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## Show entertains, educates

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Hundreds of people were treated to a Broadway-style spectacle performed by some of the Army's most talented Soldiers in a performance that had the audience singing and dancing along.

The 2013 U.S. Army Soldier Show put on a production at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center Friday and Saturday that showcased what it's like to be a Soldier in today's Army, while reminding those in military life to remain "Ready and Resilient," which was the theme of the performance.

"This year's production explores what it means to be 'Ready and Resilient' in today's Army — as a Soldier, spouse, family member, survivor, retiree and civilian," read the Soldier Show pamphlet. "Readiness is the ability to accomplish assigned tasks through resilience, individual collective training

and leadership."

"We're bringing Soldiers back from downrange left and right, and we now have more Soldiers that are home with their families," said Sgt. Drake Delucca, visual media manager for the Soldier Show. "We have to maintain that readiness for when the nation needs us."

The Army's lessons were spaced out sparingly throughout the show with soulful songs and eye-popping performances that had the audience captivated.

"I was just amazed by the production," said Jeremiah Scott, Enterprise native. "I can't believe these aren't professional performers from the caliber of the show. It really opens your eyes and gives you a glimpse of Army life."

"I know it can't completely convey what it's like to be in the military, but it really hit on my emotions," he explained. "Listening to the Soldiers sing



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Soldiers perform a number during the 2013 Soldier Show at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center Friday.

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## Off-limits memo protects Soldiers

By Sara E. Martin  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Many businesses near military installations benefit from the patronage of Soldiers and Families, but occasionally a business may create an atmosphere that is detrimental to the wellbeing of Soldiers.

If a business seeks to take advantage of or neglects the safety of Soldiers who utilize its facilities or require its services, the violations don't go unnoticed on Fort Rucker and there are steps in place to protect Soldiers and their Families.

"There is an off-limits establishment memorandum for all service members," said Capt. Elizabeth Boggs, trial counsel at the office of the staff judge advocate. "The memorandum's intention is to prevent service personnel from being exposed to or victimized by crime-conducive conditions. Anything that is going to make the service member be vulnerable to being taken advantage of or themselves getting in trouble are reasons for the list."

Boggs said that businesses that get put on the list provide an unhealthy or dangerous atmosphere for Soldiers, and that they don't maintain good business practices to ensure the wellness, morale and safety of service members.

Businesses that go on the list have unsafe conditions in their area of responsibility relating to any of the following: disorder and lack of discipline, prostitution, sexually transmitted diseases, liquor violations, racial and other discriminatory practices, alcohol and drug abuse, drug abuse paraphernalia, criminal or illegal activities involving cults or hate groups, illicit gambling, areas susceptible to terrorist activity, unfair commercial or consumer practices, and other undesirable conditions deemed unsafe, which may adversely affect the health and wellbeing of military personnel or their Families.

The recommendation to put an establishment on the list rests on

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COURTESY PHOTO

## And the winner is...

...the Aviation Center Logistics Command. Genie Jones, ACLC environmental group leader; Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander; Marty Robinson, ACLC environmental group; Col. Michael Aid, ACLC commander; Dr. Phillip Dark, Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command G-4 depot support branch chief; Dianne Bentley, wife of Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley; William Singer, ACLC deputy to the commander; and Governor Bentley shortly after ACLC was awarded the Air Conservationist of the Year Award at the 2013 Alabama Wildlife Federation Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards banquet Aug. 2 in Prattville. For more on the award, see next week's *Army Flier*.

## No hiccups with temporary pharmacy

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Despite a temporary move, Lyster Army Health Clinic's pharmacy remains on track, serving Fort Rucker without so much as a hiccup.

Operations and customer service have remained a top priority, and the pharmacy is doing all it can to make sure that its patients don't notice a difference in the level of care provided, according to Lt. Col. Taiwo Bolaji, chief of pharmacy for LAHC.

"Operations have been going really well, and we're still operating during normal business hours — nothing has changed in our process," said Bolaji. "Our goal is to get people in and out safely, and with the right medications, and everything has been running smoothly — not nearly as crazy as we thought it would be."

The temporary facility opened July 8, during which more than 2 million pills were moved from the old to the new facility, and operations have not suffered



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Michelle Carr, retired military, receives her medications from James Becknell, Lyster Army Health Clinic pharmacist, at the temporary pharmacy in front of LAHC Monday.

since the opening, although Bolaji said that wait times have been a little longer some days due to the furlough.

"The wait times might be a little longer sometimes, but we're doing the best we can," he said

Even with some of the added

wait times, the pharmacy is still able to fill more than 30,000 prescriptions a month or 1,500 prescriptions per day.

A lot of the wait times are due to the fact that many people come to the pharmacy on the same day of the week to have prescriptions filled, said Bolaji,

adding that people might be able to get in and out quicker if they come during the middle of the week.

Although some may see the temporary move as an inconvenience, customer service and customer satisfaction have not suffered.

