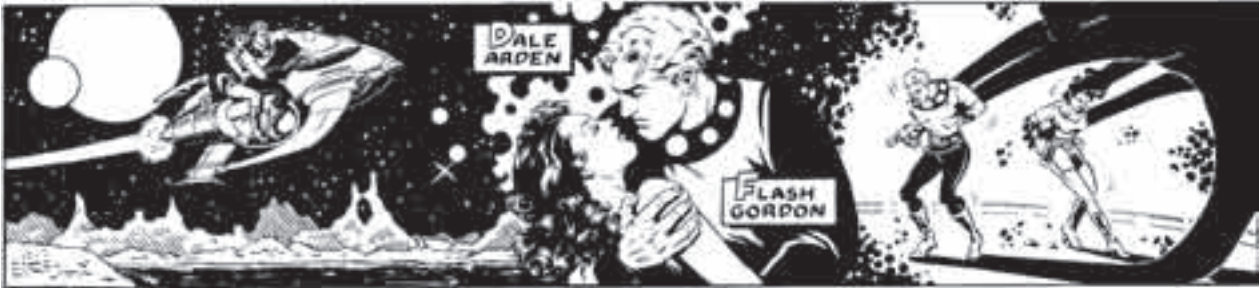
Soldiers should use all of the components of the DOD insect repellent system — treated uniforms, pants legs tucked into boots and the application of DEET lotion on exposed skin.

For more information on preventing insect-borne disease, call the DOD Pesticide Hotline at 410-436-3773, or visit these Web sources:

- U.S. Army Public Health Command,
- [http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/envirohealth/epm/Pages/PermethrinFactory-TreatedArmyCombatUniforms\(ACUPermethrin\).aspx](http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/envirohealth/epm/Pages/PermethrinFactory-TreatedArmyCombatUniforms(ACUPermethrin).aspx); and
- DOD insect repellent system fact sheet, [http://phc.amedd.army.mil/PH-ResourceLibrary/DoD\\_Insect\\_Repellent\\_System\\_FS\\_18-009-0714.pdf](http://phc.amedd.army.mil/PH-ResourceLibrary/DoD_Insect_Repellent_System_FS_18-009-0714.pdf).



# DOWN TIME



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

# T R I V I A

1. TELEVISION: What was the name of Fred's boss on "The Flintstones"?
2. U.S. STATES: What state lies directly north of Wyoming?
3. LITERATURE: Who was Sherlock Holmes' archenemy?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for July?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented by "monophobia"?
6. MUSIC: What music video of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers featured the characters of Alice and The Mad Hatter?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest suspension bridge in the United States?
8. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which 20th-century American journalist said, "Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile"?
9. MOVIES: Who won the best actor Oscar for the 1978 movie "Coming Home"?
10. SCIENCE: What is the symbol for the element phosphorus?

See Page D4 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

### BLUE LANGUAGE

#### ACROSS

- 1 Slapstick bit  
4 Co. that owns MapQuest  
7 Shuttle launch org.  
11 Oenophile's organizer  
19 Arab — war  
21 Pallid  
22 Have a milky shimmer  
23 Certain cabochon-cut gem  
25 Wave functions of electrons in atoms  
26 Pat of the Lone Ranger  
27 Car with a four-ring logo  
28 "Alice" spinoff  
29 "Each Dawn" (James Cagney film)  
30 Pentagon military group  
36 VCR tape successor  
38 Sauna locale  
39 PC bailout button  
40 — meal (dine)  
41 Cut a crop  
43 Muzzle  
47 Jimi Hendrix album

#### DOWN

- 52 "Closer to Fine" duo  
55 Suited to —  
56 "It's all — day's work"  
57 Poke lightly  
58 Yahtzee accessory  
61 In the future  
63 Lock partner  
64 Prefix that negates  
67 Glum  
70 Lawn utility  
71 "An Awfully Big Adventure" novelist  
76 "Gold Dust" singer  
79 General Job  
80 Pay cash for  
81 Volkswagen convertible  
84 "— you glad you asked?"  
86 Ritz maker  
90 "Chicago" role — Hart  
92 Meadowland director  
93 "Castaway" Nicolas  
96 Compact car of the 2000s  
99 Widespread Eurasian  
103 "Rubbish" (Aha!)

