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Deputy SECDEF visits post

By Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Kosterman
B Company, 1st Battalion,
145th Aviation Regiment

Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter spoke to about 150 Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians at Fort Rucker June 4 during a visit to learn more about the Army's rotary-wing flight program and the importance of the installation to the state of Alabama.

Fort Rucker is home to U.S. Army Aviation, the branch of the service responsible for supporting commanders on the ground with Army air assets.

"The most important thing I can say to you from the folks in Washington, D.C., is thank you," said Carter. "Thanks for what you're doing here. We appreciate what you're doing, whether you're wearing a uniform or are a civilian."

Carter said this appreciation of service is also for the Family members who support military and DA civilian members. He asked those in attendance to pass this

message on to those not able to attend his speech.

He spoke briefly on sequestration, saying that he and Department of Defense leaders "are trying to do our best... under the circumstances."

On speaking of dedication to the job, Carter said he sometimes thinks about what motivates Soldiers and civilians to work so hard to support the nation and the Army.

"I know the answer to that," Carter said. "You do it for the reason that everybody in this room does what they do, which is the mission, because you really care."

Carter said the Army is currently in a period of "great transition," and that the Army has been "all in" for the past decade.

"Now we have to begin the transition to the security challenges that will define our future," said Carter.

He described the process of maintaining



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Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter speaks to Soldiers and Department of Army civilians during a visit to Fort Rucker to learn about flight school and how the installation plays a vital and economic role in Alabama.

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1-145th AVN changes command

By Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Kosterman
B Co., 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment

The passing of a unit's color from one officer to another is a symbolic military tradition that is carried out during a transition between incoming and outgoing commanders.

May 29, a unit that produces some of the best leaders the Army possesses executed that tradition as Lt. Col. Marcus A. Gengler assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment from Lt. Col. James E. Ward during a change of command ceremony at Howze Parade Field.

Col. Brian D. Bennett, commander of 1st Aviation Brigade, hosted the event. He praised Ward for his work as the Old Warrior Battalion commander and thanked him for "leading from the front."

"(Ward) was consistently and relentlessly focused on growing future leaders and configured his organization to best meet the mentoring goals, providing the best leadership experience for our future Army Aviators," said Bennett.

Ward's mission while serving as a battalion commander included managing more than 2,000 flight students and overseeing Army Aviation's Captains' Career Course and Basic Officer Leadership Course.

Ward thanked the commanders, cadre and students for their efforts and professionalism.

"Like the previous assignments I've enjoyed, the success of this organization had little to do with me," said Ward. "It was more a statement about the efforts, energy and expertise of all the Old Warriors I've had the honor to serve with."

Ward will move to Kansas where he will serve as the deputy brigade commander of Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley.

A graduate of the ROTC program at Brigham Young University, Gengler was commissioned in as an Aviation officer in 1995. Most recently, he served the Experimentation Chairman in the Air Maneuver Battle Lab on Fort Rucker.

Gengler said in his remarks that he will do his best to uphold the high standard set by Ward.

"As we enter into a transformative period in our Army, the emphasis on providing world-class leadership training has never been greater," said Gengler. "I look forward to the unique challenges that this mission brings and will do my very best to train a generation of Army Aviation warriors that will lead this Branch with honor and distinction wherever they may be called to serve."



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS ANDREW KOSTERMAN
Lt. Col. James E. Ward (right, center), relinquishes command of the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment by passing the unit's colors to Col. Brian D. Bennett (right), commander of 1st Aviation Brigade, May 29 at Howze Parade Field during a change of command ceremony.



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Facebook Town Hall

Lt. Col. Patrick Gary (left), staff judge advocate, consults Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander, during the installation's first virtual town hall meeting at the post's headquarters Tuesday evening. The hour-long virtual meeting, which was presented on Facebook, offered the chance for Fort Rucker's leaders to answer questions from the residents and workers of the base. For full coverage, see next week's edition of *The Army Flier*.

AER campaign exceeds goal

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Exceeding expectations is a concept many strive for, but Fort Rucker does more than just strive for excellence — it achieves it, with the latest example being exceeding an aggressive fundraising goal.

The Fort Rucker Army Emergency Relief campaign closed with a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Tuesday and exceeded its goal of \$125,000 by more than \$6,000 said Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander.

"This is a big deal," he said during the ceremony. "The support that we get here at Fort Rucker continues to amaze."

"Especially in a year of cutbacks and sequestration, I was cautioned this year in increasing the amount of the goal that we were going after," he continued. "When we raised the bar this year ... we had a lot of people, with their eyebrows raised, wonder if that was in the realm of possibility."

Last year's campaign brought in more than \$116,000, which was about 45 percent of what AER brought in totally for the year on Fort Rucker, said McRae, adding that this year's success was due to continued dedication of all of AER's members and a great kickoff event.

"We had a lot of people coming out with their wallets open, and a lot of leaders across the entire post supported us," he said.

This year's campaign raised more than \$15,000 more than last year's, and McRae said that more than 50 percent of aid that is given out on Fort Rucker annually was raised during the campaign.

"Compared to the rest of the Army, Fort Rucker is one of the most, if not the most generous of installations out there," said the garrison commander. "It's just phenomenal the support that people give



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander, presents Mimi Brooks, AER officer, with a check for more than \$131,000 during the AER closing ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Tuesday. This year's campaign exceeded its goal by more than \$6,000.

out here."

Throughout the campaign, which ran from March 1 to Tuesday, various events were hosted on the installation to help raise funds, such as the annual Jail-a-Thon, put on by the 6th Military Police Detachment.

The Jail-a-Thon gave people on the installation the opportunity to have anyone on Fort Rucker arrested and jailed for a period of time, depending on how much was donated. Those arrested had the choice

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PERSPECTIVE

Knowing employer helps when applying for a job

By Bryan Tharpe
Fort Rucker Army Career and Alumni Program
Transition Services Manager

John Doe had done his job search by the letter. He had attended the five-day Transition Assistance Program Job Assistance Workshop, decided on career goals, written and re-written his resume, composed a great cover letter, researched job leads and made it to the interview.

Dressed for success, he was ready for the interview and excited about the possibility of working for this company.

After the initial general questions, the interview moved on to more specific questions about John's experience, skill and abilities. They were establishing an excellent rapport and everything was going great.

"What do you know about our company?" the interviewer asked. Jack was at a loss – all he really knew was that they manufactured electronic parts. Panic stricken, he fumbled for an answer.

The interview ended. Another applicant was hired. The average job seeker would be depressed, and so was John. But the true measure of job seekers is how quickly they can rebound.

After the interview, job seekers need to prepare an "after-action report." They need to review every case. He had only made one mistake, but it was a big one: lack of research. The ideal candidate must not only possess the skills the employer is looking for; he must also know about the position and the company.

Jack should have found answers to the following ques-



tions:

- What does the company make or do?
- Does it have other branches or divisions?
- What is happening to the firm?
- Are they expanding or downsizing?
- Do they have a new product?

- What is happening in the industry?
- How are similar companies doing?
- What is the company image?
- How can John show them that he will fit in?
- What are the normal salary, benefits and working conditions?
- What are the chances for advancement or promotion?

There are several sources for company information that John could have checked. He could have written or called the company and asked for company literature. Companies are usually happy to mail literature to potential employees. Good information on companies is also as near as the library.

Business directories such as "Dun's Regional Business Directory" could have given John the edge. The ACAP Center maintains a list of job-related books available in post libraries. Another excellent source of information is an Internet search engine.

Finally, John could have tapped this knowledge from someone in his network. If he had contacts within the company, or even in a competing company, they could possibly have helped John find company-specific information.

You can bet that John won't make the same mistake again. The smart job seeker learns from each interview and gets better each successive time.

The Fort Rucker ACAP Center can point you to sources for company-specific information and assist you with all other aspects of the job search, including interviewing. For additional information, call 255-2558.

Rotor Wash

“Cookouts are an American staple during the summer months. What safety tips do you suggest for Families planning to fire up the grill at their next gathering?”



**Sgt. 1st Class
Thomas Oberman,
B Co., 508th Special
Troops Battalion**

"Be conscious of the flames if you are using gas or charcoal. Have a fire extinguisher nearby and also make sure your grill is at least 10 feet away from any structure."



**Pfc. Hope Jackson,
926th Engineering Bn.,
Forward Support Co.**

"Stay hydrated. Don't drink alcohol around an open flame."



**Spc. Jerica Chatman,
926th Engineering Bn.,
Forward Support Co.**

"Make sure you keep children away from the grill, any fire and propane tanks. Make sure your propane tank is properly installed and hooked up."



**Spc. Lakedra Jones,
926th Engineering Bn.,
Forward Support Co.**

"Make sure you have all your utensils and materials within arm's reach, that way you don't leave the grill and your food unattended."



**Spc. Mike Baltazar,
HHC, 164th TAOG**

"Stay hydrated and try to grill in a shaded area. Be aware of your body so you don't get over heated."

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Pamper Yourself provides relaxing time for spouses

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

Colorful lighting, the smell of vanilla and a hint of jazz set the atmosphere Friday at the Pamper Yourself event designed to cater to Fort Rucker spouses.

