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50 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

Fort Rucker, German Liaison celebrate anniversary

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

As two German Aviators received their wings during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, Fort Rucker paid tribute to a relationship 50 years in the making.

The German Liaison Officer Program celebrated its 50th anniversary at Fort Rucker Oct. 30, serving to foster the relationship between two nations and train Soldiers in not only flight training, but relationship building.

Col. Robert C. Doerer, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff, spoke during the ceremony and said the relationship between nations is crucial to remaining Army strong.

"As we all know, the United States enjoys vibrant partnerships with our partner countries where we advance multiple common interests around the world," said the

USAACE chief of staff. "Our ally, Germany, is today and will continue to be one of America's strongest partners, and our relationship with (them) is no longer simply bilateral, but is multilateral and multidimensional, reflecting the intersecting political, economic, social and cultural realities of the 21st century in which global security is truly dependent."

As part of that relationship building, the Army Foreign Liaison Officer Program was created many years ago, and fosters cooperation and mutual understanding between the U.S. Army and the armies of partner nations across the globe, said Doerer.

In 1956, the first German flight students were sent to Fort Rucker for flight training, which would be the precursor to the German Liaison Officer Program, which was created in 1964. Since then, nearly 2,500



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. Robert C. Doerer, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and chief of staff, speaks during the 50th Anniversary Ceremony of the German Liaison Officer Program at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Oct. 30.

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Fort Rucker thanks military families with DFMWR specials

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

It's widely known the sacrifices that Soldiers make every day across the globe, but oftentimes the sacrifices made by those who are left at home can seem unnoticed.

November is Month of the Military Family, and Fort Rucker and the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation are showing their appreciation by offering family specials and events throughout the month to honor the sacrifices that military family members make, according to Janice Erdlitz, DFMWR marketing director.

"This exciting month provides (DFMWR) an opportunity to say thank you and show our appreciation to military families," said Erdlitz. "Our Soldiers and families are always our top priority! And every November, the President proclaims November as Military Family Month, and it gives us another reason to plan and provide fun, engaging specials throughout the month to say thank you to our military families for all they do."

Throughout the month, there will be specials all over post that families can take advantage of.

Family specials

The Automotive Skills Center is offering free oil changes for military families on Wednesdays. People need to bring their own oil and filter, and make sure to call for an appointment.

The Coffee Zone, located in The Landing Zone, is offering a buy one specialty drink and get the second for half price special for all family members, said Erdlitz. For more information on the Coffee Zone special, call 598-8025.

Other specials families can enjoy are at MWR Central, formally known as Leisure Travel Services, which is offering multiple specials: \$10 off the purchase of two admissions to Discovery Cove (subject to availability of selected dates), and \$10 off two Seaworld/Busch Gardens combination tickets. Purchases must be made during the month of November, but they can be used at other times, added the marketing director.

If family members don't want to travel off post for their recreation deals, they can visit Lake Lodging at Lake Tholocco where they can receive a \$10 discount throughout the month on a weekend getaway.

For more information on discounts, call 255-2292.

Special Events

In addition to the discounts, Fort Rucker will host

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SAYING 'NO'



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Students and teachers of the Fort Rucker Elementary School march along Red Cloud Road Oct. 28 during the Red Ribbon Parade in recognition of Red Ribbon Week, a week-long drug prevention campaign recognized across the country.

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

Health fair highlights annual event

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Local retirees were treated to a one-stop shop for their medical and health information needs during Fort Rucker's 40th annual Retiree Health Fair in honor of Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 31.

This year's fair saw more than 580 attendees who had the opportunity to talk with medical professionals, have some evaluations done and even get their flu vaccinations, but more than that, it was a way for Fort Rucker to show its appreciation to retirees, said Chris Moore, retirement services officers for Fort Rucker.

"This was our opportunity to give back to the retiree population," said Moore. "It's something that we owe to the generations that have come and gone before us. We sometimes fail to realize the sacrifices that others have made, and a lot of times it pales in comparison to what some of our retirees have had to give up over the years."

"The health fair is a great event for retirees and their Family members because it gives them a chance to see everything Lyster offers in one room," added Jeffrey Atkins, licensed



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Retirees talk with agency representatives during Fort Rucker's 40th annual Retiree Health Fair in honor of Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 31.

practical nurse and health promotion tech for Lyster Army Health Clinic. "It also gave them the opportunity to meet outside providers we may refer them to for specialty care."

One attendee who took advantage of everything the fair had to offer was Daniel Harper, Army veteran, who said the fair made it easy to get the information he needed.

"When you reach a certain age, you

have to start taking care of yourself in a way that you're not used to. That means more doctor visits and seeing more specialists for whatever you might need," he said. "Having everything here at one time makes that so much easier than having to run all over the place to get the information you need. This really saves a lot of

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PERSPECTIVE

Thirdhand smoke: Tobacco a hazard for families

By BethAnn Cameron
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Command

Have you ever noticed the smell of cigarette smoke in an area where no one appears to be smoking, or the lingering smell of cigarettes in a hotel room previously occupied by smokers?

Cigarette smoke clings to hair, clothing, cushions, carpeting, furniture and toys after a cigarette is put out. It also clings to food and dust. This is referred to as thirdhand smoke – leftover residue with the strong scent of smoke that remains on the surfaces of objects long after secondhand smoke has cleared.

Thirdhand smoke is considered a hazard because it contains toxic gases and chemicals that you cannot see, e.g., nicotine, tar, butane, paint thinners, arsenic, lead and carbon monoxide. These chemicals pose a health risk because they combine with the air and other pollutants to make cancer-caus-



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY GRAHAM SNODGRASS
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ing substances. They are absorbed through the skin by touching contaminated surfaces, inhaling dust or by ingestion (eating or drinking).

Young children can get these chemicals on their hands, especially if they are crawling or playing on the floor. People are also

exposed through shared ventilation, air ducts and leaky walls in apartment buildings.

According to the Mayo Clinic, it can take two to three minutes for a smoker to stop exhaling the toxins of smoke after their last puff. Thirdhand smoke can remain on the smoker long enough to settle

in places considered smoke-free. Studies have shown that it takes two hours for the air quality to return to normal after a single cigarette was smoked in a bedroom.

In addition, thirdhand smoke can accumulate. One study showed that thirdhand smoke contamination remained on surfaces to include house dust even after a home was vacant for two months and cleaned.

To reduce the hazard, many parents smoke when their children are out of the house. People turn on fans to ventilate the room or open a window in a car to get rid of the smoke. These actions do not protect people from thirdhand smoke. The only way to protect non-smoking Family members completely is for all Family smokers to quit.

Protect your loved ones and promote a healthier air space.

If you smoke, the following are some tips to reduce thirdhand smoke contamination.

- Get help with quitting smok-

ing.

- Wash your hands, change clothes and brush your teeth after smoking, and before holding or feeding babies and young children.
- Keep your home and car tobacco-free. Detoxify your home and car.
- Open windows and doors to let in fresh air or use a high-quality indoor air purification system.
- Do a thorough cleaning. Wash clothing, bedcovers, drapes and furnishings including windows, doors, walls, ceilings, kitchen cabinets, light fixtures, blinds and shades.
- Steam clean carpets and upholstery with a cleaning agent, not just a deodorizer.
- Remove smoke-filled wallpaper.
- Replace all heating and air conditioning filters regularly.
- Use several coats of non-toxic sealant and paint on walls to prevent odors and nicotine from leeching through the paint.



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Volunteers of the Month

Left: Deborah Andrews, Fort Rucker Volunteer of the Month, receives the Commander's Certificate from Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander, Monday. Andrews is a volunteer in the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band Family Readiness Group, taking on the responsibility of family welcome sponsor and then assuming the role of FRG leader for the "Silver Wings" band.

Center left: Wendy Cox, Fort Rucker Volunteer of the Month, receives the Commander's Certificate from Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander, Monday. Cox took on the responsibility of the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band treasurer. She was cited for her expertise and the success of unit fundraisers.

Center right: Staff Sgt. Sherman Hill, Fort Rucker Volunteer of the Month, receives the Commander's Certificate from Lt. Col. John C. Tucker, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment commander, Monday. Sherman has devoted service to the youth programs at both Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services, as well as his local church.

Right: Hillary Loreman, Fort Rucker Volunteer of the Month, receives the Commander's Certificate from Lt. Col. John C. Tucker, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment commander, Monday. Loreman served as a Firebird FRG leader and president of the Catholic Women of the Chapel for Fort Rucker. She completed numerous fundraising activities.

Rotor Wash

“Veterans Day is Tuesday. Why is it important to honor the sacrifices made by those who came before us?”



**W01 Ryan Peeples,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.**

"Because if we don't then those sacrifices could be lost or obscured, and that would be an absolute tragedy."



**2nd Lt. Jacob Payton,
D Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.**

"It's important because it reminds us of the price that's been paid for our freedoms. It reminds us to go out and actually utilize our freedoms."



**Capt. Uriel Washington,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
13th Avn. Regt.**

"They paved the way for current veterans. Freedom is never free and they paid the price early."



**Amanda Brockway,
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CYBERSECURITY

End user vigilance key to keeping network safe, passing inspection

By David Agan
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Threats to Army information systems are constant, sophisticated and ever-changing, which is why officials say it's important that all computer users on Fort Rucker recognize their essential role in keeping the network safe.

Defense in depth is a layered approach to protecting a network from top to bottom and the end-user is an important part of the process, said Tom Barrett, director, Network Enterprise Center.

"Defense in depth is the concept of defending the entire network, from the end-user all the way up to our interface to the cloud. You want to have those layered defenses all the way down to the end-user, who is part and parcel to that entire plan," said Barrett. "If any one of those fail, the entire network is at risk."

There are steps that everyone using a computer or mobile device on Fort Rucker should take in the course of their daily duties to ensure that the network remains protected from cyber threats and malicious actors, said Shawn Foist, installation information assurance manager, NEC.