#### ACROSS

- 105 "That hurt!"  
106 Britain's Lord Sebastian —  
108 Wagering parlor, briefly  
110 Miracle —  
111 Long-running Cartoon Network series  
119 Georgia ex-senator Sam Des —  
120 Soul singer  
121 Bulling bull  
122 Vital artery  
125 Table in a history book  
128 Catholic Christmas Eve service  
131 Restated  
132 Pupil's place  
133 Auto racer's pull-over  
134 Basketball two-handers  
135 For fear that  
136 Operative  
137 Tee lead-in

#### DOWN

- 1 Central idea  
2 About  
3 Pa's pa  
4 — Fables  
5 Ending for pay  
6 Cheeky talk  
7 Biblical book after Micah

#### ACROSS

- 8 Comment in parentheses  
9 Sacred spot  
10 "Yes" vote  
11 "Who's Afraid of Virginia —"  
12 Start of an objection  
13 Put cuffs on  
14 Yale alum  
15 Eyeball parts  
16 Came — (steak dish)  
17 Cato's 254  
18 Novelist Ken  
20 Joker Johnson  
24 Bit of butter  
28 Points where lines meet  
31 Lhasa —  
32 Knelled  
33 "Bad boy!"  
34 Despise  
35 Merman or Mertz  
36 Imbibe  
37 Event locale  
42 Sty animal  
44 Suffix with planet or fact  
45 Mentalist Geller  
46 Mom's skill  
48 Sensation of taste  
49 Web —  
50 Patella locale  
51 Unit of 36"  
53 Basic unit of heredity  
54 Hebrew, e.g.  
59 Pen prisoner  
60 Inner city, informally  
62 Wonderment  
65 Surg. sites  
66 Big Apple daily: Abbr.  
68 Bro or sis  
69 University email ender  
71 Container for recyclables  
72 Fencing attack  
73 Sheep's cry  
74 Certain Wall St. trader  
75 Greek lamb sandwich  
76 Soft mineral  
77 Double-disc cookie  
78 500 sheets  
81 Overstate  
82 OPEC ship  
83 Altercation  
85 Lake catch  
87 "Zip it!"  
88 Co. top dog  
89 Lacto-vegetarian  
91 Yukata sash  
94 Formerly

#### ACROSS

- 95 System for linking computers  
97 "Oh — little faith!"  
98 Prefix with -plasm  
100 Complaining sorts  
101 Yeasm (for)  
102 Raws or Gehrig  
107 Intact  
109 Like an impleish kid  
111 Opposers  
112 Rather  
113 With 114-Down, not-yet-fulfilled necessities  
114 See 113-Down  
115 "— on our side"  
116 — & Young  
117 King, in Arles  
118 Dot- — (e-businesses)  
123 General — chicken  
124 Some vipers  
126 "— di-dah!"  
127 Skater Midori  
128 .001-inch unit  
129 Motorist's r.e. display  
130 Not square



See Page D4 for this week's answers.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

**TAKE AHT** Cover the target at right and select a letter. A score of 10 for five shots, for every letter in the numbered circles at least once, a markman's delight with the all-for-one shot. They are asked to take aim at the target and, after taking each of the numbered circles at least once, to score a total of 10. Use the time to take the shot.

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### Wishing Well

SCORE: 10 points for using all the letters in the word to spell out the message.

TRANSMIT

TRY TO SCORE AT LEAST 10 POINTS.

SEE PAGE D4 FOR THIS WEEK'S ANSWERS.

### Wishing Well

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTSOFF

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six hidden pictures in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How many can you find them? Check answers with Henry Boltsoff.

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# Army dentists battle against sugar

**By Col. (Dr.) Georgia Rodgers**  
*Consultant to the Surgeon General for Dental Public Health*

SAN ANTONIO — Sugar is being called the new tobacco. Its many forms have been linked to the increasing rates of diabetes, heart disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and other chronic diseases in the U.S.

Army dentists have been fighting on the front lines against sugar for decades. Despite their best efforts, tooth decay continues to be the main cause of dental disease and non-battle injuries among deployed Soldiers.

From 2000 to 2008, the oral health of Department of Defense recruits worsened. The 2008 Tri-Service Oral Health Survey revealed that Army recruits have higher numbers of untreated cavities compared to other DOD recruits. A study at the largest Army installation showed that about one third of Soldiers develop new treatment needs every year.

Army Soldiers have better access to education about oral hygiene and proper nutrition, fluoridated water, fluoride toothpaste and dental care than many Americans. But Army dentists report that these defenses can't compensate for Soldiers' frequent snacking habits and the popularity of soft drinks, sports drinks, energy drinks, sweetened coffee, sweet



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tea and coffee boutique drinks.