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation in conjunction with Month of the Military Spouse hosted the event that included complimentary adult beverages and glasses, free massages and manicures, shopping, facials and entertainment.

“This event is a first-of-its-kind event here on Fort Rucker,” said Leigh Ann Dukes, DFMWR sponsorship and advertising sales manager. “We sold around 130 tickets so I have a feeling it is going to turn into an annual event.”

The event gave women the chance to meet business owners and employees in a relaxed yet vibrant atmosphere that is devoted strictly to them, said Dukes.

“Spouses were able to browse booths, shop, meet with friends and just have a good and relaxing time,” she said.

The 98th Army Silver Wings Band’s jazz quartet played throughout the night and helped set the tone and mood for attendees while Mercedes of Dothan helped sponsor the event, making it possible for every attendee to get a martini glass.

The event was open to military spouses only and served as a thank you for all they sacrifice for the Army and for their Soldiers.

“Often spouses play the role of mom and dad, and they have to make so many decisions on their own because sometimes they can’t talk to their spouse,” said Brian Jackson, DFMWR program manager. “It can be hard and stressful to have that on someone’s shoulders.”

This event was special because of who it honored, he continued; adding that Fort Rucker officials wanted to show spouses how much they mean to the commu-



PHOTOS BY SARA E. MARTIN

Paige Page, Wanetta Armitage and Kelsie Betts make s'mores at the DFMWR Pamper Yourself event at The Landing Friday.

nity.

Heather Kern, an Army spouse for eight years, said that it meant a lot to her for Fort Rucker to hold the event because it showed her that the Army recognizes the needs of spouses.

“It shows that they are recognizing what the spouses give up,” she said. “To be an Army spouse means you sacrifice your own future to follow around your Soldier so that they can go live out their dreams.”

Though Kern said that spouses sacrifice a lot she thinks that if spouses go into it with the right mindset that they can make it a blast, such as attending events like Pamper Yourself.

Vendors that attended included Splash~ A Color, Mary Kay, Spa in the City, Lock N Load, Jennifer Nails, Nicole Allen Salon, 2 Girls and a Spa, Message Envy

and Pure Imagination.

Adding to the experience was a fashion show by Maggie B’s Bouchique, which featured summer styles for women.

“It was a good way for women to get away from work and the stress of the week,” said Jackson. “It is just one way to indulge our military spouses and show them why they are so important to our community.”

Gail Jones, who has been an Army spouse for 28 years, said the best thing about being an Army spouse was being with her husband, who she said is still “Army all the way” though he is retired.

“I think that the country forgets that being in the military is a Family affair. I hear people say, ‘Well my husband was in the military for 22 years,’ and I stop and correct them and say, ‘You were



Jamie Lee of Salon Chic gives an Army spouse a facial at the DFMWR Pamper Yourself event at The Landing Friday.

also in the military 22 years,” she said.

“The event is great,” she continued, “because it has a lot of variety of things women can look at and everyone seems so happy. The fact that it was affordable is

important for these women.”

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop donated the grand prize, a large basket filled with pampering items such as chocolate, bath salts and lotions, at the end of the night to finish the event off right.

Maneuver, Aviation captains fight virtual battle

By Caroline Keyser
Fort Benning Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Students in the Maneuver Captains Career Course recently got a chance to collaborate with students in the Aviation Captains Career Course to retake a captured police station in downtown Columbus and return it to the government – all without leaving their seats.

The exercise was a simulation run through the Virtual Battlespace 2 program, which allows users at individual laptop stations to communicate and interact with each other and with users in other locations in a virtual environment. Captains from MCCC Class 3-13 took part in the simulation exercise May 22.

The integration of captains from other Army centers of excellence into the VBS 2 exercises is part of larger efforts that began in November 2012 to integrate more collaboration between the Maneuver Center of Excellence and other Army centers of excellence into training. The MCCC has also begun collaborating in VBS 2 with students in the Field Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course at the Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Okla.

In the May 22 exercise, students in the AVCCC, located at the U.S. Army Avia-



PHOTO BY CAROLINE KEYSER

Students in Maneuver Captains Career Course Class 3-13 at Fort Benning, Ga., participate in virtual collaboration with students in the Aviation Captains Career Course at Fort Rucker May 22.

tion Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, controlled air elements in the same virtual environment in which the MCCC students controlled maneuver elements.

“It’s extremely important that they talk and communicate with the pilots because it’s what they will be doing downrange,” said Maj. Jeff Kornbluth, simulations officer for the MCCC. “They’ll have a good understanding of what pilots expect of

them and of their terminology. We don’t want them to be doing this for the first time on the battlefield.”

The MCCC students also collaborated with the AVCCC students on the operations order for the exercise before they carried it out. The MCCC students drafted the OPOD and received input from the AVCCC students on the Aviation parts before briefing it to them.

“Simulations are important because whenever we do combined arms (training) it’s a very complex environment, so this is absolutely a good thing for us to do, especially in this fiscal climate,” said Capt. Kevin Beyer, who acted as company commander during the exercise. “It was pretty cool to know you have somebody out there on the other end who understands the capabilities of the Aviation platform more than we do. As a future company commander, this will be invaluable to coordinating with someone of a different branch and background.”

Capt. Nicolas Terpin said he had used the VBS 2 program before but found that collaborating with Fort Rucker added another dimension to the training.

“I think it’s highly beneficial because talking to real people adds authenticity,” he said. “Leaders can talk back and forth and gain an understanding of each others’ tactical language.”

Simulations like VBS 2 can play an important role in training by providing experiences that would otherwise be difficult or costly, Kornbluth said.

“Live training costs a lot and with the fiscal uncertainty the Army is facing, we’re encouraging these future company commanders to use simulations to bridge that gap,” he said.

News Briefs

Changes of command

- The Warrant Officer Career College Headquarters, Headquarters Company hosts its change of command ceremony Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. CW3 (P) Joseph R. Scarpill will assume command from CW4 Eugene M. Murphy. People should RSVP today by calling 255-1287 or 255-1967.
- The 1st Aviation Brigade hosts its change of command June 14 at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field. Col. Shawn Prickett will assume command of the unit from Col. Brian D. Bennett. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in Yano Hall.
- The U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory hosts its change of command ceremony June 14 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. John Smyrski

III will assume command from Col. Dana Renta.

Physical exams moves

Physical exams will move to be co-located with Soldiers’ primary care clinics later this month. When the change takes place, Soldiers will report directly to their primary care clinic when needing a physical exam.

Poker run

The Daleville Veterans of Foreign Wars post hosts a Poker Run June 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit members of the Directorate of Public Safety’s first responders and their Family members with the costs of the annual DPS Ball and other annual events. Registration takes place at 8 a.m. at Old Homestead in Level Plains. The route of the run runs

from there to the VFW in Daleville, with various stops in Hartford, Dothan and Ozark in between.

The cost is \$15 per bike and \$5 for passengers. Event drawings will take place at 1:30 p.m. with the event being completed by 2:30 p.m.

For more, call (803) 414-2532.

ID card section

People who need a common access card or military ID card who are in a hurry can make an appointment by calling 255-2437 or 255-2182. When people call for an appointment, they will be screened and advised of any documentation they need to bring. Walk-ins will continue to be served on a first-come, first-served basis. As a reminder, people may experience delays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteering opens doors, strengthens Army

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

With the downsizing in the civilian and military workforce, across the nation volunteers are becoming more and more valuable.

With the ability to save organizations money and give back to communities, volunteering is more than a noble cause; it is a necessity for many establishments to carry on with day-to-day business, said Curtis Williams, mobilization and deployment program manager and Fort Rucker Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator.

“They are there and they fill in those missing seats, they fill those holes and they make things happen. They make a world of difference,” he said. “They are incredibly important to sustaining America’s checks and balances.”

Some of the Army’s agencies would not be as efficient without their volunteers, added Williams.

“They are there picking up the pieces of things that can become overwhelming to a worker,” he continued. “Volunteering actually allows the mission to continue to flow because they are there to fill those voids.”

To Williams, volunteering gives individuals a sense of belonging and a community-oriented mindset, and he said for Soldiers who are already integrated into the life of the nation it gives them a closer

proximity to operate with those who may not be associated with the military.

“Off-post volunteering builds the camaraderie between us,” he said. “They are doing so many valuable things to ensure that the programs and our Army still look good to America and those that we serve.”

Williams went on to say that there is no doubt that when the outside community sees Soldiers volunteering that it improves their opinion of the Army and its Soldiers.

“When they go out into the community and tackle a project – that solidifies the relationship between local communities and the installation. It makes life easier for the command structure when you have that type of positive influence,” he said.

Soldiers from across Fort Rucker can be seen around the local communities volunteering during class projects, but W01 Ramon Sarmiento, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, who volunteered at the Wiregrass Human Society Saturday, said that volunteering isn’t about being recognized for the deed or even filling in the void of cutbacks.

No, for him, volunteering is about continuing his pledge to help others.

“Volunteering is a way to show that I am here to serve the American people,” he began. “As an American Soldier it is my duty to serve, and volunteering is just another part of doing my job.”



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

W01 Jonathan Reabe and W01 Toe Wai, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, fill in holes with concrete and sand at the Wiregrass Humane Society Saturday. Soldiers from the Viking and Charger Flights teamed up Saturday to help improve the quality and safety of the WHS grounds and buildings for both people and animals.