"The security of the network is



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a daily thing," said Foist. "These (daily) steps and procedures help to thwart exploits and keep them from happening," he said.

Users should always lock their computers and remove their common access card anytime they leave their desk, even if only for a minute, and never share their password or PIN with anyone. People should also never open email attachments that arrive from unknown or unverified senders, as they could contain viruses, malware or other malicious code.

Personal mobile devices, such as cellular phones, iPods, iPads or Blackberries, or any other unapproved USB device should

never be connected to government systems.

If end-users do not remain vigilant or become complacent when it comes to following these simple guidelines, it can leave the network vulnerable, according to Foist.

"When we get lax in those, that's when those types of occurrences can occur," he said.

One of the most prevalent threats to information systems comes from within an organization, and it's also one of the most difficult types of threats to prevent, said Foist.

"The biggest threat in information technology comes from within. Cyber security profes-

sionals estimate that 80 percent of exploitations are insider threats, so it could be the person sitting next to you that might have decided they can sell resources," he said.

Taking steps daily and staying vigilant can help prevent these kinds of threats from endangering Army networks.

"By removing your CAC card and taking it with you, locking your computer when you're gone, you're keeping insider threats away from the resources you're working on that they might be able to exploit and cause the government problems with," said Foist.

It's a process that can protect the network from top to bottom, according to Foist.

"It's the everyday things that you can do to help keep them from occurring. Checking your secret workspace, checking your unclassified and for official use only information and keeping it where it's supposed to go, ensuring media is destroyed properly when it's of no further use ... it's a process – an everyday process."

Not only are these efforts important in order to keep Army systems safe from hackers and insider threats, they also ensure

that the network remains in service. The upcoming Command Cyber Readiness Inspection to be conducted on the Fort Rucker network by the Defense Information Systems Agency will ensure the cyber readiness of the network infrastructure at Fort Rucker.

"[CCRI] is a periodic inspection set forth by United States Cyber Command that covers all Department of Defense components, active, Reserve and National Guard, so you can see it's a wide-reaching program," said Foist.

Fort Rucker's network has been through inspections before, but this is the first time the CCRI has been conducted on the infrastructure at the post.

"We go through other validation and inspection programs periodically. In fact, this is our fourth this year. This inspection has a specific focus on the configuration of the network and the equipment attached to it. That's its specific focus," said Foist.

"It's important for everybody here at Fort Rucker to understand that this is not a NEC inspection. This is inspecting all of Fort Rucker, and everybody needs to be engaged and cooperative," added Barrett.

Soldiers face reclassification or separation for losing MOS

By Lisa Ferdinando
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Soldiers who have had their security clearance revoked or denied face reclassification or separation from the force, according to Army Human Resources Command.

HRC issued a military personnel message, MILPER Message 14-306, in October to assist commanders in identifying enlisted Soldiers who are not qualified in their primary military occupation specialty, or MOS.

Two of the major deficiencies HRC has identified are security clearances and language proficiencies, according to James Bragg, chief of the HRC Retention and Reclassification Branch.

"Commanders can't utilize their Soldiers properly if they're not qualified in their MOS," he said. "If they need access to a certain facility based on security clearance and they can't get in there, they can't perform their duties."

HRC has identified several hundred Soldiers in the active Army whose records



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A number of military occupational specialties require security clearances or language proficiency. If those or other qualifications lapse, Soldiers risk reclassification and even separation.

indicate they do not have the clearance required in their MOS, Bragg said.

He said the commands have been notified and need to take action.

The first order of business, he said, is for commanders to correct any errors and report back if a Soldier does in fact have the proper clearance. If a clearance has lapsed, a Soldier will have to take the necessary steps to get current again.

However, if the clearance has been revoked or denied, commanders need to

recommend whether the Soldier should remain in the Army.

"In about 60 days from now, we're going to run those same Soldiers through our query," he said. "Those who have been fixed will continue to stay in that MOS, and the other ones they should be either processing for reclassification or separation."

The issue affects readiness, he said, noting that the Army must ensure it is retaining only the most qualified people.

In addition, HRC has identified Army linguists who have not maintained their language proficiencies, Bragg said.

"These are our cryptological linguists who are required to interpret a foreign language," he said.

Linguists have to take a proficiency test every year, he explained. They may be late in taking the test or have failed the exam. Either way, they need to be up to standard.

"We're in the middle of a drawdown and we can't afford to keep people in the Army who are not qualified in their MOS," he said. "We want to be a little more proac-

tive than reactive, which is why we published MILPER Message 14-306."

If a Soldier is recommended for reclassification, HRC will look into the other MOS options for the Soldier.

Bragg said HRC will place the Soldier in a shortage or balanced MOS, but will not reclassify a Soldier into a MOS that is over strength.

In the event a Soldier does not meet the qualifications for a shortage or balanced MOS, then that Soldier may be reclassified to Special Reporting Code "09U."

This identifies the Soldier as not being qualified in any Army MOS and will be separated from the Army in nine months.

In these times of tight budget and a shrinking force, the Army must look for ways to maintain readiness, Bragg said.

Separation from the force is a last resort, he said.

"Our first option is to reclassify Soldiers and continue to have them serve in the Army for a career," he said.

Soldiers and leaders with questions concerning MOS qualifications should contact their unit career counselor.

News Briefs

Veterans Day ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its Veterans Day ceremony Friday at 3:30 p.m. on Howze Field. All are invited to attend and honor the nation's veterans. Fort Rucker will recognize all veterans and pay special tribute to Tuskegee Airmen and Vietnam veterans. Various static display aircraft will be available for viewing prior to the start of the ceremony.

Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will be closed Monday and Tuesday for Veteran's Day.

PPPT instructor training

People looking for a way to positively impact Soldiers and gain experience as a leader should consider become a Pregnancy and Postpartum Physical Training Program instructor trainer. The position requires completion of the PPPT Exercise Leader Training that provides guidance on leading exercise sessions for pregnant and postpartum Soldiers in a PPPT consolidated installation program.

Attendees may include unit NCOs, health care personnel, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation personnel interested in PPPT program implementation. Requirements include: enthusiasm about helping others succeed; E-6 and above or junior officer; not being pregnant or postpartum; not on a permanent physical profile for no physical training; and stability of at least one year.

Course registration is available by calling the local PPPT NCO in charge at 255-7846, or the officer in charge at 255-7719. The next training is scheduled for Jan. 12-16 at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center.

For more information about the PPPT Program visit the Army Knowledge Online PPPT website at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/693153>.

Flu shots

Flu shots for patients are available in the

Lyster Army Health Clinic Preventive Medicine Department from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Children can receive their flu shots today until 6 p.m. in preventive medicine.

Operation Santa

The Fort Rucker Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will host Operation Santa this year. The program is aimed at providing assistance to Soldiers and families who may be facing financial difficulties during the holidays. The operation provides gifts to children, ages 2-15, to help lift spirits during the holiday season, according to club members.

All Fort Rucker Soldiers are eligible to take part. Leaders are asked to identify Soldiers within their formations who are facing financial hardship to the Fort Rucker SAMC by Nov. 19. For submission details, call 255-3868.

Operation Santa will take place Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 9400 on Dustoff Avenue. Each child will receive two stocking stuffers and one big ticket gift item. Parents will be able to pick out the gift items from a wide assortment of popular toys and gadgets. Free gift wrapping will also be available for each item. Santa will also be available for pictures. To coordinate an alternate pick up date, call 255-3868.

Opportunity Knocks

Lyster Army Health Clinic reports the following opening: Physician (Pediatrics), GP-0602-13/15, can be found at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/383929500>, closes Nov. 17.

For more on the Lyster openings, call 255-7189.

TRICARE Nurse Advice Line

Lyster Army Health Clinic uses the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line for all after-hours urgent care questions. Call

1-800-TRICARE (874-2273) to speak with a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CFC continues

The Heart of Alabama Combined Federal Campaign continues through Nov. 14. For more information, call 255-9261.

ID card section

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

Huey restoration

The U.S. Army Aviation Museum is planning to restore the only remaining prototype Huey. The aircraft was called the XH-40, tail No. 54459. Museum officials describe the aircraft as the grandfather of the UH-1 series helicopters, and added that it represents the leap from reciprocating engines to the turbine technology that changed the world of rotary wing Aviation and the Army. The helicopter is currently missing a number of parts, including all instrumentation and console equipment.

People who have these components and would like to donate them to the museum or know where like items may be found can contact Robert Mitchell, curator, at 255-1060 or Robert.d.mitchell3.civ@mail.mil; or Steve Maxham, director, at 255-1078 or robert.s.maxham.civ@mail.mil. Any other information in the form of photographs, tech manuals, etc. would be helpful, officials said.

Volunteers needed

Lyster Army Health Clinic is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from the parking lot in its golf cart.

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

Thrift shop

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

For more information, call 255-9595.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939, Rm. 38. AA is described by chapel officials as a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from the use of alcohol. The program is focused on spirituality and religion, having an impact on changing a person's life.

For more information, contact the religious support office at 255-2989.



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13 Soldiers, civilians retire at ceremony

By Jim Hughes

Command Information Officer

Fort Rucker honored nine Soldiers and four civilians for almost 400 combined years of service to the nation at the quarterly retirement ceremony Friday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Col. Shawn Prickett, 1st Aviation Brigade commander, served as guest speaker, and he thanked the retiree for their service and also their families for their sacrifices made along the way.

“Each of these honorees has had the opportunity to touch thousands of lives in such a positive way, leaving an indelible mark on our past,” he said. “This generation of Soldiers and civilians comes from the most deployed generation in our history, and they have made such lasting and significant contributions. Because of these patriots, we have continued to develop the Army as a profession, we certainly increased the capability of our Army and we developed the best leaders of our time.