Army dentists are all too familiar with the rampant decay that results when a Soldier sips on sugary drinks throughout the day. Drinks that contain high amounts of sugar, caffeine and citrus fla-

vors often cause extensive tooth decay, likely due to the combination of high sugar content and organic acids.

Young Soldiers often don't pay attention to the sugar, calories or caffeine in their drinks. One large

iced coffee can have 11 teaspoons of sugar. But even if they check the label, looks can be deceiving. The amount of sugar, caffeine, and carbohydrates per serving listed on a single can of an energy drink may not seem that bad, but the can actually contains two servings so you must multiply by two.

The most popular energy drink purchased at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores, a 16-ounce drink, has 13 teaspoons, and the most popular soda, a 20-ounce drink, has more than 18 teaspoons of sugar.

Caffeine and sugar have both been shown to be addictive, and Soldiers are just as vulnerable to the caffeine rush and sugar high as other Americans. During deployment or intense training courses, Soldiers can come to depend on these drinks to stay awake and alert, or to relieve boredom. They return home with souvenirs that they would rather not have — a mouthful of new cavities.

Col. Johnette Shelley, director of health and wellness at U.S. Army Dental Command, recommends Soldiers practice the following countermeasures to protect themselves from decay.

- Replace sugared beverages with sugar-free alternatives, plain water, mineral water, or unsweetened coffee or tea.
- Fruit juice contains sugar and acid, so limit juice to 6 ounces of calcium-fortified juice per

day. Eat fresh fruit to meet daily fruit intake goals.

- Drink sugary or acidic drinks quickly, within 15 minutes, rather than sipping on them for an extended period of time.
  - Limit meal, beverage and snack intake to no more than five times per day. Combine sugary beverages or juice with a meal, ideally near the beginning of the meal.
  - Try to drink sugary, erosive drinks cold to minimize the acidic effects.
  - Use a straw that reaches to the back of the tongue to keep the drink away from your teeth.
  - Drink plain water immediately following the sugared drink to wash it off of the teeth and neutralize the acid from the drink. Chew sugar-free or xylitol gum to help neutralize acid.
  - Wait at least 20 minutes after drinking sugary beverages or 100-percent fruit juice before brushing teeth with fluoridated toothpaste.
  - Do not rinse your mouth after brushing. Just spit several times to remove the excess toothpaste. Also, don't eat or drink anything for at least 20-30 minutes after you brush so the fluoride will stay on your teeth as long as possible and protect them better.
- Remember: sip all day, get decay.

## Ranger named Special Operations Medic of the Year

**By Sgt. 1st Class Michael R. Noggie**  
*Army News Service*

FORT BENNING, Ga. — On Oct. 5, Rangers from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, were a month into their 18th battalion deployment to Afghanistan since 2001.

Their mission was to conduct a helicopter infiltration to capture or kill a known Taliban high profile attack coordinator.

Serving as the platoon medic for more than two years, Cpl. Bryan Anderson had conducted numerous operations with the men he called his brothers.

Upon reaching the location of the enemy compound, a suicide vest was initiated. Anderson, around 300 meters away from the objective due to the enemy retreating, heard an explosion and the call on the radio.

"Hey! We need doc!"

Anderson joined the Army in 2010 on a Ranger contract to serve as a medic. After going to college in Arizona to study emergency response operations, he felt it was the path he was chosen for.

Always wanting to be a firefighter, Anderson said of being a platoon medic, "I know I will never have a better job than the one I have right now, being a platoon medic with the other Rangers I serve with."

After joining the 1st Platoon, he deployed to Afghanistan for the first time in 2012. Having a few eventful missions with his platoon, Anderson knew what was expected of him.

"The whole time I've been in [the Ranger] regiment, I've taken my job very seriously," he said. "Sometimes you are the only medical provider on the ground, and when something bad does happen, all of a sudden you become the leader and everybody looks to you for what to do next. I wanted to be that calm voice in the middle of all the chaos on what the next step needed to be."

During his second deployment, not more than a month on ground, Anderson had to be that "calm voice" when the mission turned chaotic.

Anderson arrived at the first casualty and began his assessment by checking the treatments that had already been applied through the first responder care. The casualty had an effective tourniquet in place, his airway was intact, and he reported no difficulty breathing. He moved to the chest, finding a penetrating chest wound to the casualties left side. Applying an occlusive dressing, Anderson checked for effectiveness and continued his assessment.