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Army: Soldiers volunteer to improve community

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Both Williams and Sarmiento agree that volunteering not only strengthens the military and the organizations, but strengthens the individual.

“Being a great volunteer is a way to get references and gain experience. You enhance your interpersonal relationship skills, your communication and customer service skills,” said Williams. “You help yourself develop the tools for a better or fuller life.”

The on-the-job experience volunteers get while helping others can open many doors and strengthens people as a whole, Williams continued.

Volunteering is also a good social and cultural education tool, said Williams, because volunteers get a chance to meet new people and expand their knowledge about the world.

There are many ways and programs currently set up that Soldiers can volunteer through.

“Youth and sports has opportunities where volunteers can be coaches and Hearts Apart is an opportunity where Soldiers can fish with children,” said Williams.

“They can volunteer through Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers; Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Army Community Service; the physical fitness facility and Family readiness groups,” Williams added.

Other events and programs currently looking for volunteers are the Fort Rucker Riding Stables for Fright Night; Sesame Street Experience; Big Ben Wildlife Sanctuary; child, youth and school services; thrift shop; youth center; Center Library; local nursing homes; Wiregrass United Way; and numerous animals shelters in the area.

To find on-post volunteer opportunities, visit www.myarmyonesource.com/FamilyProgramsandServices/Volunteering/VMIS/VMISHome.aspx. It displays all of the opportunities of each agency on an installation.

To connect with the local community, visit www.uw.org/211/volunteer-center to get connected to individuals and groups that offer volunteer opportunities.



PHOTOS BY SARA E. MARTIN

Above: Soldiers of B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., line the driveway at the Wiregrass Humane Society with concrete blocks Saturday. Soldiers from the Viking and Charger Flights teamed up to help improve the quality and safety of the WHS grounds and buildings for both people and animals.



Left: Soldiers of B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., shovel sand into buckets to fill in unsafe holes at the Wiregrass Humane Society Saturday.

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Army: Soldiers to see fewer PCS moves

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army would like its enlisted Soldiers to remain on station for at least 36 months, and career managers are aiming to see that they will, said a director from Human Resource Command.

In late 2012, senior Army leaders “asked us to look for ways to increase unit readiness, stability and predictability for Soldiers and families,” said Col. Robert Bennett, director, enlisted personnel management directorate.

Keeping Soldiers on station for a longer period of time would accomplish those goals, said Bennett, who said he met with leaders in his directorate to go over options and implementation of the plan.

Exceptions

The increase in time-on-station is affecting most, but not all of around 432,000 enlisted Soldiers. There are multiple exceptions to the effort to keep Soldiers on station for 36 months.

The most important of those exceptions is deployment, Bennett said. If there is a need for Soldiers to deploy, then the mission comes first, he said.



PHOTO BY EJ HERSOM

Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division based in Fort Riley, Kan., participate in training at Fort Irwin, Calif., earlier this year. The Army would like its enlisted Soldiers to remain on station for at least 36 months, and career managers are aiming to see that they will, said a director from Human Resource Command.

The Army also has several high-demand career field positions, such as recruiters and drill sergeants. If the Army needs Soldiers to fill those positions, that too would be a reason to move a Soldier to a new location before they complete 36 months at a duty station. Special duty positions such as in the intelligence community or at the White House Communications Agency, for example, are also exceptions.

“Professional development,” of Soldiers is also an exception,

Bennett said. For example, if a staff sergeant gets promoted to sergeant first class, he or she might be moved to fill a billet that is more commensurate with their increased rank and ability to lead.

Soldiers with special needs children might also be exempted from the time-on-station effort. For example, Bennett said, a Soldier may get a compassionate reassignment to a location with better support for their special needs child.

Soldiers assigned to Korea

will continue to serve there for one year, not three. But existing policies for Soldiers assigned in Germany, Hawaii and Alaska remain unchanged, those Soldiers are already locked into three year tours.

Finally, Soldiers have been in the past offered the opportunity to choose a new duty station as part of a re-enlistment option. The previous requirement for first-term Soldiers reenlisting was 12 months on station, Bennett said. That has now been increased to

24 months for Priority 1 and 2 assignments, which include some units that are deploying, warrior transition units, ROTC cadre and other special assignments that have “senior leader emphasis.”

Re-enlisting Soldiers who choose follow-on assignments that are not Priority 1 or 2 will likely have to remain on station the full 36 months before getting their location choice, Bennett said.

Return to normal

Prior to 9/11, three-year tours were the norm. It was overseas contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan that had Soldiers moving from one installation to the next with less than 36 months at one duty station. But as operations draw down, the Army’s goal of 36 months is pretty much being met right now, Bennett said.

Now, things are becoming more stable and predictable, and Bennett said he thinks Soldiers and their Families as a whole are appreciative of that.

On top of that, a reduction in permanent-change-of-station moves helps the Army save money, Bennett said.

“We want to make everyone happy,” he said. “But at the end of the day, it’s about Army requirements. That’s the driver.”

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the world’s greatest fighting force as an ongoing process. Carter said the DoD is still in the incipient stages of developing the Army of the future and this process and development will take time.

“It’s going to be different,” Carter said. “It’s not going to be a large rotation force focused on counter insurgency. It’s going to be a different kind of force.”

Carter said Army Aviation will play a critical role in the development of the future Army and that the current Army’s adaptability has allowed for its successes

around the world.

Carter concluded his speech to the group by saying that he and Department of Defense leaders have utmost confidence in the people serve the nation. He then personally greeted and presented each member of the crowd with his challenge coin.

Goal: Ceremony honors dedication, teamwork

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of serving time, or posting bail, which matched the donation amount.

The event is one of the installations most popular events, and this year’s event raised \$4,750 for the AER campaign.

“Our [military police officers], as usual, did a fantastic job this year,” said McRae, joking that half the money raised came from the arresting of Justin O. Mitchell, Fort Rucker deputy garrison commander. “My hat’s off to everybody for going out there and making a fun event that people are willing to give to,” he added.

Another event that garners a lot of in-

terest is the Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union’s annual golf tournament to benefit AER.

Hundreds of participants show up every year to participate in the tournament at Fort Rucker’s Silver Wings Golf Course, and this year’s event was no different.

AACFCU donated \$15,000 to AER after the tournament, and McRae gave a special thanks to the credit union for their continued support.

“I know that we don’t raise nearly the amount of money that you guys give us every year,” he said to AACFCU representative, Lisa Hales, during the ceremony. “It’s a great golf tournament and it

raises a lot of money, but you guys come alongside and consistently fill in the difference, and always donate a lot of money toward a worthy goal ... and we very much appreciate that.”

McRae showed his appreciation by awarding certificates to Hales and Capt. Brian Wheat, 6th MP detachment commander, for their continued support of AER throughout the campaign.

Maj. Anthony Whittaker, 2013 AER campaign coordinator, was also on-hand to show his support for those who donated their time or money to the campaign.

“Sitting amongst you today are some of the AER leaders that have been critical to the success we have here today,” he said. “I just want to thank them for their dedication and support.”

It wasn’t a single act, but a team effort that helped Fort Rucker’s AER campaign succeed, said McRae as he showed his appreciation to those who participated in the AER campaign, especially the point people.

“It was you guys beating the bushes and being persistent that helped us reach and exceed our goal,” he said.

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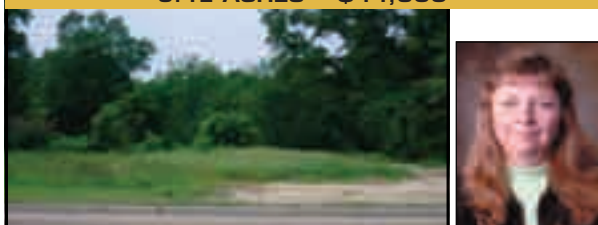
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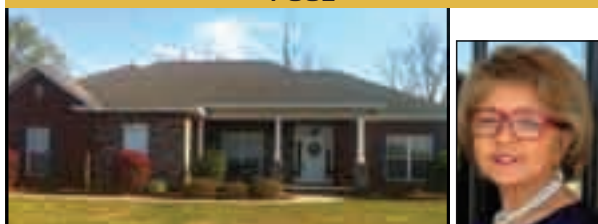
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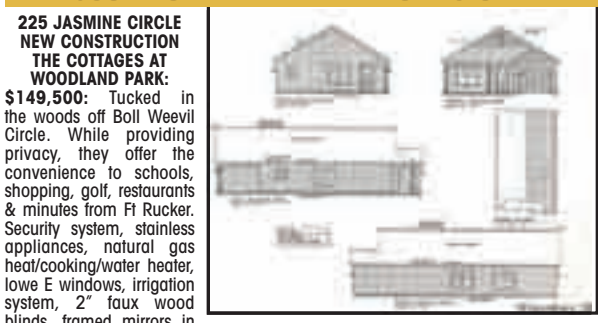
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Army restarts Project Warrior

By Mike Casey
Combined Arms Center

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The Army is restarting a program to pass on insights and knowledge from the Combat Training Centers to benefit the U.S. Training and Doctrine Command Centers of Excellence and the force.