“Ladies and gentlemen, while we honor your service and sacrifice, we must also recognize the sacrifices of your families,” Prickett added. “We, as a nation, owe them an enormous debt of gratitude and respect. Now, as you go on your way after this ceremony today, always remember that you and your families are forever a part of the Army family, part of a noble profession and you helped us build the most capable Army the world has ever known. Our nation will be better because you chose to serve during a time when you simply didn’t have to.”

Chaplain (Col.) Dennis R. Newton

Newton entered military service in 1972 as a chaplain assistant in the Army. In 1982, he was accepted to attend chaplaincy school. He served overseas in Germany, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Somalia. He served multiple combat tours in support of Operations Valiant Usher, Restore Home, and Desert Shield and Storm. He said the highlight of his career was working with the 101st Airborne Division during the Gander, Newfoundland, Canada, crash, and being the Division Artillery chaplain during Desert Shield and Storm. His 35 years of outstanding military service culminated as Fort Rucker garrison and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chaplain.

He and his wife, Kathleen, have one child and plan to reside in Ozark.

CW5 Ronald B. Kaita

Kaita entered military service in 1976 as a photographic interpreter in military intelligence. He served overseas in Hawaii, Germany, Kuwait and Iraq. He served multiple combat tours in support of Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Desert Fox, Desert Thunder and Iraqi Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was meeting and marrying his wife some 34 years ago, being home for the birth of their three children and serving alongside his son, Troy, during OIF. His 38 years of outstanding military service culminated as the S2/S3 security and operations office at the Warrant Officer Career College.

He and his wife, Lark Marie, plan to reside in Dothan.

CW5 James R. Rathburn

Rathburn entered military

service in 1976 as a power generation technician and became a warrant officer in 1984. He served overseas in Germany, Egypt, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Qatar and Bosnia. He served multiple combat tours in support of Operations Desert Storm and Shield, and Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was being command of the Joint Combat Support Detachment, Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he led America’s finest Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Department of Defense civilians in support of the global war on terror. His 38 years of outstanding military service culminated as the chief of Academic Instruction Division for the Warrant Officer Career College.

He and his wife, Nancy, have two children and four grandchildren. They plan to reside in Chancellor and help to spoil their grandchildren.

CW4 Norman R. Mayo

Mayo entered military service in 1994 as a warrant officer candidate. He served overseas in Korea, Alaska, Honduras and Belgium. He served multiple combat tours in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was being selected to serve at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in support of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe at Chivres, Belgium. His 20 years of outstanding military service culminated as instructor pilot and maintenance evaluator for F Company, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment.

He and his wife, Michelle, have two children. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

CW3 Gabriel A. Torney

Torney entered military service in 1998 when he was selected for warrant officer flight training at Fort Rucker. He served overseas in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He served combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Restoring Rights where he was wounded in action. He said the highlight of his career was being part of the lead elements of a force that liberated 25 million Iraqis and later part of what would become the model for success in counter-insurgency operations. His 16 years of outstanding military service culminated as project officer and subject matter expert for the Armed Aerial Scout, Training and Doctrine Command Capability Manager for Reconnaissance and Attack.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge O. Soriano

Soriano entered military service in 1983 as a flight operations specialist. He served overseas in Germany and Korea. He deployed on numerous special operations missions all over the world as a member of Task Force 160th in support of the National Command Authority, and multiple combat and operational deployment to areas such as Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and more. He said the highlight of his career was all the occasions when he was able to make a difference in some small way in a Soldier’s life. His 31 years of outstanding military service culminated as command sergeant major of the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group.

He and his wife, Dawn, have three children, and plan to reside Spragueville,



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Back – CW3 Gabriel A. Torney, Chaplain (Col.) Dennis R. Newton and Sgt. 1st Class Jason S. Estaphan. Front – CW5 James R. Rathburn, CW4 Norman R. Mayo and Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge O. Soriano.



Back – James D. Hughes, Jennifer Y. Hughes and John Lowry. Front – CW5 Ronald B. Kaita and Sharon A. Pierce-Perrault.



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Advanced Individual Training classmates together in 1990 and retirees together in 2014 – Sgt. 1st Class Joel M. Kosman and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy L. Ingram, both of the 1st Aviation Brigade’s 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band.

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Sgt. 1st Class Timothy L. Ingram

Ingram entered military service in 1989 as an Army Band clarinet player. He next went to Advanced Individual Training with the next retiree, Sgt. 1st Class Joel Kosman. The two went their separate ways in their Army careers for about 22 years before once again joining each other with the 98th Army Band about three years ago. Ingram served overseas in Korea and Hawaii. He served numerous combat tours in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was having the honor to served with numerous Army Band music performance teams while playing the national anthem and national march at welcome home ceremonies for countless military and DOD civilian personnel upon their return home from Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His 25 years of outstanding military service culminated as the administration NCO in charge for the 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, 1st Aviation Brigade. He also performed with the band at the retirement ceremony.

He plans to resume his former career as a licensed funeral director and clinical embalmer in central Pennsylvania.

Sgt. 1st Class Joel M. Kosman

Kosman entered military service in 1990 as a saxophone player. He served overseas in Germany, and deployed on a peacekeeping mission to Tula, Bosnia and Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. He also served a combat mission to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was earning the Bronze Star for service in Iraq, performing abroad, and training and mentoring the Army’s finest musicians. His 25 years of outstanding military service

have three children. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

Sgt. 1st Class Jason S. Estaphan

Estaphan entered military service in 1996 as a scout helicopter repairer. He has served overseas in the Balkans and Afghanistan. He served multiple combat tours in support of of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Joint Forge. He said the highlight of his career was the opportunity to train, mentor and influence the Army’s next generation of aircraft maintenance professionals. His 20 years of outstanding military service culminated as the Aviation Center Logistics Command NCO in charge for special projects conducting oversight of the maintenance contract for the Army’s fleet of TH-67 Creek training helicopters.

He has three children and one grandchild. He plans to reside in Enterprise.

James D. Hughes

Hughes entered active duty in the Army in 1969 as a computer programmer, retired in 1989 and became a civil servant that same year. He said the highlight of his career was working with a superb staff providing great support for the thousands of students that have attended resident training at Fort Rucker during the 25 years. His combined 45 years of outstanding service culminated as supervisor, training support services specialist, G3, USAACE.

He is married to the next retiree, Jennifer Hughes, and they plan to reside in Prattville.

Jennifer Y. Hughes

Hughes began working for the federal government

as a data transcriber with Lyster Army Hospital in 1979. She said the highlight of her career was working with a superb team working to support thousands of Soldiers that have attended resident training at Fort Rucker during the last 35 years. Her 35 years of outstanding service culminated as supervisor, Resident Training Management Division, G3, USAACE.

John Lowry

Lowry served in the Army from 1970-1991 and then entered civil service after five years as a government contractor. He said the highlight of his career was receiving the USAACE Civilian of the Year Award, and working with the Army’s finest and brightest military and civilian personnel during his combined careers. His combined 37 years of outstanding service culminated as the chief of the Mission Command and Interoperability Division. He and his wife, Judy, have three children and seven grandchildren. They plan to reside in New Brockton.

Sharon A. Pierce-Perrault

Pierce-Perrault served in the Army on active duty and in the Reserve from 1985 to 2013. She said the highlight of her career was working as a squadron training management operations NCO in charge in Germany. Her 21 years of outstanding service culminated as training technician with the 1-145th Avn. Regt., 1st Avn. Bde.

She has three children and four grandchildren. She plans to reside in Ozark, complete a master’s degree at Troy University and volunteer with Lively Stone Ministries.

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Anniversary: Celebration honors past, future

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German students have participated in 14 different courses on the installation. “For our nations, these 50 years of working together bring a common bond of commitments to one another,” said the USAACE chief of staff. “For our military, the German Liaison Officer Program in the last 50 years has helped to shape a common basis for military operations, standardization, training and safety, forging the experiences that we’ve had and will have in the future. Our strong relationship has also strengthened the trust between our nations and militaries in times of conflict.” A true benefit and bonus of the liaison

program goes beyond the impacts that the two nations and militaries have, said Doerer, and extends to creating strong bonds between German liaison families and the local communities here in the Wiregrass. That bond and relationship is ever-present and visible through the graduation of German soldiers from the various training programs throughout Fort Rucker, said Col. Joachim W. Bohn, German Armed Forces Command for United States and Canada commander. “Today (Oct. 30), two German flight students graduated and received their American Aviator wings, and yesterday (Oct. 29), two German officers graduated from the Captains Career Course,” he said. “This is

a visible sign of our good military relationship and cooperation in the area of training and knowledge. “For every student ... who is trained here, it is a real privilege to come over here and adventure into the unknown,” he continued. “It is a big step for a young soldier to leave their friends and family in Germany to live and learn for several months more than 4,000 miles away from their home.” When first arriving to the Fort Rucker area, Bohn said the first thing that became apparent to him was the hospitality of the Wiregrass people that he had heard so much about, and that’s when it was clear to him that his soldiers were in good hands. “The hospitality of the people at Fort

Rucker, the surrounding communities and the whole Wiregrass area is as huge as your great country,” he said. “I am more than pleased and thankful to see all of our personnel so well integrated into the social life here and being taken care of outstandingly.” Although the celebration was meant to commemorate the last 50 years, Doerer said it’s the future he’s looking toward. “I’m grateful to have been able to be part of this, having spent 10 years of my life in Germany,” he said. “Your German liaison team is the perfect representatives of the past 50 years of German liaison teams, and it’s also the perfect representative of the next 50 years.”