"We've received a lot of positive comments and feedback from the patient side," said the pharmacy chief. "That's kind of paradoxical. You would think that because of the move it would be different, but we've received a lot of good comments about our service and the cleanliness of the area, and in terms of patient interaction, we're doing very well."

Michelle Carr, retired military, is one patient who can attest to that fact.

"This facility is fine by me, it went really quick and there was no wait for me," she said. "Their service has been as smooth as usual."

Even though customers are satisfied with the current

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Dog Days of summer and your job search

By **Bryan Tharpe**  
*Fort Rucker Army Career and Alumni Program*

Have you ever wondered why people call the period between early July and early September, when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere, Dog Days?

It's a period of stagnation or inactivity in our weather pattern, but why do we call the hot, sultry days of summer Dog Days?

According to an article by Jerry Wilson, he explains it this way.

In ancient times, when the night sky was not obscured by artificial lights and smog, different groups of peoples in different parts of the world drew images in the sky by "connecting the dots" of stars. The images drawn were dependent upon the culture: the Chinese saw different images than the Native Americans, who saw different pictures than the Europeans.

These star pictures are now called constellations, and the constellations that are now mapped out in the sky come from our European ancestors. They saw images of bears, (Ursa Major and Ursa Minor), twins, (Gemini), a bull, (Taurus), and others, including dogs, (Canis Major and Canis Minor).

The brightest of the stars in Canis Major (the big dog) is Sirius, which also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky. In fact, it is so bright that the ancient Romans thought that the Earth received heat from it. Look for it in the southern sky (viewed from northern latitudes) during January.

In the summer, however, Sirius, the dog star, rises and sets with the sun. During late July, Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and sultry weather. They named this period of time, from 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after,

Dog Days, after the dog star.

The conjunction of Sirius with the sun varies somewhat with latitude. And the "precession of the equinoxes" (a gradual drifting of the constellations over time) means that the constellations today are not in exactly the same place in the sky as they were in ancient Rome. Today, dog days occur during the period between July 3 and Aug. 11. Although it is certainly the warmest period of the summer, the heat is not due to the added radiation from a far-away star, regardless of its brightness.

So, what does all this have to do with you and ACAP? Well, just as the tilt of the Earth, at different times of the year, produces a different weather pattern – usually periods of inactivity – some people get lazy, and choose swimming holes and backyard barbecues over their job searches.

This is not an option for the successful job seeker, regardless of the season. Until

you find the right job for you, you must continue to put forth all effort necessary to find it.

The ACAP Center has all the resources necessary to help you put forth your best job search effort. Additionally, trained ACAP career counselors can help motivate you to that end.

For just as the heavens hold countless stars, one usually appears brighter than all the others. So it is with jobs. The job seeker has to be able to look at all the jobs available and then choose the one that stands out as the brightest for him or her. ACAP can help you locate and reach your Dog Star.

Epictetus, an ancient philosopher, said it best when he said, "first say to yourself what you would be, then do what you have to do."

For more information on how ACAP can help you with your job search, call the center at 255-2558.

## This month in Army Aviation history

This month we're spotlighting the August 1969 issue of the *U.S. Army Aviation Digest*. This issue features:

### Eyewitness to Valor

Despite his terrible wounds, Spc. 4 (then private first class) Gary G. Wetzel climbed back into the gunner's well of the UH-1 Huey helicopter and repelled a Viet Cong attack. For his actions, he received the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

### Impossible Mission

Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to land on top of Mae Bong Pinnacle – successfully.

### Cobra

Hunter Army Airfield is now the site for two training classes that are turning out gun pilots and instructor pilots to fill the Army's need for Cobra-qualified Aviators.

### The Main Event: TSTM vs. OH-13G

Gentlemen: For our main event, we have two old adversaries. In the red, or danger corner, wearing the grayish-black trunks, streaked with lightning bolts, Mr. Tango Sierra Tango Mike. In the blue corner, we have old faithful himself, Mr. Oscar Hotel-13 Golf.

### ... and more.

Download this issue of the *U.S. Army Aviation Digest* at <http://bit.ly/av8-aug69>



## Rotor Wash

“Summer is coming to a close and schools are back in session. What has been your favorite memory from this summer season?”



**2nd Lt. Alex Duncan,**  
**D Co., 1st Bn.,**  
**145th Avn. Regt.**

"We went up to St. Simons, Ga., for a friend's wedding. It was really nice - I'm going to miss the weather."



**W01 Joel Walker,**  
**B Co., 1st Bn.,**  
**145th Avn. Regt**

"I'm going to miss having my daughter at home. She wasn't in school during the summer and she'll be going back, so she won't be home as much."



**Tony White,**  
**civilian**

"We drove cross-country from Seattle. It was long and I've never been this far east. It was a good road trip."



**Kaitlynn Nicholson,**  
**Family member**

"Hanging out with friends, I'll miss hanging out with my friends the most."



**Sgt. Tabitha McCarthy,**  
**164th TAOG**

"Spending time with my Family. I'm deploying (in the near future) and I'm going to miss them the most."

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## ACE SUICIDE INTERVENTION

### Ask your buddy

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

### Care for your buddy

- Remove any means that could be used for self-

injury.