In May, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno announced the re-establishment of Project Warrior to help the Army transition from a force focused on counter-insurgency operations to a smaller, more versatile one ready for a wide range of missions. Odierno said Project Warrior will assist in the transition by producing agile, adaptive leaders.

Project Warrior calls for captains to serve two years as an observer-coach-trainer at a Maneuver Combat Training Center followed by two years as a small group instructor at a Training and Doctrine Command Center of Excellence.

“My intent in reinstituting Project War-

rior is to infuse observations, insights, and lessons gained from multiple MCTC Decisive Action rotations against hybrid threats, back into the force through the TRADOC CoEs,” Odierno said.

Originally, the Army introduced Project Warrior in 1989 as Vietnam War veterans retired, depleting the force of combat-experienced Soldiers. To fill the void, Project Warrior sent participants to the MCTCs, which provide experience that is the closest to actual combat.

Operational requirements in Iraq and Afghanistan prompted the Army to suspend the program.

The re-established Project Warrior will infuse the force with the experiences captain OCTs gain from multiple MCTC rotations. The MCTCs are transforming to Decisive Action training that entails simultaneous offensive, defensive and stability tasks against hybrid threats.

To succeed, Project Warrior must at-

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PHOTO BY SGT. ERIC M. GARLAND

Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division pull security during a training exercise Feb. 19 at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

U.S. advisers assist with Afghan-led mission

By Spc. Margaret Taylor
129th Mobile Public
Affairs Detachment

NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Dozens of Afghan National Army soldiers, Afghan uniformed police, and a smattering of U.S. Army Soldiers serving as mission advisers, sat by their heavy packs on the gravel, talking and laughing in quiet anticipation, waiting for a sound.

After several hours of checks and double-checks, roll calls and final updates from the command center, the punchy staccato of rotors came faintly in the distance. Louder and louder the noise sounded, until the roar deafened and the dusty prop-wash buffeted those waiting at the landing zone for the choppers.

Into the helicopters the Soldiers went, and then, shortly before 1 a.m., the air assault to Hesarak began.

Flying from Forward Operating Base Connolly, the mission, which occurred May 15-18, was an Afghan-led operation joining Afghan National Security Forces with U.S. Army advisers to drive back insurgents harassing the inhabitants of Hesarak, an isolated, agricultural district in western Nangarhar.

“They’ve been having problems out there with the district center being constantly under fire, or being harassed,” said Capt. Justin Burney, battalion fire support officer, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), of White Bluff, Tenn. “The objective was to have the ANA go through the area surrounding the district center and clear it of all enemy personnel.”

Burney managed the indirect fire systems to support the operation from Forward Operating Base Connolly.

“This is the ANA and the AUP trying to establish a base of security,” Burney said. “They go out there and clear an area to show the people that they can still secure them; they can still provide safety and protection.”

Soldiers from Alpha Company, 1st Bn., 327th Inf. Regt., and Security Force Advisory and Assistance Team Blackhorse, 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regt., 1st BCT, 101st

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PHOTO BY SGT. JESSI ANN MCCORMICK

ON WATCH

Sgt. Zach Smola, rear-door gunner on a CH-47, keeps watch on the mountains in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan, May 12. The Chinooks, operated by members of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th Aviation Regiment from the Connecticut and Pennsylvania Army National Guard, have operated in Afghanistan since arriving in December to provide resupply and retrograde support.

32 Soldiers graduate sling load course

By 5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Joint Base Lewis-McChord

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. — What Army job doesn’t have its own unique set of challenges, paces, dangers and faces? They all do.

Some, however, carry with them the inherent requirement to “get it right the first time,” so that everyone involved remains alive to do it again.

The Army sling load inspector is one of those jobs; should an in-flight problem arise with one of these loads - the buck stops here. These certified inspectors are the Army’s subject matter experts for the security of its sling load transfers.

On May 10, the 593rd Sustainment Brigade graduated 32 Soldiers who attended the Sling Load Inspector’s Certification Course.

Anything attached to a lead line and swivel and being towed through the air beneath a helicopter is a sling load. The Sling Load Office of the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va., sent one of their mobile training teams here to teach the five-day course.

The team, consisting of two Soldiers and three civilian instructors, train Soldiers in the rank of specialist and above to be certified inspectors of sling load operations. During the course, students are trained to properly rig and inspect all loads waiting to be transported by helicopter.

“Having sling load inspectors is an essential asset for a sustainment brigade,” CW2 Marcus Osborne, senior airborne technician assigned to the 593rd Sust. Bde. “This way, they can conduct sling load operations themselves without having to wait for the assistance of riggers.”

Osborne, a rigger since joining the Army 15 years ago, has run five sling load classes on JBLM since 2010, producing more than 200 graduates.



PHOTO BY SGT. MARK A. CLOUTIER

Students and instructors stand ready to hook-up to the approaching CH 47D Chinook. The 593rd Sustainment Brigade graduated 32 students from a sling load inspector certification course May 10.

“The course is incredibly demanding,” said Staff Sgt. Steven Fief, senior instructor of the mobile training team. “But ultimately, whoever graduates walks away from the experience with knowledge that will help make them a tremendous asset to their parent command.”

Students are expected to understand and implement the sling-load math and physics in only four days. Those who acquire this knowledge take part in a hands-on culmination exercise, which incorporates everything from rigging and inspecting to achieving the textbook hook-up with their respective loads.

For some students, the week felt much longer because of the stress they endured with each

thought of Friday’s hands-on finale.

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Warrior: Army plans phased implementation

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tract the right leaders. Project Warrior officers should rank in the Top 10 percent, and show potential to command a battalion and perhaps a brigade.

“We’re looking for our best and most talented captains,” said Brig. Gen. Mike Lundy, deputy commanding general of the Combined Arms Center-Training at Fort Leavenworth.

“At the MCTCs, they’ll have the opportunity to observe multiple unit rotations. Then they’ll take the skills, knowledge and lessons they learn to train our future company commanders and staff officers at the Centers of Excellence. It’s a great leader development program for the Army, the Project Warrior participants, and for the captains whom the Project Warrior officers will instruct at the proponent schools,” he said.

Project Warrior is open to officers in: Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery, Air Defense, Aviation, Engineer, Signal,

Military Police, Military Intelligence, Chemical, Logistics and Medical Service.

Project Warrior participants must complete key development qualification assignments and have a minimum of three years at the company/battalion/brigade levels. Officers can volunteer for Project Warrior, but must be endorsed by their battalion or brigade commander.

Human Resources Command branch and career managers review each candidate’s file to assess quality and to ensure participation does not disadvantage the candidate’s professional development timeline.

The Army plans a phased implementation:

- By June 2013, the Army will identify and select captains for OCT assignments;
- By December 2013, the Army will screen and select officers, currently serving as OCTs, for Project Warrior and follow-on assignments for summer 2014 as SGIs at TRADOC CoEs; and
- By fiscal year 2016, the goal is to have 50 percent of

Project Warrior officers teaching as SGIs and 100 percent by fiscal year 2017.

At end state, Project Warrior will have 66 officers serving at the MCTCs and another 66 serving as SGIs at various CoEs. The MCTCs are the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.; the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.; and the Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany.

HQDA G-3/5/7 will serve as the program’s lead agent for policy, while HQDA G-1 will serve as the lead agent for personnel management.

CAC-T manages Army training support and training development, and provides training and leader development programs and products to support Army readiness. One of its subordinate organizations is the Combat Training Center, or CTC, Directorate, which facilitates validation, administration and integration of the CTC Program, and has been the lead to reinvigorate the Project Warrior Program.

Afghan: Soldiers, supplies delivered in 3 waves

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Abn. Div., joined ANA soldiers of the 1st Kandak, 4th Brigade, 201st Corps, and AUP personnel in the effort.

Soldiers and supplies were delivered to Hesarak in three waves. The first landed in a wheat field in the early hours, May 15; the second arrived shortly before noon that same day; the final dropped its passengers and cargo before dawn, May 16.

Under cover of darkness, the first wave slogged its way across freshly watered fields, up and down walled terraces, and through a maze of irrigation systems to the objective.

“That was the worst part of the mission: the movement in,” said Spc. Vang Seng Thao, combat camera, 55th Signal Company, Combat Camera, 21st Signal Brigade, 114th Signal Battalion, of Fort Meade, Md. “There were freshly irrigated wheat fields, it was very muddy. Every time you would step, your boots would get stuck in the mud, or you’d be tripping on rocks.”

Not only was the ground treacherous; the weight of the packs Soldiers carried had a tendency to pitch people off balance.

“Some guys were carrying M-240Bs with all the extra ammo for those, so they were carrying well over 100 pounds,” Thao said. “Everything else after that was

a breeze because we didn’t have all the extra weight.”

Near dawn on May 15, one of the platoons took enemy contact. Sporadic barages of small arms fire continued throughout the day, with each platoon eventually making contact with the enemy.

There were no U.S., ANA or AUP casualties, even with the insurgents’ continued attacks. The insurgents, on the other hand, took several.

Beating back the forces harassing the district center was a key part of the mission, but it wasn’t the only part.

Rotating in AUP replacements — the first in six months or more — meeting

with local leaders, engaging the Afghan air force to help with the airlift, and allowing Afghan forces to take another step toward the front were critical aspects as well.