Families: Events, offers designed to thank post ‘rock stars’

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special events to show military family members how important they are to being Army strong. “Camping Under the Stars,” quickly becoming a post tradition, will return Nov. 14 as a tribute to military families, said Erdlitz. All military and family members are invited to attend the free, outdoor event beginning at 5 p.m. near the West Beach Gazebo at Lake Tholocco. During the event there will be family-friendly movies shown on an outdoor movie screen, a storybook reading for the children and games for all to play. Families are welcome to camp overnight, and those who plan to can bring their own tents, blankets and chairs. Outdoor recreation is offering free use of their three-person and six-person tents, but tents are limited, so people should call to reserve their tent early. For more information or to reserve at tent, call 255-2997. Fort those who prefer their activities indoors, Rucker

Lanes offers free bowling for children 13 and younger throughout the month, said Erdlitz. “Bring your family to Rucker Lanes ... and kids will receive three free games and shoe rental with the purchase of three adult games and a shoe rental,” said the marketing director. For more information call 255-9503. The Silver Wings Golf Course is also getting in on the action with its Silver Wings Family Days, which will run every Sunday through November from 2 p.m. to closing time. This event offers free nine holes of golf Sunday, with cart fees and green fees included, and on Nov. 16, 23 and 30, the cost for nine holes is \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors with cart and green fees included. For more information, call 598-2449. The Landing isn’t forgetting families, either, as it will once again offer up its annual Thanksgiving Feast. This buffet-style feast will feature all of the Thanksgiving favorites for families to enjoy, and a special military family

rate of \$39.50 for two adults and two children, ages 12 and younger. Regular pricing is \$16.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6-12, and \$3.95 for children ages 3-5. For more information, call 598-2426. This month is more than just about offering specials and holding events, said Erdlitz. It’s also about showing appreciation for the sacrifices that all members of the military family make. “We recognize the commitment and the many contributions that our military families make in their daily lives,” said the marketing director. “We are excited to recognize their contributions by offering the many specials and events going on throughout the month, and I hope everyone takes a moment this month to say ‘thank you’ to a military family. “Our families here at Fort Rucker are rock stars, in my book,” she continued. “They stepped up to serve our country and many have sacrificed more than we can even imagine. When we say patriotism, courage and resilience, we are talking about military families.”

Appreciation: Ceremony honors, educates retirees

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time and headache.” There were organizations and agencies from all over the Wiregrass that were able to help educate attendees on the various forms of treatments, therapies and medical needs, such as physical therapy, primary care, behavioral health, preventative medicine, nutrition care, dental care and more. There was even an opportunity for people to get their flu vaccinations and check their

body mass index, which were provided by Lyster. Lyster had its own tables set up at the fair to help the local retirees find out what is available to them on post, said Atkins. Janice Dickens, military family member, said she’s lived in the area for years and attends the fair as often as she can because she knows she’ll come out having learned something new. “One thing that you can count on is change and change happens with every-

thing,” she said. “That’s why I come out, so that I can find out if anything is different or if there is anything new I should know about. “It’s really great that the community I live in has something like this for people my age because at this point it really is about staying informed. If you don’t know what is available to you, then how would you know what you need? I’m really glad that (Fort Rucker) sees the need and does something for us.”

Families come from all around the South to attend the fair, including Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee, and the fair sees retirees from all military branches. After the ceremony, retirees had the chance to attend a retiree social at The Landing to talk to fellow retirees before sitting down for the Retiree Appreciation Dinner, during which Russell B. Hall, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence deputy to the commanding general, was the guest speaker.

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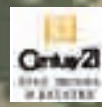


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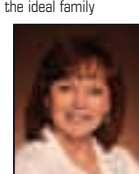
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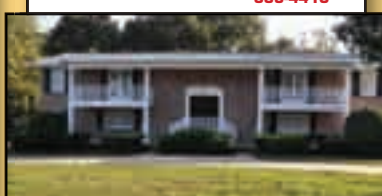
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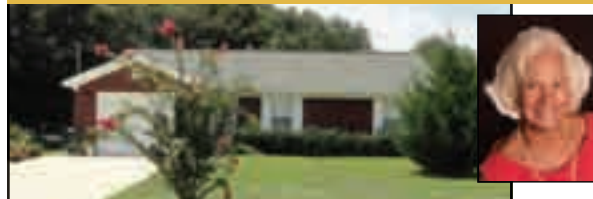
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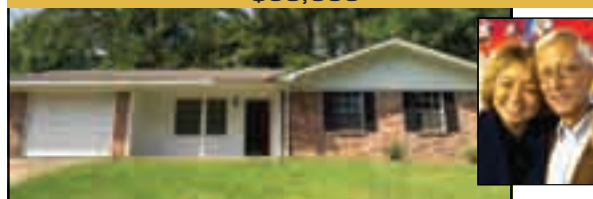
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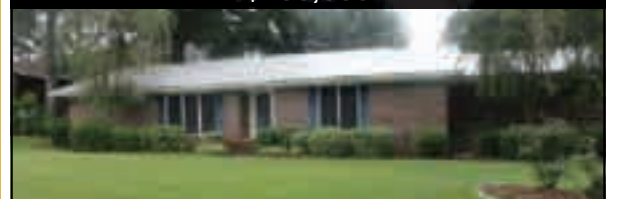
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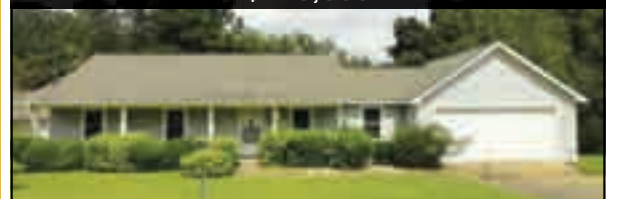
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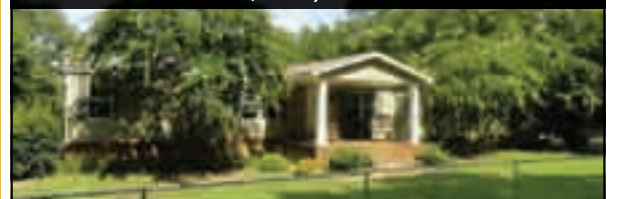
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SHIRAOI PORT, Japan — Moving nearly 21 billion pounds of military equipment more than 11,000 nautical miles is a daunting task, but Orient Shield 14 transportation mobility warrant officers make it look seamless.

The equipment will be used by Soldiers from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment from Wheeler Field, Hawaii, participating in Orient Shield 14 in Japan.

Orient Shield is an annual bi-lateral field training exercise conducted with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force members from the

11th Infantry Regiment, 7th Armored Division, Northern Army.

Before the exercise can begin, each equipment item has to be properly labeled, accounted for and manifested before being loaded onto a vessel. On the receiving end, each item is processed through a specific tracking system as it is off loaded and the process of moving each item takes over.

“There is a huge number of moving parts, but when done correctly, it looks like a smooth operation,” said CW2 Sharina Clark, a mobility warrant officer for the 3-25th Avn. Rgt. “All of these little pieces can become big problems, if not done properly.”

The pieces Clark casually refers to are the multitude of steps

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PHOTO BY SGT. JEREMY BRATT

Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Field, Hawaii, reposition rotor blades of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter after it was offloaded at Shiraoi Port, Japan, Oct. 23.



PHOTO BY AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. GUSTAVO GONZALEZ

Soldiers and Airmen move an Army UH-60 Black Hawk from an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III during Operation United Assistance in Monrovia, Liberia, Oct. 30.

JUNGLE AVIATORS

Aircrews provide air assault support to 2nd Stryker BCT

By Capt. Richard Barker
25th Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii — Aircrews assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade provided UH-60M Black Hawk air assault support to Soldiers of 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, during the 15-01 Jungle Operations Training Course in the JOTC training area, Oct. 24.

An air assault is the action of using rotary wing aircraft to transport Soldiers into an operational area. The air assault allowed the JOTC class to experience the complexities of movement through a jungle environment during their multiple-day, live-fire training exercise.

“Adding the air assault capability to training adds realism needed for the units to understand all the elements that come together in the jungle envi-



PHOTO BY CAPT. RICHARD BARKER

Soldiers with 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, provide security for a UH-60M Black Hawk operated by an aircrew assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, in a jungle training area, for an air assault mission during the 15-01 Jungle Operations Training Course Oct. 24.

ronment,” said Staff Sgt. Oscar Salmeron, a JOTC jungle instructor.

Training at JOTC includes learning to properly waterproof equipment, utilize field-expedient communication methods, perform jungle-specific

medical treatment and conduct jungle patrolling tactics.

“The thing to understand about the jungle is the mobility aspect,” said

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‘Guardians’ hook it up in Kuwait



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BERNHARD LASHLEYLEIDNER

Soldiers with HHC, 101st BSB brace themselves as sand and rocks are kicked up from the rotor wash of a UH-60 Black Hawk as it moves into position to establish the sling load Oct. 9 at Udari Airfield, Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

By Staff Sgt. Bernhard Lashleyleidner
1st Armored Brigade Combat Team,
1st Infantry Division

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — More than 35 Soldiers with the 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division teamed with the 2nd Battalion, 147th General Support Aviation Battalion, 34th Combat Aviation Brigade to conduct sling-load training Oct. 9 at Udari Airfield.

The training familiarized Soldiers with the ground crew fundamentals of hand and arm signals, proper rigging,

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Battalion concludes CH-47F verification process

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

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. — The “Workhorse” Soldiers of B Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade concluded their hands-on verification process of the CH-47F Chinook helicopter maintenance manuals.

The product manager for the CH-47F Chinook helicopter, Lt. Col. Reese Hauenstein, was on hand Oct. 15 to reward the Soldiers of Company B, 603rd ASB with some challenge coins for a job well-done.

“What we’re doing is taking this aircraft, which is the first configuration to come off the production line, and reviewing the maintenance manuals through the hands-on verification process,” Hauenstein said. “That way, the next 155 aircraft to come off the line will incorporate these modifications.”