No more than a few minutes into his assessment, a pressure plate improvised explosive device detonated a few meters from Anderson's position, which created another casualty. Upon completion of the first casualty's assessment, Anderson grabbed a fellow Ranger to stay with him and moved through an active IED field to treat the second casualty.

As he approached the second casualty, he noticed the multiple blast injuries on the entire left side of the body. He assessed a left leg amputation, left arm amputation at the elbow, abdominal evisceration and various other injuries. After treating the wounds, Anderson instructed another Ranger to assist in the treatment.

Though the casualty was unresponsive, Anderson made every attempt to help.

His last measure was to make a vertical incision in the throat and insert a definitive airway. It was then that the casualty took his last two breaths before showing no signs of life.

Just then, a third IED detonated 10 meters from Anderson's location, resulting in a third casualty. He moved to the location and immediately noticed bilateral leg amputations. Having run out of tourniquets, Anderson applied manual pressure to the femoral arteries.

Then, an Air Force para-rescue jumper arrived to assist with the application of the tourniquets. Shortly thereafter, the patient lost consciousness and went into respiratory distress. The para-rescue jumper began the vertical incision and Anderson assisted by preparing his equipment for the cricothyroidotomy. Then another IED was detonated five meters from their location, throwing Anderson and the para-rescue jumper from the casualty. After regaining consciousness, Anderson consulted with the para-rescue jumper to ensure he could finish the procedure and moved to the fourth casualty.

Anderson arrived at the fourth casualty, who had also sustained bilateral leg amputations. Again, he applied manual pressure to the femoral arteries with both knees while waiting for additional tourniquets. He reached for one off of the casualty's equipment and yelled to a fellow Ranger for another. After the tourniquets were applied, Anderson assessed the remaining injuries to the casualty and began prepping him for evacuation.

An aid and litter team arrived and, with his instruction, loaded the casualty onto the litter. Anderson then accounted for the two urgent casualties, relocated the para-rescue jumper to the first casualty and moved to his element to the landing zone.

When the aircraft had loaded the casualties, Anderson conducted a casualty handover with the flight surgeon onboard. He continued treating en route to the combat support hospital on the fourth casualty.

Anderson praised the other Rangers and others on ground for their quick responses to help treat others.

"We couldn't have done any of this without the platoon being so good at RFR (Ranger First Responder)," he said. "They were all doing an amazing job at treating on what they knew how to treat, before a medic made it



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS MICHAEL R. NOGGLE

**Cpl. Bryan Anderson, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, was named the 2014 U.S. Army Special Operations Command Medic of the Year during a June 25 ceremony at Fort Benning, Ga.**

over there."

In summary, Anderson ran throughout the objective area to four different patients without the area being cleared by explosive ordnance disposal technicians to treat his fellow Rangers.

"To be honest, not once until I was moving to Josh (Hargis) was I was thinking I should be careful moving around here," he said. "I think they do a fantastic job training us, but they never train us to hold back. So when you see your buddy hurt, and there is no enemy to fight, your immediate reaction is to run to your buddy."

According to his nomination for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Medic of the Year, "His utter disregard for his own safety in order to treat patients was astounding, and his efforts to deftly perform intricate and complicated medical procedures with minimal equipment was incredible. Specialist Anderson directly contributed to saving two Ranger's lives, including that of a double amputee, whom Specialist Anderson kept alive for almost two hours until the casualty evacuation helicopter could land, refusing to leave a fallen comrade despite his own life being in extreme danger."





# Army Marksmanship Unit supports accession efforts

By Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Piper  
U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – Music fans at the 2014 Country Jam had the opportunity to meet U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit members and get a glimpse into Army life June 19-22.

“People usually get their perspective (about the Army) from a local Army recruiter,” said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Ortega, accessions liaison. “The marksmanship unit had the opportunity to share what they do and their experience, with the public, which gave the audience and the American people a (different) perspective of what opportunities the Army provides.”

The event not only broadened the understanding of Army life for many of the nearly 100,000 people who attended the four-day event, it also exposed the USAMU Soldiers to outreach engagements beyond competitive shooting.

“Once you engaged them and were able to tell your story about not only your Army life, but being able to compete in the Olympics and represent your country, it just opened up tons of doors,” said Staff Sgt. Josh Richmond, USAMU Shotgun Team member and 2012 Olympian. “I would say 95 percent of the people there had no idea about our unit or that we have these special jobs inside the Army.”

He added that the people he talked with were from all walks of life, so it was interesting to see their expressions when they explained what the unit does.

“It made for some good conversation, and it allowed for the recruiters to have somewhat of an open door to be able to then engage them as well,” Richmond said.