On May 16, a large group of local leaders got together to discuss Hesarak with Afghan and U.S. forces.

“The ANA commander spoke a lot about how Hesarak is just as important to the ANA as, say, Jalalabad or Bagram,” Thao said. “They’re still in Afghanistan, they’re Afghan citizens and they’re going to be protected by the Afghan army.”

Not only will the ANA and AUP provide support, but the Afghan air force will as well.

Course: Simulations test individual assimilation of knowledge

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Spc. Travis Kamerlang is a medium helicopter repairman assigned to the 1-214th GSAB. For the exercise, he explained his role and that of the Chinook: Once airborne, the pilots will get the Chinook to where the two students and instructor are prepared and waiting to hook-up their load. At that point, Kamerlang, who is already down in the hole (observation point in the center of the aircraft), will take verbal command

of the aircraft, as the pilot can no longer see what’s happening beneath him.

As Kamerlang makes visual contact with the load, he begins directing the pilot toward it by calling out the closing, horizontal distance: 75, 50, 20, 10 ... 3, 2, 1 — “hold your forward.” Next, he brings (the pilot) down to about 15 feet and instructs him to hold, while they (students on the ground) hook up.

Once the ground crew has the slings hooked and the crew chief

has visually inspected the load to see that it’s tight, he clears the pilot for flight.

“As the event gets going, each student waits their turn, to rig, inspect and hook up two different loads,” Fief said. “One is the Humvee, a four-wheeled vehicle, which has two points to hookup. The other is a large water or fuel container — a single-point hook up.

“This will test the participants individually — and it shows us how much of the knowledge

they’ve been able to assimilate. For this, they can’t afford not to know it cold — and we’re not about to let somebody squeak by marginally.”

Students stood with their partner and instructor with their prepared, inspected sling load, as the behemoth helicopter made its descending approach for their exact position. The moment of truth had arrived.

Hovering just feet above the heads of two students and instructor, the massive Chinook

began to bear down — 50 mph winds pushed and pounded at the students, who firmly hold their ground. The giant, intimidating propellers created a deafening, percussive sound.

The students, armed with personal courage and an understanding of their new skill set, stand strong beneath the hovering aircraft and execute their hook-ups.

Then, just like that, it was over. Of the 32 students who had made it from the original class of 49, all made it through the finale.



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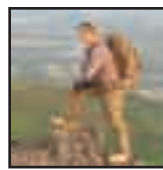
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Action!

Children's theater back in town

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the Missoula Children's Theatre to allow area youth a chance to audition for parts in a summer production of "Rapunzel."

The team will arrive with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play except the cast, according to the company's website.

Auditions will be held Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at the post theater. Auditions are open to all eligible military, contractors and Department of Defense civilian youth, 1st to 12th grade. Children must be registered with child, youth and school services.

A cast of 50-60 local school-age children and four assistant directors will be selected for the production of "Rapunzel," and rehearsals will be held Monday through June 14th at the post theater.

"It is a wonderful experience for our youth. It provides an (amazing) summer experience for the entire Family and it is pure, simple fun," said Denise Honeycutt, Hired! and EDGE! program manager.

Those who audition should bring a brown bag lunch and snack in the event they land a part in the play because rehearsals for some parts start right after, she said.

There is no registration for auditions, but Honeycutt advises to arrive 15 minutes early.

"(Participating) is a wonderful experience (because) it forms new friendships, helps brings out Fort Rucker's talents, teaches commitment and a special bond is formed between the directors, actors and everyone involved in the production," added Honeycutt.

According to the company's website, the Missoula Children's Theatre has opened both hearts and minds of children to the possibility of achievement through creativity and teamwork that they learn during the theatrical process.

"We live in a highly competitive era," the site reads. "MCT... strives to use participation in the performing arts as a vehicle to develop the life skills such as social skills, communication skills, self-discipline, a strong work ethic, an understanding of the team concept and self-esteem necessary to answer the challenges of our time."

The site also states that a stron-



The entire cast of last year's Missoula Children's Theatre's production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" sings a song. The theatre returns to Fort Rucker with auditions for this year's show Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at the post theater in preparation for this year's production of "Rapunzel." For more, call 255-0666 or 255-9638.

ger performance in oral reports, better grades, a healthier rapport with teachers and classmates, confidence, self-control, an increased sense of tolerance and respect for others, enthusiasm for challenging projects, a blossoming imagination and sense of individuality, and a perceptible sense of emotional and physical well-being are among the positive results of participation.

The audition is a group two-hour process that all children who are interested in being cast must attend for the entire time, and the organizers say that no preparation or materials are needed for try-outs.

"Our team of directors will guide the children through the audition process with easy to follow instructions," reads the site. "At the end of the audition, the cast will be announced, and each cast member will receive a rehearsal schedule for the week."

Rehearsals are extensive. Children will learn lines, staging, songs and movement in the 4 1/2-hour rehearsal each day, according to the website.

Working the stage

As part of Missoula Children's Theatre touring summer daytime workshops will be held for children entering first - 12th grades.

The three enrichment and interactive workshops will be offered Tuesday - June 13 on a variety of theatrical topics in conjunction with the Missoula Children's Theater performance of Rapunzel. The workshops are free and open to children who are registered with Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services.

Each workshop is a 45-minute, age-appropriate, educational, interactive exploration of the performing arts through hands-on activities, coached by the company's actors, according to the theaters web site, www.mctinc.org.

The workshops will be available following the auditions and prior to the performances.

- The Actor's Tool Workshop is scheduled for 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- The Landing the Role Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- And the Let's Make-up Workshop is scheduled for June 13 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

The participants in the Let's Make-up Workshop are the models for a demonstration of theater makeup techniques. This workshop, according to the website, teaches students by demonstrating corrective, old age and fantasy make-up.

For more information, call 255-0666.

"We rehearse a total of 4 1/2 hours each day — two, two-hour sessions with a short break in-between. Although not all cast members are needed at every session, those auditioning, if selected... must be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role," it reads.

Rehearsals will be held at the post theater Monday from 12:30-2:30 p.m., and Tuesday through

June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Within each MCT cast, girls and boys are equal, the disabled become able, the shy experiment with bravery, the slow are rehearsed to perfection and the gifted become part of the whole, according to the website.

"The lesson (children will) learn is that all of them are necessary for the show to go on," it

says. "Few arenas exist where responsibility is taught and learned so clearly. MCT provides a unique opportunity to learn the lessons of group dynamics while excelling as an individual."

The performance of "Rapunzel" will be held June 14 at 4:30 p.m. and again June 15 at 2 p.m. at the post theater.

For more, call 255-0666 or 255-9638.

Vacation Bible School children get life-size experience

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Vacation Bible School returns to Fort Rucker Monday through June 14 from 8:30-11:30 a.m., but this year's event promises a life-size experience with the Wilderness Tabernacle Adventure.

Nancy Jankoski, director of religious education for the Fort Rucker Religious Support Office, said this year's VBS will be an experience that will take children on a journey through what it was like to live in biblical times.

"I couldn't be more excited about this year's Vacation Bible School," she said. "The Wilderness Tabernacle will be coming to Fort Rucker, and I've never come across anything like this before."

A full-size Wilderness Tabernacle, like the one out of the Book of Exodus, will be set up on the front lawn of the Spiritual Life Center during VBS week, and will even feature a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, which is the chest described in the Bible to hold the tablets of the Ten Commandments.

"It just so happens that our area is large enough to house the entire (compound), so we're going to get the full experience," said Jankoski. "That's the feature point of the VBS program this year and it goes along with our Old-Testament theme."

Children that participate in this year's VBS will be

transported back in time to how things were in biblical times, and even get to participate in many activities that children of that time would experience, said the religious education director.

Children will learn how to write Hebrew, play Bible-time instruments and even make a Bible-time instrument — a lyre.

"We're going to start them out in Egypt, and they'll learn how to make bricks out of mud because that's what the children in Egypt did in those times," said Jankoski. "We've already warned the parents that they're going to playing in the mud, so they should dress appropriately."

The children will also participate in various arts and crafts throughout the program such as making a discus and treasure box. They can also participate in learning different Jewish music and dances, as well as participate in games that that were played during Bible times like relay race involving chariots and javelin tosses using plastic spears.

Even the foods that they eat will be themed to what they ate in biblical times.

The goal of this year's VBS is to provide a fun, interactive way that the children can learn about their faith, said Jankoski.

"It's a good way for children to experience how life was lived back then," she said. "They won't be sitting in a classroom. They'll actually be immersing themselves

in the story.

"I want the children who are here and learning about faith to have a deeper understanding about their own churches teaching and why they believe what they believe," she continued. "That's why our classes are mixed. They're all in there together and they'll learn from each other."

People of different faiths attend the VBS, from the Catholic community to the Protestant community to the Jewish community, but Jankoski said it's all about one thing — Christianity.

"Because we have all these different faith communities, we have to zero in on the Christian congregation to teach concepts that all Christian denominations have in common," she said, adding that all Christian faith stems from Judaism. "The Christian faith stands on the shoulders of the Jewish scriptures because Christians believe that the Messiah was a Jewish person, so we have to understand things about the Jewish culture."