Hauenstein went on to say the manuals will literally be gone through step-by-step, front-to-back to ensure the maintenance process is outlined correctly.

The CH-47 Chinook, the Army’s only heavy-lift helicopter, is a critical asset for transporting troops, supplies, and providing various combat support and combat service support operations.

Staff Sgt. Wade Cross, B Co., 603rd ASB, is a technical inspector for the CH-47F Chinook helicopter. He was involved in the verification process from start to finish.

“This is a brand new aircraft with new sub-components attached to it,” Cross said. “It’s important to work with the aircraft manufacturer, the engineers and the people that make our log books, step-by-step to make sure all the images and artwork looks like the real thing, and the process works smoothly.”

Cross said the process was very thorough, with multiple people looking at each task. It is extremely important they do this right the first time.

“After this process leaves us here, it goes out Army-wide, so we’re setting the standard that everyone will follow,” Cross continued. “It’s an incredible honor to be chosen to perform this critical process and our Soldiers are all very excited to be a part of it.”

Sgt. Dylan Davis, B Co., 603rd ASB, has over two years working as an avionics mechanic. Davis also took part in the verification process, and said he learned a lot throughout the experience.

“I have a new Soldier who is fresh out of advanced individual training and this experience has helped me to teach them about the aircraft,” Davis said. “We’ve been able to learn the aircraft through the manuals very extensively.”

Hauenstein said he was very pleased with the way the process went.

“You guys did an outstanding job,” said Hauenstein. “We couldn’t have asked for a better group of Soldiers to come out and do this with.”



PHOTO BY SGT. WILLIAM BEGLEY

Lt. Col. Reese Hauenstein, product manager for the CH-47F Chinook helicopter, gives a coin to a Soldier from B Co., 603rd ASB, 3rd CAB as unit Soldiers concluded their hands-on verification process of the CH-47F Chinook helicopter maintenance manuals on Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, Oct. 15.

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Camping Under the Stars

Event offers camping, stories, movies, s'more

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers and their families are invited to enjoy the cozy comfort of a crackling campfire during Fort Rucker's fourth annual Camping Under the Stars beginning at 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at Lake Tholocco's West Beach.

According to Brian Jackson, Fort Rucker program manager, the event will feature two movies on the big screen outdoors beginning at 7 p.m.

"The movies selected are 'Frozen' and 'The Lego Movie,'" Jackson said. "There will be a story read by a Fort Rucker

command staff member for the youth, as well as s'mores and hot chocolate for patrons."

The event opens to the public at 5 p.m., he added. Patrons are welcome to arrive earlier to set up their camping equipment for the night.

"Camping is optional," Jackson said. "Patrons are welcome to attend the event from 5-10 p.m. at West Beach. Families are encouraged to bring blankets and warm-weather clothes. If patrons plan to camp out, please bring tents and other items as needed to make your night comfortable."

Outdoor recreation also offers three-



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAD

Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander, reads the book "Click, Clack, Moo-Cows That Type" to children on West Beach at Lake Tholocco during a previous Camping Under the Stars.

person and six-person tents for free use during the overnight camp out. Tents are limited, so families are urged to call early and reserve to ensure availability. Anyone interested in reserving a tent for the event should contact MWR Central at 255-2997.

The event will be similar to previous years, maintaining a focus on providing a night of relaxation and fun for Fort Rucker families.

"Camping Under the Stars has proven to be a great night of relaxation and fun," Jackson said. "Both the youth and adults have enjoyed our movie showings in the past, and this year won't disappoint. Patrons have also enjoyed this program as an opportunity to camp out with their families, whether it be their first time or not. Since we don't get too much cold weather down here in the South, this provides an atmosphere to enjoy that camp out evening folks are used to in other locations of the country."

According to Jackson, a clean camp site and cozy atmosphere have helped make the event a success each year.

"Outdoor recreation really cleans up the camp site well at Lake Tholocco's

West Beach," he said. "The staff makes the fire pit relatable to the event itself. Patrons have expressed that they like the atmosphere, the movies and how it genuinely feels like a camp out event."

The event is free and open to all military I.D. holders.

"The community, especially our military families, deserves events like this," Jackson added. "It not only satisfies a need, but it provides a different event that is right here on base. On our surveys in most recent years, patrons have expressed having a camp out related event. As we have planned and executed this particular program, the comments have been nothing but positive."

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Pic. Tre Adams, C Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, and Spc. Jonathan Baylor, 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group, take a selfie with Bubba Roo the kangaroo during a previous Camping Under the Stars on West Beach at Lake Tholocco. This year's event is Nov. 14 beginning at 5 p.m. at Lake Tholocco's West Beach.

'HOW ARE YOU ARMY STRONG?'

Photo contest asks families to show source of their strength

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

November is Month of the Military Family, and Fort Rucker's Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation is asking the installation's family members to show how they remain Army strong.

DFMWR is hosting its first Military Photo and Caption Contest where participants answer the question, "What makes your military family, Army strong?"

"We wanted to do something different in honor of Month of the Military Family, and more in tempo with our families and how tech-savvy they are, so we thought it would be nice to have a contest where they answer the question with a photo," said Ruth Gonzalez, relocation readiness program manager. "In the past, we've had them submit a written essay, or families were nominated by others to answer that question, but we thought we would get more participation if we got them to take a photo of the whole family to capture what it means to be Army strong."

Participants must be a military family in order to participate, and Gonzalez said that retired families are included, as well.

All the family needs to do is take a photo with their

family and write a caption to illustrate why their family is Army strong, and Gonzalez encourages people to think outside of the box.

"We want people to get creative and show what they do as a family that keeps them Army strong," she said. "It can be any family activity, but we want people to get really imaginative with their photos."

The families must submit their photos to the Fort Rucker MWR Facebook page or at www.ftrucker.mwr.com by Nov. 16. Submissions will be added to the Fort Rucker MWR Facebook page with their caption where people can "Like" their favorite submissions from Nov. 17-23. The photo with the most likes will be declared the winner and that family will get to light the post Christmas tree during this year's tree lighting ceremony.

In addition to the photo contest, DFMWR will be hosting an art contest for all students attending Fort Rucker Primary and Elementary Schools, as well as military children attending off-post schools between the ages of 4-12, said Gonzalez.

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but students must be sure to include their name, grade, name of parents, phone number and email on the back of the artwork so that winners can be contacted.

Fort Rucker students can submit their artwork entries

to their teachers, and off-post students can mail or drop off their artwork to Army Community Service. The mailing address is, Army Community Service, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350, 452 Novosel St., Fort Rucker, AL, 36362. All

entries must be received by Nov. 20.

"Events like these just bring the community together and makes it fun, and just to hear what makes all the families strong in the military is nice to hear," she

said.

Although Fort Rucker is not an installation where many Soldiers deploy, it does have a large transient population that requires families to be resilient, and that's why Gonzalez said it's important for people to know how to be Army strong.

"Although a lot of Soldiers here don't deploy, your Soldier is here, but they are a Soldier 24/7, so they're home, but they're not home," she said. "There is a large student population here, so their mind is set on studying and training most of the time, and it's difficult for the spouses to be here and not be able to participate with their family because they are so focused."

"But now is a good time for them to learn how to take advantage of those moments they are together. When we learn to take advantage of the time that we have, we become stronger as a family," she continued. "Children see that even though we're not together, either because of deployments or training, they can still be strong and still be involved in each other's lives by taking advantage of the small time they have together and making the most of it. That's something we have to do in the military."

For more information, call 255-3817 or 255-0679.

ON POST

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

Financial Readiness Training

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

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

Veteran’s Day Brunch

The Landing Zone will thank veterans for their service with a free brunch, with the purchase of a beverage, Sunday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The offer cannot be combined with any other offer and is limited to one meal per veteran.

For more information, call 598-8025.

Camping Under the Stars

As part of Month of the Military Family, Fort Rucker will host its fourth annual Camping Under the Stars event Nov. 14 as a free tribute to military families. The event will feature a night of camping, s’mores and hot chocolate, games, a story reading and two movies on the big screen. All military ID card holders will be able to attend the outdoor event beginning at 5 p.m. near the West Beach Gazebo at Lake Tholocco. At 6:30 p.m., story reading under the gazebo will begin. The post exchange will play family-friendly movies, “Frozen” and “The Lego Movie” from about 7-10 p.m. During the movies, s’mores and hot chocolate will be provided. Families are welcome to camp overnight or just stay for the evening festivities. People are encouraged to bring tents, blankets and chairs. Outdoor recreation will offer free use of three-man tents and six-man tents, but tents are limited, so people should call and reserve a tent early. For more information or to reserve a tent, call 255-9810.

Employment Readiness Class

Army Community Service is giving people the chance to build and enhance their careers at one of the Fort Rucker’s Employment Readiness Program Orientation Sessions, held monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A. The next session is Nov. 13. People will first meet in Rm. 350 for paperwork and attendance prior to going to Rm. 371A. People can sign up to learn essentials about the program and receive helpful job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

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

Baby sign language

The Fort Rucker New Parent Support Program and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind invite all active-duty and retired



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Crafting with Books

Patrons get crafty at last year’s crafting with books at the Center Library. While digital books may be quickly replacing hard-copy books with many people, the Center Library is hosting a crafting with books program to show people how, with just a few items from a craft store, people can turn old books into works of art today from 5-6 p.m. The library’s reference librarian will show people how to turn old books and book pages into fun and functional craft projects. Books will be provided by the library. For more information or to sign up, visit the library or call 255-3885.

military, Department of Defense civilian employees and their family Members to the free baby sign language class Nov. 13 at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The class teaches expectant parents and those with young children how to communicate with their children to avoid frustrations associated with language development. Parents who are expecting or with children up to 12 months old are welcome to the first session from 9–10 a.m. Parents with children ages 12 months to 24 months are asked to come to the second session from 10-11 a.m. People wanting to attend need to register by Nov. 11.