Ortega believes that the diversity at the



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS RAYMOND PIPER

Sgt. Michael Howard, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Custom Firearm Shop, explains the different types of rifles and pistols used by the unit to attendees of the 2014 Country Jam at Grand Junction, Colo.

concert was extremely positive and allowed them to reach more people beyond the footprint of Grand Junction.

“The ability to market ourselves and the Army in a positive way at a national event was great for our unit and the Army as a whole” he said.

The USAMU worked alongside the Denver Recruiting Battalion, the Grand Junc-

tion Recruiting Center, and the Army’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Math vehicle, to create a dialogue with concert goers. The trailer puts people in a scenario where they can put their knowledge and problem-solving abilities to the test.

Ortega explained that the USAMU is a great tool because of people’s interest in marksmanship.

“We would really love to have some more demonstrations and clinics at local gun ranges or gun clubs and bring out [centers of influence] and VIPS from the local community,” Ortega said. “There is nothing more exhilarating after seeing one of our demonstrations and then being able to get behind the gun and shoot with one of our team members.”

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Youth Extreme Fitness

Fort Rucker Youth Sports will host its Youth Extreme Fitness program now through Aug. 14, Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Youth Sports Football Fields Complex, Bldg. 8923. Workouts include: low crawling, tire flipping, pulling rope, running, lawn mower pushing and sled pushing. This program is designed to be challenging and rewarding, but parents should keep in mind that this program is intended to push children beyond their normal comfort zones, both mentally and physically. The program is open to youth ages 8-18. There is no deadline to register, and people can sign up now at parent central services. To take part, youth must have a current sports physical and a valid Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Service membership.

For more information, call youth sports at 255-2257 or parent central services at 255-9638.

### PGA Sports Academy

Silver Wings Golf Course will host a juniors PGA Sports Academy July 22-25. Session I, for ages 5-9, is from 8-9:30 a.m.; and Session II, for ages 10-13, is 10-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$50 per junior. The academy is taught by PGA Professionals and is designed to provide chil-

dren with the foundation to enjoy golf, either socially or competitively, for life.

For more information, call 598-2449 or 598-1632.

### Youth sports signups

Registration for youth tackle football, cheerleading, tennis and fall soccer will continue through July 31. Children must meet age requirements by Sept. 1, 2013. A current sport physical and valid child, youth and school services registration are required for participation. Cost for each sport is \$65 for tackle football, \$40 for cheerleading, \$40 for fall soccer \$40.00 (Ages 4-5 is \$20) and \$40 for tennis. A multiple child rate will be determined at parent central services during registration.

For more information and to register, call 255-2257 or 255-2254.

### Zumba challenge

The Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center will host a two-hour Zumba challenge July 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$3.50, or patrons may use their Fitness Card. Door prizes will be given and refreshments will be provided. The challenge is open to all authorized patrons.

For more information, call 255-3794.

### Silver Wings Post Championship

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its post championship July 26 from 7-9 a.m. It will cost \$5 for entry, plus green and cart fees, if applicable. People must sign up by July 24 to play.

For more information, including who is eligible to play, call 598-2449.

### Batting cages open

The Fort Rucker batting cages are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Reservations must be made prior to using the batting cages by calling youth sports and fitness at 255-2257 or 255-2254.

### 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 exceptional-Family-member friendly.

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

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

GAG	ADL	NASA	WINERACK
ISRAELI	ASHY	OPALESCE	
STARS	SAPPHIRE	ORBITALS	
TONT	AUDIFLO	IDIE	
DEPARTMENT	OF THE NAVY		
OVD	SPA	ESCE	DATA
REAP	SHOUT	KISS	THE SKY
INDIG	GIRLS	ATEE	INA
NUDGE	DICE	CUP	LATER
KEY	HON	MOROSE	WEED
BERYL	BAIN	BRIDGE	
TORI	STUART	BUY	EOS
ARENT	NABISCO	ROXIE	
LEA	ROEG	CHEVY	COBALT
COMMONTEAL	HOOEY	IGET	
OUCH	COE	OTR	GW
AQUATEEN	HUNGER	FORCE	
NUNN	REE	TORO	AORTA
TIMELINE	MIDNIGHT	MASS	
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## TRIVIA

Answers

1. Mr. Slate
2. Montana
3. Professor James Moriarty
4. Ruby
5. Fear of being alone
6. “Don’t Come Around Here No More”
7. Verrazano-Narrows in New York (4,260 feet)
8. Franklin P. Jones
9. Jon Voight
10. P

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