Jankoski said that there's a lot that each denomination can learn from each other when it comes to faith, and if their faith does or worships something in a different way, she welcomes people to teach them how they do it.

Slots are still available for VBS, and people can register by going to the Spiritual Life Center, or emailing nancy.b.jankoski.civ@mail.mil for a registration form.

For more, call 255-3946.

ON POST

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

Wing Night

Every Wednesday in The Landing Zone is Traditional Wing Night starting at 4 p.m. The special features six wings for \$3, 10 wings for \$4.75 or 15 wings for \$7 with the purchase of a beverage. The offer is not valid with any other coupons or promotions and is for dine-in only.

For more, call 598-8025.

June EDGE! programs

Child, youth and school services will host its June EDGE! program with activities such as tubing and paintball at outdoor recreation, and painting and ceramic arts at the arts and crafts center. June EDGE! will be held Mondays through Fridays from 2:30-4 p.m. and will be open to children ages 6–18. The cost will be \$5 per hour. Valid CYSS registration is required and people can enroll at parent central services in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 193, or at the facility where the activity is being held. EDGE! is open to youth of military, Department of Defense civilians and contractors working on Fort Rucker.

For more, call 255-0666 or 255-9638.

Youth summer camp

Youth services offers summer camp Mondays-Fridays until Aug. 9 at the youth center in Bldg. 2800 on 7th Avenue. Camp hours will be 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be free open recreation beginning at 1 p.m. Camps will include: archery, ultimate flying disc, flag football, volleyball, basketball, money management, beading, fine arts, preventing cyber bullying, rockets, computer recycling, renewable energy, photography, robotics, anime pro/Studio 6, Flight Simulator/Microsoft Office Suite, arts and crafts, performing arts, culinary arts, sewing, scrapbooking, softball and rock climbing. Field Trips will also take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Camp fees are based solely on income.

For more, call 255-2245.

Summer Reading Program

The Center Library offers its Summer Reading Program, with the theme, Have Book - Will Travel, through June 28. The free program is open to children completing grades kindergarten through eighth. Registration is ongoing at the library. The program features the chance for children to win prizes for reading their favorite books. Prizes will be awarded to the top reader for kindergarten through fourth grade and fifth through eighth grades at the end of the program.

For more, call 255-0891.

Financial Readiness Training

Army Community Service offers Financial Readiness Training Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 284. ACS officials said the free training provides a practical approach to personal financial management so Soldiers can gain control of and manage money effectively. Financial Readiness Training is required for all first-term junior enlisted Soldiers (E-1 through E-4).

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

Auto center special

The Fort Rucker Auto Skills Center offers a Beat the Heat special throughout June. The special includes \$10 off mechanic for hire air conditioning evac and recharge service – does not include diagnostics



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Wiregrass Freedom Fest

A scene from last year's Freedom Fest. Fort Rucker's annual Wiregrass Freedom Fest celebration is July 3 from 4–10 p.m. at the festival fields. Wiregrass Freedom Fest is now a partnership between Fort Rucker and its neighbors: Daleville, Dothan, Enterprise and Ozark. The 98th Army Silver Wings Band will kick off the festivities, which include a variety of displays, children's inflatable fun zone, rides, a variety of local and regional vendors, and one of the area's largest fireworks shows. The event is free and open to the public. No glass, coolers, backpacks or pets will be allowed. For more, call 255-1749.

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Steak Night

Every Monday starting at 5 p.m. is Steak Night at The Landing Zone. The special features an 8-oz. Flat Iron Steak with a baked potato or fries for \$8, with the purchase of a beverage. Add a side salad for an additional \$1. Other sides are also available for purchase. This special is limited to the first 100 guests per night, is available for dine in only and limited to one per guest. The offer is not valid with any other coupons or promotions.

For more, call 598-8025.

Mobile Dairy Classroom

Southwest Dairy Farmers' Mobile Dairy Classroom visits the Center Library Friday at 10 a.m. to offer children the chance to learn about the modern-milking process, the characteristics and anatomy of a cow, the importance of healthy foods in their diet and food safety. There will also be a live cow milking demonstration during the free event. The event is Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more, call 255-3885.

Father's Day craft-making activity

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

To register, stop by the library or call 255-3885 to register.

Family member resilience training

Army Community Service offers free Family member resilience training Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons in Bldg. 8950. The training is designed to provide Family members the thinking skills and coping strategies they need to meet and overcome military life's challenges, ACS officials said. The classes focus on strengthening relationships, effective thinking strategies, building confidence and increasing general wellbeing. People should register by June 6.

For more, call 255-2382 or 255-3735.

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By **Brandy Ostanik**
*Medical Activity, Alaska,
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and **Capt. John Lunieski**
Alaska Warrior Transition Battalion

(Editor’s note: This is the first in a series of articles on the Warrior Transition Battalion in Alaska.)

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska – On the edge of the Arctic, on Alaska’s coastal plain and on the banks of the Tanana River, two elite Army units assemble daily for a unique mission.

On their report day the orders are simple — to heal.

The mission of the Warrior Transition Battalion – Alaska, consisting of A Company at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and B Company at Fort Wainwright, is to “improve the life of each Soldier who walks through its doors.”

While the Soldiers that come to these units are all unique in their experiences and the challenges they face, they have at least one thing in common with each other; something didn’t go according to plan.

“Life has thrown a curveball at our Soldiers,” said Capt. Daniel Corbett, commander of B Company at Fort Wainwright. “That’s where we come in.”

While no Soldier plans on getting wounded, ill or injured, and finding themselves assigned to a Warrior Transition Battalion, Lt. Col. Jason Benefield, the battalion commander, reassures incoming Soldiers that while their plans may have changed, the staff of A and B Company is there to assist them in their journey.

“I want them to have confidence in us, to trust that together we can develop a new plan that will help them reach their full potential and help them be successful, whether they are going back to the force and into the fight, or becoming a veteran,” said Benefield.

WTB-Alaska staff members, both military and civilian, work hard to instill this confidence and earn the trust of the Soldiers who are assigned to their unit.

The Soldiers, who all require at least six months of complex-medical treatment due to wounds, illnesses or injuries, come from active duty, Reserve and National Guard units throughout Alaska.

There are three methods Soldiers become assigned to either A or B Company.

During overseas operations, Soldiers who are medically evacuated are met at the airport by a military cadre member and screened immediately upon arrival at the hospital by a medical team. This initial assessment determines if the Soldier is in need of complex medical care and assignment to the WTB.

The second and most common process is the regular intake board.

The Warrior Intake Board, consisting of the commander of the United States Army-Alaska, commander of all Army Medical Activities in Alaska and the WTB commander (known officially as the triad of leadership) review recommendations from unit commanders. During the formal board



PHOTO BY MAJ. LINA VILLAR

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Folmar poses above Arctic Valley after leading a hike with the Soldiers of Warrior Transition Battalion-Alaska. The Soldiers of Warrior Transition Battalion-Alaska routinely take advantage of the Alaska wilderness to build physical fitness, resiliency and an appreciation for nature.

proceedings the three commanders are presented with the complete background of the Soldier and medical recommendations. The board screening thoroughly sorts out the simple medical problems and votes on each recommended Soldier. If just one triad of leadership member votes ‘yes’ indicating he believes the Soldier requires complex medical care, the Soldier is immediately assigned to the WTB.

Lastly, Soldiers may be transferred from a WTB at a different installation if Alaska is listed as their home of record.

No matter how Soldiers find their way to WTB-Alaska, they find a caring staff, dedicated to their healing — not just physically, but holistically.

When a Soldier arrives at the WTB, he or she is immediately assigned to a squad leader who serves as the Soldier’s sponsor, leader and guide through the recovery process. Only non-commissioned officers with proven leadership abilities, effective coping skills, and certification from special training conducted at the Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, are allowed to serve as WTB squad leaders. The job is so demanding that squad leaders are kept on a strict two year assignment to the WTB.

“We are not just dealing with a Soldier as a team leader,” said Staff Sgt. Kathryn Martin, a squad leader for B Company when asked to describe her role at the WTB. “We get to know our Soldiers on a one-on-one basis. We have to know how to communicate with each Soldier and get personal with them to know what makes them tick. I am very candid with my Soldiers and I tell them what to expect. I have never deployed, so I never say ‘I understand what you’re going through.’ Instead, I prove to the Soldier that I am going to do everything I can for

them.”

During the first 24 hours, the Soldier (guided by their squad leader), and his or her Family, receive briefings about the facilities, the personnel involved in the care and management of the Soldier, the expectations of the Soldier and a general outline of what to expect in the coming months.

“Within 30 days at WTB-Alaska, the Soldiers work with a team to develop a plan, called their Comprehensive Transition Plan, with both short-term and long-term goals that help them restore their overall health in

six different domains,” said Benefield.

Progress through these domains; physical health, emotional well-being, social relationships, Family dynamics, spiritual health and career is the responsibility of the Soldier but is aided constantly by the staff of WTB.

“The team here works very well together; there’s a lot of synergy,” said Benefield. “It’s a very strong team that has confidence in each other’s judgment and they bring all these different perspectives into this process for the good of the Soldiers.”