To register or get more information, call 255-9647.

Youth center tailgate party

Fort Rucker Youth Center members are invited to the center’s free tailgate party Nov. 15 from 3–9 p.m. The youth center is located in Bldg. 2800 on Seventh Avenue. The event is open to all members in grades six to 12. Members can bring a guest for \$5. Guests must bring a photo ID for age verification. Refreshments will be served.

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

EFMP Information and Support Group

The Fort Rucker Exceptional Family Member Program invites all active duty military families with exceptional or special needs family members to its information and support group meeting Nov. 18 from 9-10 a.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950, on Seventh Avenue. The topic for the meeting is Holidays and Traveling with a Special Needs Family Member. Tips, tools and resources will be discussed that can assist families and special needs members to ensure a successful trip. The group offers camaraderie, friendship, information exchange, idea sharing, community resources, support and assistance with

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

Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host Right Arm Night Nov. 20 from 4-6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For more information, call 598-8025.

Newcomers welcome

Army Community Service hosts the newcomers welcome Nov. 21 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.

Thanksgiving Feast

The Landing will host its annual Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The feast will be buffet style, featuring Thanksgiving favorites. The price will be \$16.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6-12, \$3.95 for children ages 3-5, and children ages 2 and under eat for free. A Military Family Special will also be available for two adults and two children ages 12 and under to eat for \$39.50. Reservations are highly recommended. When making your reservations, people should include how many adults and children will be in their party.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 598-2426.

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Saturday, Nov. 8

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.....4 & 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9

Big Heroes 6 (PG)
.....2 p.m.

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday

Headquarters Chapel, Building 109

8 a.m. Multi-Cultural Worship Service

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

Wings Chapel, Building 6036

8 a.m. Latter-Day Saints Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Wings Contemporary Worship Protestant Service
1 p.m. Eckankar Worship Service (4th Sunday)

Spiritual Life Center, Building 8939

10:45 a.m. CCD (except during summer months).

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - Catholic Women's Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center
11 a.m. Above the Best Bible Study, Yano Hall
11:30 a.m. 164th TAOG Bible Study, Bldg 30501
12 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Soldier Service Center
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center

Thursday

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

Pick of the litter

Meet Bessie. She is an approximately 9-month-old short-hair, female Siamese available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. She is lovable, but doesn't appear to have any interest in toys. Adoption fees vary per species and needs of animal, which includes all up-to-date shots, the first round of age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip and spaying or neutering. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All adoptable animals are vet checked and tested for felv/fiv (for cats) or heartworm for dogs (over six months) and on flea prevention. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the stray facility. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/> for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.



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In the event of a fire, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames. Make sure your Family is prepared by:

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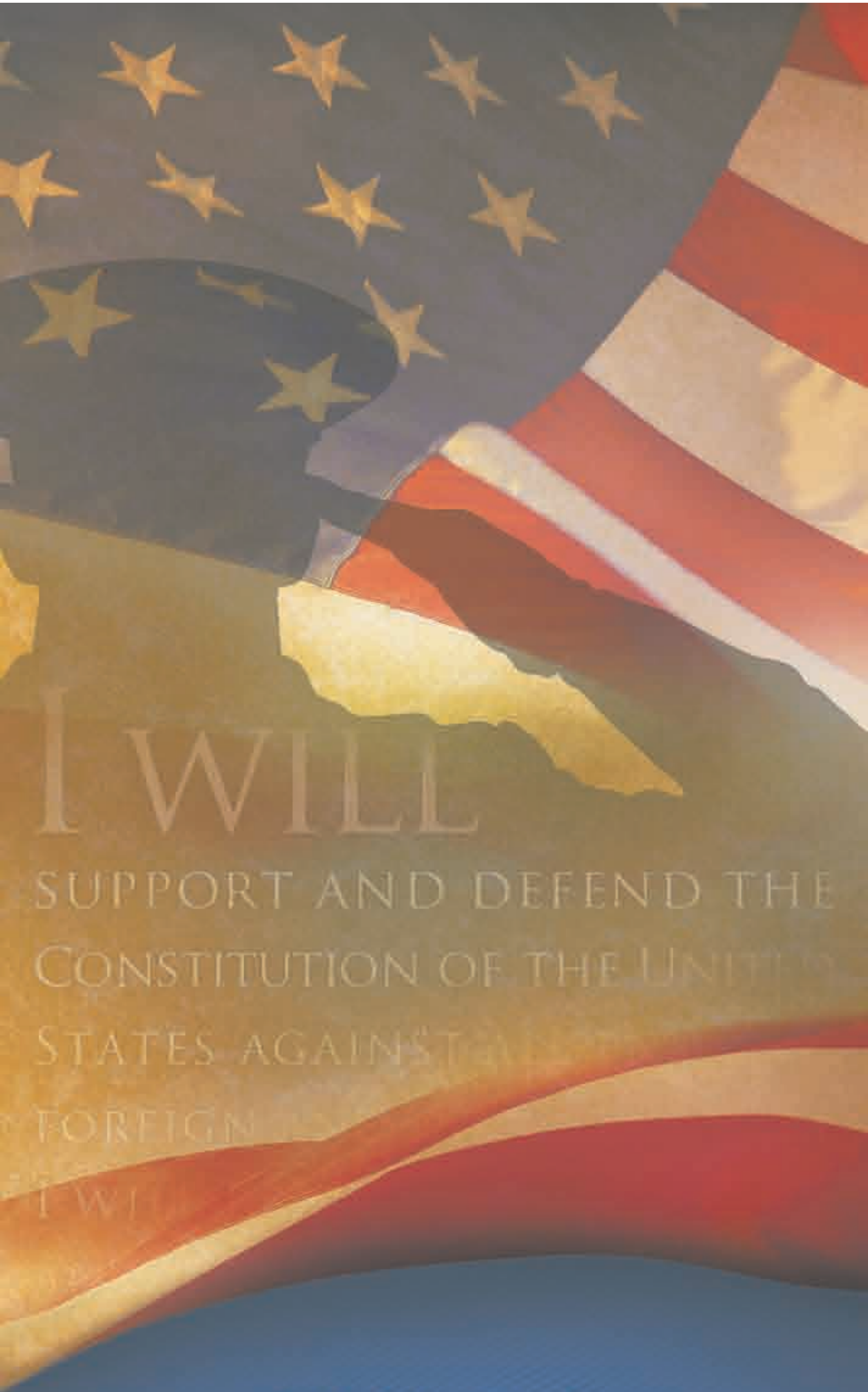
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State parks honor veterans by offering free admission

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Press Release

MONTGOMERY — In honor of Veterans Day, Alabama state parks will waive the entrance fee for veterans at all of its 22 state parks Nov. 8-11. Anyone who indicates they are a veteran will be admitted into the park day-use areas without charge. No identification will be required.

Veterans have been leaders in the development of state parks and other public lands across the country. Several of Alabama's state parks were developed with help from the Civilian Conservation Corps, which employed numerous veterans. For example, DeSoto State Park is deeply steeped in CCC history. Some of the DeSoto cabins were built by the CCC with materials sourced from a quarry that can be viewed from one of the park's hiking trails.

"Many of our historic park leadership benefited from the military experience associated with our veterans," said Greg Lein, Alabama State Parks Director. "Our parks and public lands are places for reflection and serenity, and they stand as a tribute to those who have served our great nation."

N. Gunter Guy Jr., Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources commissioner, echoes Lein's salute. "We are deeply grateful to our veterans for their selfless service to the country," he said. "This is a small tribute to those who have given us the freedom we enjoy."

Alabama's 22 state parks are conveniently located throughout the state. From the mountain ranges of the north, to the



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Patrons can explore several rustic locations within Chewacla State Park in Auburn.

beaches of Gulf State Park, recreational options abound including lodges, camping, golfing, fishing, boating, hiking, biking, swimming and much more. For more information about Alabama State Parks, visit www.alapark.com.

Several of Alabama's state parks have benefited from land additions through purchases by the Forever Wild Land Trust.

Those additions directly benefit Alabama State Parks through additional access to public recreational lands. Alabama State Parks and Forever Wild lands are available to all citizens, many of whom rely on public lands for recreational activities to support a healthy lifestyle. To learn more about how Forever Wild compliments Alabama State Parks, visit alabamaforeverwild.com.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through five divisions: Marine Police, Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

WIREFGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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ANDALUSIA

NOV. 8 — The Andalusia Area Humane Society's 10th annual Doggie Dash is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at Robinson Park on Church Street. The goal is to raise \$10,000 for spaying and neutering at-risk animals in Covington County. For more information, call 582-2665.

DALEVILLE

NOV. 17 AND 19 — The Ozark-Dale County Family Services Center will host registration for this year's Toys for Tots in the Billy Adkins Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon. People need to bring proof of income, picture ID, birth certificates and proof of custody.

DOTHAN

NOV. 16-18 — Southeast Alabama Community Theatre will host auditions for its production of "Les Miserables" at the Cultural Arts Center. For details on auditions for what is being billed as the largest production that SEACT has undertaken and celebrates its 40th season of bringing theatre and the arts to the Wiregrass, visit www.seact.com/miz. The show is scheduled to be performed March 9-15 at the Dothan Opera House.

NOW-NOV. 9 — The 71st annual National Peanut Festival will take place at various times at the fairgrounds off of Hwy. 231. According to a press release, the nation's largest peanut festival is held each fall to honor peanut growers and to celebrate the harvest season. Festivities include amusement rides, animal shows, agricultural displays, concerts, beauty pageants, arts and crafts displays, contests, food, a two-hour parade and tons of peanuts. For more information and the entertainment lineup, visit

<http://nationalpeanutfestival.com/>.

NOV. 15 — The Southeast Alabama Coalition for the Homeless will sponsor a Homeless Stand Down/Connect event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at United Christian Fellowship Dothan, 208 East Lafayette St. The event will provide assistance, as well as a meal, to the local homeless population. Donations are needed: coats, clothes, socks, combs, hair brushes, blankets, sleeping bags, personal hygiene items, tents, dry food and canned food. Donations can be dropped off at the Wiregrass United Way 2-1-1 office Mondays-Fridays (545 W Main St., Suite 313) until Nov. 13th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off at United Christian Fellowship Dothan starting Nov. 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as on the day of the event. For more information, call 447-1286.

ENTERPRISE

NOV. 11 — American Legion Post 73 will host a Veterans Day breakfast at 8 a.m. and a ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Legion building on East Lee Street across from East Lee Baptist Church. Invitations are extended to all those who served, past and present. Families are also served. For more information or to volunteer to help, call 347-1426 or send an email to mhroberts@centurytel.net.

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of

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

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Disabled 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. For more information, call 718-5707.

ONGOING — The New Brockton DAV Chapter 99 offers college scholarships of \$500 to applicants that are children of U.S. military veterans 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.

OZARK

NOV. 11 — The city's Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens on Hwy. 231 N. The ceremony will be conducted by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 94. For more information, call 379-0808.

NOV. 17-20 — The Ozark-Dale County Family Services Center will host registration for this year's Toys for Tots in the Ozark-Dale County Family Service Center from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and at the Ozark-Dale County Family Center No. 2 from 3-5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. People need to bring proof of income, picture ID, birth certificates and proof of custody.

PINCKARD

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

SAMSON

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

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

TROY

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

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

WIREFGRASS AREA

ONGOING — The Marine Corps League, Wiregrass Det. 752, welcomes all Marines, Navy corpsmen and chaplains, and their families, to its monthly meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Attendees are welcome to arrive early for food and camaraderie. The next meeting will be at the armory at the corner of Westgate Parkway and Choctaw in Dothan.

For more information, call 718-4168 or 805-7335.

Beyond Briefs

Flutterby Festival

The annual Flutterby Festival is returning to Rosemary Beach, South Walton, Florida, Nov. 10-11, celebrating the arts and the migration of the Monarch butterfly along Scenic Highway 30A. Hosted by the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County, this year's event will feature interactive adventures by the Seaside Repertory Theatre. Admission to the Flutterby Festival is free, although some activities may require a small fee.

The Flutterby Festival is named in celebration of the annual migration of the Monarch butterfly through the area, offering an array of activities along Rosemary Beach's South Barrett Square, Main Street and Western Green. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The festival will also feature live music, interactive

storytelling adventures, Zoo World animal shows, and an array of artists, vendors and exhibitors. As part of the annual tradition, children create their own butterfly wing masterpieces to be worn for the butterfly costume parade each afternoon at 3:45 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.culturalartsalliance.com/node/181>.

Park Ranger Talk: Panhandle Seashells

Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park, Florida, will host a hands-on, ranger-led shell identification program Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. in the park's interpretive center. Attendees will get up close and personal with some of the area's local seashells. Participants are welcome to bring a breakfast item to share and coffee is provided by the Friends of Franklin County State Parks. The program is free with paid park entry.

For more information, call 850-927-2111 or visit <http://www.floridastateparks.org/stgeorgeisland/>.

101 Inventions That Changed the World

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville will host the 101 Inventions That Changed the World exhibit Nov. 11-March 25.

Center officials said that certain turning points in humankind's history have been defined by the creation or discovery of something profound. From stone tools to the birth of the Internet, driven by necessity and accident people have shaped their own destiny through invention.

These inventions act as historical punctuation points in the story of 101 Inventions That Changed the World. The exhibit's story explores not only the inventions themselves, but also suggests the reasoning behind their development and their subsequent effect on humankind. The exhibit has been made available by Grande Exhibitions of Australia.

To get to the center, take Exit 15 off of I-565. For more information, visit <http://www.rocketcenter.com>.

November designated Military Family Month

By Department of Defense News Staff
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Noting that the selflessness of military families “tells a story of unfailing duty and devotion,” President Barack Obama signed a proclamation Friday declaring November as Military Family Month.

The following is the full text of the presidential proclamation.

For more than two centuries, members of our Armed Forces have defended our country with unyielding courage. In our Nation’s times of need, these brave patriots step forward to answer America’s call, leaving behind everything they know and love. And as they help secure our freedom and democracy, their families sacrifice alongside them. During Military Family Month, we recognize every spouse, parent, sibling, child, and loved one who stands with our service members, and we reaffirm our solemn vow to serve these families as well as they serve us.

The selflessness of our military families tells a story of unfailing duty and devotion. Through long deployments, difficult separations, and moves across the country and overseas, spouses and partners put their careers on hold and children take on extra responsibilities. With grace and resilience, families endure the absence of loved ones and shoulder the burdens of war. And when battle ends and our service members return home, their families support their transition and recovery.

To fulfill our sacred promise to our service members and their loved ones, my Administration continues to make supporting our military families a top priority. This year, we launched the Veterans Employment Center, an interagency resource to connect transitioning service members, veterans,

and their spouses to meaningful career opportunities. We are also committed to fostering partnerships with organizations that help military caregivers and making consistent and effective family services available, including mental health care and counseling, deployment and relocation assistance, and child care and youth programs.

Through their Joining Forces initiative, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden are working to ensure members of our Armed Forces, veterans, and their families have all the opportunities and benefits they deserve. And since 2011, their efforts have encouraged businesses to hire more than 500,000 veterans and military spouses.

Every day, our military families at home and abroad inspire us and remind us of our obligation to take care of those who do so much for our country. As a grateful Nation, we pay tribute to the women and men who have made our military the finest fighting force the world has ever known, and we honor the enduring strength and dedication of their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as Military Family Month. I call on all Americans to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in support of our service members and our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

BARACK OBAMA



WHITE HOUSE PHOTO

President Barack Obama

DOD celebrates Military Family Month

By Karen Parrish
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — November in America traditionally is a month of thankfulness, and the Defense Department chose this month to recognize those who support the nation’s armed forces but who don’t wear the uniform: military families.

Barbara Thompson directs the department’s Office of Family Policy, Children and Youth, and Special Needs. She recently spoke with DOD News about Military Family Month and why it matters.

“In November, we take the time to draw attention to and highlight the great sacrifices and support that military families offer our men and women in the armed forces,” she said.

Thompson’s office oversees programs and policies that promote military families’ well-being and quality of life. Thompson’s portfolio covers a range of military family concerns, from child development programs to spouse career development, personal financial readiness and nonmedical counseling.

Senior Pentagon officials will participate throughout the month in events designed to honor military families, Thompson said, and the military services, installations and family support centers also will be working to recognize military families.

“There will be a lot of events and special recognitions,” she added.

Thompson noted that the modern military family mirrors the modern American family — some families are blended, some have single

parents, others consist of unmarried or same-sex couples, and still others have special needs.

“Just like the American family, we have all different shapes and sizes. They all comprise this fabric of military families,” she said.

Families contribute to the U.S. military’s strong, resilient and ready force and to their communities as well, Thompson said.

“When we think of our military members and the values that they embody, such as courage and duty and ethics and loyalty, those same attributes are key to our military family members,” she noted.

Thompson said the department considers military families an integral part of the force.

“We like to say that military families serve, too,” she said. “Because without the support ... that they provide the active-duty force and the reserve component force, it would be very difficult for service members to do their mission.”

She continued, “I like to think that military families are right there, throughout the greatest challenges as well as right there during the greatest triumphs of the service member.”

The department can’t be everything to everyone, she noted, “So we rely on the community assets where our service members and their families live — whether the faith-based community or the school community.”

Military families in communities across America typically live, shop, go to school and worship with their neighbors. According to recent statistics from the Defense Manpower Data

Center, 61 percent of all service members live in off-base housing, and 70 percent of married troops live off base.

“So that community needs to recognize the sacrifices that military families make,” Thompson said. “The perfect month for them to reach out and thank our military families for their sacrifice and what they do to support our nation.

“They have challenges such as caring for aging parents, they may have children with special needs, they relocate on a much more stringent schedule than their civilian counterparts, so children are changing schools and adapting to new environments,” Thompson said. “And I think America at large needs to recognize that, and to reach out, and step up, and thank them for their service.”

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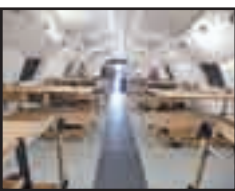
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UNDEFEATED!

Waiver Wire wins title 2 years running

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Two of Fort Rucker’s top intramural football teams went head to head in a game to determine who would wear the crown as post champions, with the battle ending as a perfect season for last year’s champions.

D Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment team, Waiver Wire, beat Gluteus Maximus, a team made up of Soldiers from multiple units, 32-28 in the final game of the 2014 Fort Rucker Intramural Football Season at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center football field Oct. 30.

Both teams played hard and neither let their intensity fall throughout the game, but it was Waiver Wire’s superior passing attack that allowed them to ultimately pull ahead for the win and remain undefeated for the season.

“It feels great (to win two years running), and this year was a lot of fun,” said Mitchell Johnson, Waiver Wire captain. “We’ve got a great group of guys, but the struggle has been being able to get guys here every night because we’ve got guys who are flying every night.”

Johnson said that players’ ability to adjust to different positions and plays helped them repeat as post champions.

“We made good adjustments and every game was different,” he continued, “so depending on who we had available that night, we would put different people on different spots or run different plays.”

That’s the strategy they had to take going into the final game as they were missing some of their key players, but that didn’t stop them from going all out to complete a perfect season.

As the game started, both teams pushed hard and seemed evenly matched as the score stayed tied for most of the first half.