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Photo exhibit comes to Dothan

Landmark Park Press Release

A collection of winning images from the 2013 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest is on view at Landmark Park in Dothan.

The 38 winning color photographs were all taken in Alabama by amateur photographers and showcase the diverse natural beauty of the state. The winners represent 10 categories including: scenic/pictorial, birds, mammals, reptiles/amphibians/fish, other wildlife, nature-based recreation, flora, state parks, youth ages 13-18 and youth ages 6-12.

The annual photo contest is conducted by “Outdoor Alabama” magazine, a publication of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The magazine is currently accepting entries for the 2014 photo contest.

For more information, visit www.outdooralabama.com
From water and wildlife, flora and fauna, breathtaking views and nature-based fun, these snapshots showcase the land and life of Alabama

“The goal of the exhibit is to raise awareness of and appreciation for Alabama’s natural beauty,” Kim Nix, Outdoor Alabama editor, said. “We appreciate Landmark Park allowing us to share the photos with their visitors.”

After leaving Landmark Park, the photos are scheduled to be exhibited in Montgomery and Spanish Fort.

Landmark Park is a 135-acre historical and natural science park located on U.S. Highway 431 North in Dothan.

For more, call 794-3452.



PHOTO BY KEITH BOZEMAN

A shot of Little River Canyon by Keith Bozeman that claimed first place in the scenic category of last year’s “Outdoor Alabama” photo contest.

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ONGOING — The American Legion Post 80 hosts bingo nights Tuesdays and Fridays at the Legion Hall, 32335 N. US Hwy. 29, from 4:30-9 p.m. The organization also has a dance, with live music, every Saturday from 7:30-11:30 p.m. All proceeds from the bingo events go to help local veterans and their Families, as well as causes such as Girls State, Boys State and scholarships for high school students. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegionpost80.org.

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

DALEVILLE

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6020 Franchise J. Ballard Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters on State Road 84 every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Breakfast is served on Sundays, and games and TVs are available for entertainment. The meetings are open to all. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells.

For more information, call 598-6211, 598-1297, 598-6211 or 379-9187.

DOTHAN

NOW THROUGH JUNE 25 —Troy University’s Summer Spectacular Children’s Camp at Kelley Springs Elementary School for local children has the theme “Kids as NASA Scientists.” Camp is open to children ages 4 to 12 and the camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. Under this year’s NASA theme, children will engage in a variety of activities exploring science, technology, engineering and math. For more information, or to request a registration form, contact Dr. Cynthia Hicks at hick-sc@troy.ed.

TODAY — The Morris Slingluff Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Highland Oaks Golf Course. Tee off is at noon with lunch at 11 a.m. Registration is \$125 per golfer. It is a four-man scramble with cash prizes for low gross

and low net, plus several prizes such as tires and a \$10,000 hole in one. For more information, call 794-6585 or visit www.dothaneducationfoundation.org.

SATURDAY — Landmark Park will host the annual Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social from 5-8 p.m. Entertainment will include music in the gazebo, butter churning, wagon rides, a cakewalk, old-fashioned games and a quilt exhibit. An exhibit of antique dairy implements-including butter churns, molds and ice cream separators will be displayed. People will receive a free single dip cone of ice cream. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-15, and free for members and children 3 and under.

NOW THROUGH JULY 14 — The Memories of World War II exhibit at the Wiregrass Museum of Art features the nearly 200 reporters and photographers that fanned out around the globe to cover World War II. This exhibition is a spectrum of more than 100 photos from all theaters of the war and the home front. For more information, visit www.wiregrassmuseum.org.

JUNE 24 - AUG. 9 — The Wiregrass Museum of Art will feature three separate summer camps highlighting different aspects of visual arts.

Art Attack! is a camp about creativity and fun. Everyone will learn art fundamentals and display their masterpieces in the Art Attack! showcase at the week’s end. Art Attack!, for ages 6-9, will be held June 24-28. The camp for ages 10-13 will be held July 15-19. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-4p.m. Price is \$105.

Play in the Clay! is a pottery camp where children can learn a variety of ceramic techniques and create three projects to take home. Play in the Clay! is available for children ages 5-9 July 23-26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Price is \$65.

Art Around the World gives children the chance to explore the world through various art forms. Children will travel to a different country each day, learn the culture and customs, and create a work of art native to that region. This camp is available for children ages 5-10 Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Price is \$105.

For more information or to register, call 794-3871 or visit www.wiregrassmuseum.org.

ONGOING — The Wiregrass Museum

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

ONGOING — Landmark Park has a reptile feeding at 4 p.m. every second Sunday of each month. Children and adults can learn why these animals are important to the environment. The program is free with paid gate admission. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

ONGOING — Alabama Agricultural Museum in Landmark Park hosts the Wiregrass Woodturners club meeting the first Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Open to the public, no experience necessary. Free with paid gate admission.

ENTERPRISE

ONGOING — The American Legion Post 73 meets at the American Legion/Doer’s Shrine Club building at 200 Gibson Street in Enterprise on the fourth Saturday of each month, beginning at 8 a.m. This building is across the street from the Lee Street Baptist Church on Lee Street. For more information, call post commander Jerry Goodson at 347-5961 or 447-8507.

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school. Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call

894-2350 for more information.

ONGOING — Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 99 meets each Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. at New Brockton City Hall. Food and drinks are served followed by regular chapter business. Chapter No. 99 maintains a DAV service office in the New Brockton Police station. All veteran services provided are free.

For more information, call 718-5707.

OZARK

ONGOING — Every Thursday at the Ozark Chamber of Commerce the Somersizers Weight Club meets at 5 p.m. to shed weight. For more information, call 774-9321.

ONGOING — Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. yoga with Sandra Bittman is at Perry Recreation Center for \$5 a person.

ONGOING — Every Wednesday the Ozark-Dale County Public Library hosts free Wii Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens and adults are invited. For more information, call 774-5480.

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

PINCKARD

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

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Beyond Briefs

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DISCUS
Before finding missing people, discus champ had to find herself
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JUNE 6, 2013

Softball: Outcasts take out Sauce All-Stars

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writers

Summer isn't the only thing in full swing as Fort Rucker intramural softball hits its regular-season stride.

The 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment Outcasts beat the flight-student team, Sauce All-Stars from D Company, 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Reg., 14-12, in a game that kept spectators on the edge of their seats Monday at the Fort Rucker softball fields.

"I think we had a pretty good win tonight," said James Thomson, coach for the Outcasts. "We had pretty good defense and they played pretty well, but we got the bat on the ball and made some plays."

The Outcasts took to the plate and got off to an easy start as their first batter was walked, followed by a base hit and an RBI to get them on the score board and start the game on the right foot.

Colin Schwalm, player for the Outcasts, took his turn at bat and managed to load the bases with a base hit, which eventually allowed his fellow player, Chris Buntin, to steal home and add to the early lead.

With only one out at this point, the 1-14th team had plenty of opportunity to extend its lead, something it took advantage of as the All-Star's pitcher couldn't seem to catch his stride as he walked multiple players.

The Outcasts managed RBI after RBI before their third out, ending their time at bat 6 runs ahead of their opponents.

The Sauce All-Stars took to the plate determined to stay in the game, and they started out right with a base hit by Frank Yu, which his fellow players quickly followed suit. With the bases loaded and two outs, the D Co. team needed to up their game, and a player stole home to get them on the scoreboard before a pop up sent them back into the outfield with only 1 run.

The Outcasts had the advantage going into the 2nd inning, but they seemed to lose some of their momentum as their opponent's defense tightened up and didn't allow a single run to get through.

The Sauce All-Stars offense appeared to mirror their defense as they took to the plate and loaded the bases early on. Their offense seemed to find the gaps in the Outcasts' defense and they were able to bring in run after run, and end the inning on the heels of their opponents, 6-5.

The 1-14th had its work cut out for it, but wasn't able to get past the D Co. team's tight defense, and went back into the outfield, scoreless again.

The sudden aggressive play style by the Sauce All-Stars allowed them to get back to the plate and bring in two runs and take the lead, 7-6, before their opponent's defense went to work.

The Outcasts were still very much in the game going into the 4th inning, but realized that they were going to have to work for their win, but with two outs early into the inning, the outcome seemed bleak. They managed to keep the ball on the ground with only one out remaining, and brought in two more runs to retake the lead before heading back into the field.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Frank Yu, player for the Sauce All-Stars, attempts to beat the ball to home plate as Efrain Ramos, catcher for the Outcasts, catches the ball during an intramural softball game at the Fort Rucker softball fields Monday. The Outcasts went on to beat the Sauce All-Stars 14-12.

The game wasn't going to be won with just a strong offense, though. The 1-14th defense came together as its opponents took to the plate at the bottom of the fourth, and the Sauce All-Stars didn't manage a single run to end their first scoreless inning of the game.

As the Outcasts seemed to find their footing, they managed to put the ball everywhere their opponents weren't and extended their lead to 9-5 in the fifth inning.

The Sauce All-stars didn't give up that easily, however, as they pushed hard to get past their opponent's defense and eventually bring the teams within one run of each other.

They weren't able to hold onto their momentum, however, as the Outcasts were able to overpower them in every way to end the game, 14-12.