Gluteus Maximus pushed hard downfield and managed to get through Waiver Wire’s defense for the first touchdown, but Waiver Wire wouldn’t trail for long. Just



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Lane Mitchell (center), player for Waiver Wire, runs the ball through a crowd of players during the 2014 Fort Rucker Intramural Football Championship game at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center football field Oct. 30.

one play into their possession, they managed a Hail-Mary pass to receiver Roderick Brown to tie the game at 6-6.

As the half trudged on, the game started to heat up with three minutes remaining. Gluteus Maximus used their time wisely and managed a 10-yard pass into the opposing end zone for their second touchdown. A two-point conversion put them up 14-6.

Determined not to fall too far behind, Waiver Wire took possession and let fly another Hail-Mary pass, which paid off

handsomely for their second touchdown. They tried for extra points but were unsuccessful and trailed their opponents 14-12.

With less than 2 minutes left in the first half, Gluteus Maximus had a chance to extend their lead and pushed hard against their opponent’s defense. Waiver Wire wouldn’t give up so easily, though, as their held strong and looked like they would get the offense off the field, but another penalty against the 1-145th gave Gluteus Maximus another chance.

They managed to take advantage of

their opponent’s mishap and score another touchdown, but were unsuccessful with the extra point attempt and ended the half with a healthy lead, 20-12.

Waiver wire received the ball to start the second half and started off on the right foot with a 35-yard pass to Brown to get within 20 yards of the goal line. They then followed that up with a 10-yard pass for a first down.

They seemed to be able to get by Gluteus Maximus’s defense with ease, and within two plays they had their third touchdown just minutes into the second half. They went for the two-point conversion and were successful with the attempt for the first time to tie the game, 20-20.

It was now anybody’s game and both teams would have to work hard to win the championship. Gluteus Maximus’s offense came back strong, managing complete pass after complete pass, but it wasn’t enough to deter Waiver Wire’s defense as they eventually intercepted a pass to take possession again.

Their opponent’s defense held strong and managed to bring the 1-145th to a fourth down, but in true Waiver Wire fashion, they threw another Hail-Mary pass to Brown for their fourth touchdown to take the lead, 26-20.

Gluteus Maximus still wasn’t out of it and had plenty of time on the clock, but they had their work cut out for them. And work they did as they pushed hard downfield and their push paid off with a touchdown to tie the game. A successful two-point conversion allowed them to take the lead once again, 28-26.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game, the pressure was on for Waiver Wire whose superior passing enabled them to get close to the goal line in a hurry. With multiple completions, they managed to get into the end zone to retake the lead with just 45 seconds remaining in the game.

Despite a valiant effort from Gluteus Maximus, Waiver Wire intercepted the ball on the last drive to complete their perfect season 32-28.

Electronic prescriptions available at clinic

By Katherine Rosario
Lyster Army Health Clinic
Public Affairs

The Department of Defense has mandated that all military treatment facility pharmacies in the United States transition all network handwritten or faxed prescriptions to electronic prescriptions called e-Rx.

As of Monday, all prescriptions at Lyster Army Health Clinic’s pharmacy are received electronically.

The e-Rx transition will im-

prove patient safety and decrease the number of clarifications calls that the pharmacy has make to network providers, said Lt Col. Tai Bolaji, chief of pharmacy at LAHC.

“Overall, the e-Rx will also reduce the time patients have to wait for their prescriptions at the LAHC pharmacy,” he said.

An electronic prescription is a computer-generated prescription that is sent electronically from a patient’s health care provider directly to the LAHC pharmacy’s computer system. The prescrip-

tion and patient’s information are sent over a private, secure network – not the Internet or e-mail.

TRICARE beneficiaries receiving paper prescriptions from an off-post provider can have their prescriptions sent electronically to LAHC’s pharmacy. Beneficiaries must let the pharmacy staffs know when they report to LAHC that their prescriptions were sent electronically from their provider’s office.

“Patients who are seen off post but fill their prescriptions at Lyster can use this new technol-

ogy to save them time,” Bolaji said. “Their electronic prescription will arrive at our pharmacy even before they leave their doctor’s office.”

While this new process will save them time, there are instances where the pharmacy cannot fill certain medications, such as controlled substances, until patients presents themselves at the pharmacy with hardcopy prescriptions. The number of requested medications will also determine how quickly the pharmacy staff can get you in and out the door.

All medications from off post not listed on the Lyster Formulary will continue to be handwritten and given to beneficiaries or sent to the LAHC pharmacy fax at 255-7176.

All network beneficiaries are encouraged to use the electronic system, and can give the LAHC pharmacy NCPDP/NPI Number 0139736/1982010351 to their doctor’s office and request them to send prescriptions electronically.

For more information, contact the LAHC pharmacy at 255-7178.

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KID'S CORNER



DOD explains post-Africa deployment monitoring

By Jim Garamone
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON – The 21-day controlled monitoring program for U.S. Service members returning from west Africa is a conservative and prudent approach, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his senior enlisted adviser said today.

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey and Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan B. Battaglia said they see the reintegration program troops will undergo upon return from Operation United Assistance as a move that fits the needs of service members and their families. They said military leaders will continue to assess and adapt the program as needed.

Both leaders said the military mission in Africa is unique in several ways.

“Our forces are the largest in number and we are there for the longest duration,” Dempsey said, adding that the vast majority of service members deploying are not medical professionals. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols call for self-monitoring for returning health care workers who are generally traveling alone or in small groups. But service members are not schooled in these protocols and will number in the



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Shown is the inside of a Force Provider Module. Army Sustainment Command's Army Prepositioned Stocks program is sending 25 of these modules to west Africa, in support of Operation United Assistance.

hundreds and thousands, Dempsey said.

Reintegration is not new to service members and families – in fact, the military does this all the time, Dempsey said.

“We tailor the reintegration program to what the Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, Coast Guardsmen have been through,” he said in a phone interview from his Pentagon office. “It varies on occasion from service to service.”

With up to 4,000 American service members deploying to west Africa to provide support for the worldwide effort against the Ebola virus, the Joint Chiefs of Staff had to develop a unique program for when large numbers of troops come home.

What the chiefs, the senior enlisted leaders and Dempsey agreed with was a controlled monitoring protocol – where medical personnel will monitor and report to a chain of command. It is “certainly a conservative approach, but also a prudent approach until we learn more about this mission,” Dempsey said.

This could change, the chairman said. “We’re over there for six months at a time, and we don’t think it will be one deployment,” he said, adding that the overall operation could last 18 months or more.

But the chiefs will reassess the reintegration protocols in 45 days, he said, and will listen to medical personnel, the service members

themselves and the families.

“If we think we’ve been too conservative, we will make an adjustment, and I can’t predict what that will be,” Dempsey said. “I feel good where we are now, but I’m open to the possibility that 45 days from now we will adapt.”

The reintegration protocol does not indicate a lack of trust in the men and women serving, Battaglia said.

“We supervise a lot of things we do in military operations and this is just that, a military operation,” he said. “I’m talking with families around the services. They, too, would rather be safe than sorry.”

Dempsey stressed that the chiefs’ decision was based on what they believed was best for the force and their families, but also was informed by the Pentagon’s medical experts.

“There is a 21-day incubation for this disease and that’s how we determined the controlled monitoring,” he said. “Based on what we know about how this disease spreads, it shouldn’t be a problem.”

American service members have been deploying around the world in large numbers since World War II. Service leaders know all about deploying, redeploying and reintegrating from the Middle East or

central Asia. But west Africa is a different environment, with different challenges.

“I think it is prudent to take the 21 days, get a good clean bill of health, let that shot clock expire on what we know the incubation period of the disease [to be], and then we send our young men and women home to their families when we’re confident that they are healthy,” Dempsey said. “It’s pretty clear that the senior commissioned and noncommissioned leaders take pretty seriously their responsibility to protect those who serve, and so we’re taking this approach now and we’ll adapt it as we need to over time.”

Battaglia echoed the assertion.

“As a military force, we lead, we supervise and we take care of our own,” he said. “It’s as important as the mission itself. When it involves the health and welfare of our men and women and military families, we will always take the more proactive approach. Controlled monitoring is an example of that.

“I feel very strongly that this is the safest post-deployment protocol in support of Operation United Assistance,” he continued. “We will continue to assess the situation on the ground to ensure it remains the most effective and safest method.”

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Youth Center Troy football trip

Youth Center members are invited to a trip to the Troy Trojans vs. Georgia State Panthers game at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Troy Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. The trip is free to the first 30 youth that sign up at the youth center with an active Middle School Teen Program Pass. The center staff will stop at a restaurant of the youths’ choice after the game. Youth must have money for all food and snacks.

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Golfing Month of the Military Family

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For more information, call 598-2449.

Veteran’s Day Flag Tournament

Silver Wings Golf Course will host a Veteran’s Day Flag Tournament Monday. Tee times are 7-9 a.m. Entry fee is \$5 plus greens and cart fees, if applicable. People should call the pro shop to schedule a tee time to participate. Participants will receive a flag with their names and target scores. The target score is determined by taking 100 percent of a player’s handicap and adding it to par. When players reach their target scores, they simply place the flag where the balls come to rest. Players will play from the tees that their handicaps are established from. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of participants. The event is open to the public.

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

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Silver Wings Golf Course will host the Fort Rucker Commanding General’s Veterans Day Golf Challenge Tuesday

with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non members, with cart and green fees, continental breakfast and a lunch included. The tournament format is four-person team scramble. Up to 26 teams may participate. Priority for team slots will be given to active-duty Soldiers. The entry deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. People can sign up for the challenge in the pro shop.

For more information, call 598-2449 or 255-1632.

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Rucker Lanes will celebrate Veterans Day with its Stars and Strikes special Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The special features bowling for 25 cents per person and shoe rentals for 50 cents per person. Regular pricing applies to other menu items. There will be limited lane availability beginning at 5 p.m.

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3. Queen Victoria
4. John Quincy Adams
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6. Don Cornelius
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