"We like to keep the games close, we like to be the cardiac kids," said Thomson. "Most of our games this year have been 2-3 run games, and this was a 2-run game as well, and it's kind of our MO just to hang with them and try to get a win."



Billy Reed, player for the Outcasts, connects with the ball during an intramural softball game against the Sauce All-Stars at the Fort Rucker softball fields Monday.

Army Strong Triathlon

Participants head out on the swim portion of last year's Army Strong Triathlon. The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts this year's triathlon June 15 from 7 a.m. to noon at West Beach, Lake Tholocco. The event includes a quarter-mile swim, a 10.6-mile bike race and a 3.1-mile run. Cash awards will be given to the top overall finishers and the top relay team. Cost to register is \$40 for individuals and \$70 for a three-person relay team until Saturday. After Saturday, the cost is \$50 for individuals and \$80 for teams. All pre-registered participants will receive T-shirts while supplies last after Saturday. For more, call 255-2296 or 255-3794.



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28 Jolly Roger

30 Bamboo-eating cutie

34 Domination, in slang

35 Hi! —

36 Gene-splicing need

37 Army meal buddy

43 Sneer-sounding vehicle

50 Politico Ross

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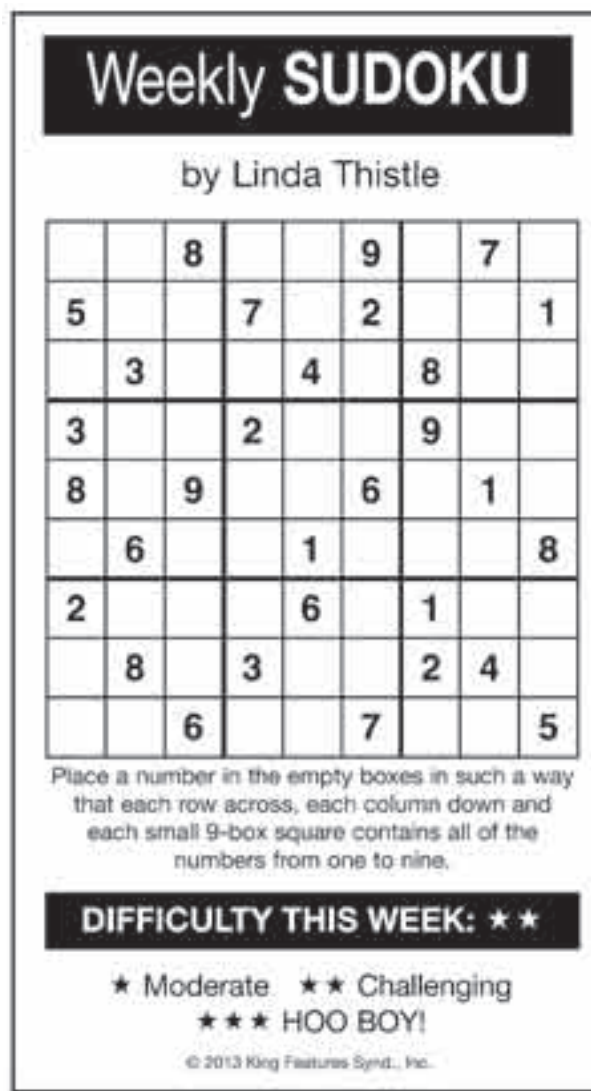
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KID'S CORNER



Video Game Spotlight >>

‘Remember Me’ lives up to its name

By **Jim Van Slyke**
Contributing Writer

(Editor’s note: All opinions stated in the Video Game Spotlight are solely those of the article’s author.)

For those brave enough to give it a go, it will be hard to forget “Remember Me.” It’s a bit of a mindbender, with the main character having the ability to break into the memories of other characters in the game and alter them to suit her purpose. Something as subtle as moving a chair in someone’s memory can have major repercussions.

“Remember Me” takes in the year 2084 in Paris. Personal memories can now be digitized, sold and traded. Citizens have agreed to this memory plan because it keeps them safe. It’s intimidating to rob a bank or murder someone when your memory is public access; no doubt you’ll get caught.

The game is a third-person action-adventure that has gamers becoming Nilin, a former elite memory hunter who has the ability to break into people’s minds and steal or even alter their memories. Fearful of her power, the authorities arrest her and wipe her memory. The game begins with Nilin escaping from prison hoping to recover her

memory. She also quickly begins to relearn all the fight moves that made her so dangerous.

There is a lot of exploration and fighting in the game. Those are both good, but the true fun really happens when Nilin gets the chance to dive into other people’s memories. These events are almost like puzzles, as there is only one correct move to make in each memory to achieve the goal the Nilin needs.

The game looks great and it’s a lot of fun. It will be a bit daunting to the average gamer only because of the memory-puzzle portions. But those who give it a serious shot

will have no choice to always remember “Remember Me.”

Reviewed on the Xbox 360



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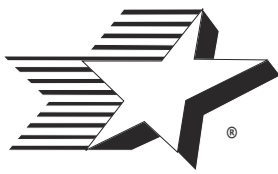
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Admission for swimming is free for ages 2 and younger, \$1.50 for ages 3–9, \$2.25 for ages 10–17, and \$3 for ages 18 and older. Season passes, valid at both Splash! and West Beach, will be available once the summer season begins at both physical fitness centers, outdoor recreation, and leisure travel services.

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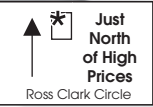
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Before finding missing people, discus champ had to find herself

By David Vergun
Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Retired Sgt. Monica Y. Southall is working on her goal of finding missing people. But first, she had to find herself.

In 2009, Southall was riding in a mine-resistant, ambush protected vehicle near Forward Operating Base Shank in Afghanistan, when ordnance from an air strike landed too close.

She fell off the MRAP, injuring her knees, shoulders and spinal cord.

She also suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and severe depression.

Throughout her hospitalization and before the start of her recovery process, she no longer wanted to be around people, she said. She just wanted to be left alone.

Network of support

However, fellow Soldiers and health care support staff refused to give up on her.

“They taught me the coping skills I needed and listened to me as I expressed my feelings,” she said, adding that her Family was also there for her.

Although the recovery process was painful, she said she got through it with her network of support.

In 2010, that network of support suddenly broadened as she entered the Warrior Games competition for wounded warriors like herself.

Suddenly she had a lot of new friends who’d been through similar tough times, she said. They talked, got encouragement from the coaching staff and focused on winning and helping each other succeed.

Southall competed in seated shot put that year and earned a gold medal.

Last year she returned to the



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Retired Sgt. Monica Y. Southall prepares to release the discus, May 14 during the 2013 Warrior Games held in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 11-16. She earned gold.

games and this time her recovery improved enough to enable her to compete in standing shot put. She took gold again.

She also earned first place in sitting volleyball that year, adding to her collection of medals.

On May 14, she entered the discus throwing competition of Warrior Games 2013, held at the Air Force Academy here. Gold again.

Watching her and cheering her on from the sidelines this year was her mother, Barbara Southall and aunt, Mary Ward.

After congratulating her fellow teammates, Southall headed

straight for her mom, who gave her a big hug.

“Hi sweetie, I’m so proud of you,” her mom said.

“I’ve never thrown so far,” she replied, still hugging her mom.

“I was so nervous waiting for the last throw.” Six throws are required of each athlete.

“Sasha has been missing you,” her mom said, as she left to receive her medal.

Sasha is Southall’s “very friendly” pit-lab mix.

“We adopted her from a shelter, so I guess you could say we saved the dog’s life,” she said.

Sasha and Southall had both suffered, but helped each other through the recovery process. “I don’t know what I’d do without her,” she added.

Hopeful future

Southall has stayed in contact on Facebook with fellow Soldiers and warrior athletes throughout the years since the first game in 2010. She said she’ll continue those friendships.

Future plans, however, may prevent her from returning to the games as she expects to be very busy.

On July 20 this year, she graduates from the University of Phoenix with a master’s degree in criminal justice. She’ll then study for her private investigator license at her home in Richmond, Va.

“My goal in life, besides helping other wounded warriors, is to find missing people,” she said, admitting to watching a lot of T.V. shows on that topic.

“I’d like to find those people and bring them home to their Families.”

Southall herself, with the help of others, has finally made it home.

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

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Answers

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UTNE	MEN	PIRATEFLAG
PANDABEAR	OWNAGE	
RES	ONNA	MESSMATE
POLICEPATROLCAR	PERDOT	
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LINEN	SENO	SOCCERBALL
ANT	ASK	LAGO
HAWKE		
REST	KILLER	WHALE
RAPS		
HAT	FANTIE	YEA
DAN		
SILENT	FILM	DLX
BRUNO		
OTITIS	ARTOIS	BOOZER
OCCAM	CROSSWORD	PUZZLE
THESAURI	FAS	ION
BEST	IR	TUXEDOCAT
OREO	COOKIE	AYN
CALI		
SEAWALL	BLACK	ANDWHITE
LISETTE	IDARE	YEARNER
ONENESS	ASHES	CAREERS

TRIVIA

Answers

1. The tragus
2. Culture Club
3. France
4. Jenny Lind
5. 1976
6. Franco Zeffirelli
7. Charlie
8. Blood clotting
9. James Bond
10. Arthur Herbert Fonzairelli

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