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

### Escort your buddy

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



# New DARE officer heads for schools

By Jim Hughes  
*Command Information Officer*

Fort Rucker youth made their way back to the post elementary and primary schools Tuesday for the 2013-14 school year, and an Army specialist was in amongst them, on her first day at a new job.

Spc. Susan Stone, Directorate of Public Safety, is the new Fort Rucker Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer, and she said she was looking forward to spending the school year with post youth in and out of the classroom.

“I never thought of doing it before,” said Stone, “but the Army said they needed someone for the spot, so I said, ‘Oh, cool – another opportunity!’ and I did it.”

DARE is an international education program designed to give youth the skills and information they need to avoid drug use, and also avoid getting involved in gangs and other violent behaviors, according to the organization’s website.

As the DARE officer, Stone will facilitate a 10-week curriculum to fifth graders at the Fort Rucker Elementary School in the second half of the year, but



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

**Spc. Susan Stone, DPS, is Fort Rucker’s new DARE officer.**

she will also visit the other classrooms and school throughout the year, along with visiting with youth at the community centers,

housing playgrounds and various events on post, said Peggy L. Contreras, Fort Rucker Community Police supervisor.

“The DARE program has been revamped,” Contreras said, adding that the theme is Keeping it Real. “Now, as opposed to being an instructor, the DARE officer will be more of a facilitator. She will kind of guide subjects and let kids interact – become more of a part of the program.”

The program also adjusted its focus to better represent the threats youth face today, Contreras said.

“There’ve been a lot of changes in the different drugs on the market,” she said. “Before, the program focused on marijuana and alcohol, but now it’s expanded to all types of drugs and precursors to drugs. We’ll also use groups more and do more than just present, present, present – we’ll facilitate group interaction.”

Stone said she’s ready to get the school year started off.

“I like kids – they all have their own personalities, they’re all different and I’m excited to lead them,” through the DARE program, she said. “I want to give them the skills they need to recognize and resist the different pressures of drugs, gangs and violence.

“I also want to show them law enforcement people in a helping

role, not just the enforcement role – or the ‘you’re in trouble’ kind of thing,” Stone added.

Contreras backed her up on that point.

“It’s schools, parents and law enforcement working together,” said Contreras, who started DARE at the post in 1991 and has been running it ever since. “We need parents to engage their children at home. Ask children to tell you about what happened today, start that dialogue.

“I don’t like to see parents say to children, ‘See the police over there, I’m going to tell them to come get you.’ That isn’t what we want,” she said. “We don’t want kids to have the mentality that when they see police they withdraw because they’re afraid we’re going to get them.

“It makes them feel afraid to walk up and talk to us. We want children to talk to us – ask us about our guns, or ask about our badges, or those radios on our shoulders. We want them to know we’re here to protect them; we’re not after them,” she said.

For more on DARE, call 255-DARE (3273), and keep an eye out for McGruff the Crime Dog, who will follow Stone around at the schools and events DARE takes part in.

## Field studies program: passport to understanding

By Sara E. Martin  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The International Military Student Program used a canoe trip to northern Florida this summer as a passport to understanding for international students as they traverse flight school at Fort Rucker.

One way that the International Military Student Office helps students from other countries get the most out of their time in the U.S. is by exposing them to American life through the field studies program, said Joseph Fernandez, field studies program manager.

“The intent of the trip is to show the international students typical American life and give them a chance to bond with one another outside of their typical duties as flight students,” he said. “It means a lot to them to be guests in America.”

The most recent trip was to Merritt’s Mill Pond in Marianna, Fla., July 27 for a canoe trip.

“The trips are designed to teach certain topics, we cover those topics but we try to show them in a way that they thing more about fun than rigorous learning,” said Eduardo Pineiro, IMSO field studies program coordinator.

Merritt’s Mill Pond is a 202-acre reservoir fed mostly by one spring, named Blue Spring or Jackson Blue, but also has six other springs that feed into it.

The students were able to view natural wildlife of the South that decorated the pond while they paddled 5 miles downstream and picnicked on the water.

Cypress trees were draped with Spanish moss and were scattered throughout the waterway along with oak leaf hydrangea, and ferns dotted the limestone rocks along

the banks.

Students also observed a variety of birds, like herons, cormorants, ibis, kingfisher and black vultures. Turtles could also be seen, though the water was a chilly 68 degrees.

“It is a fun way to learn about the ‘real’ United States, and not necessarily what Hollywood and the media portrays in films, TV shows, newspapers and magazines,” said Pineiro.

The mission of IMSO is to create the conditions and climate for sustained professional growth and success; provide and coordinate support for the world’s best international military students; and to promote a favorable impression of the American way of life.

“The FSP provides a better understanding of the United States, its people, political system, military, institutions, and way of life,” said Fernandez.

“The goal of the FSP is to ensure that international students return to their homelands with an understanding of the responsibilities of governments, militaries, and citizens to protect, preserve and respect the rights of every individual,” continued Pineiro.

To achieve this objective, the FSP provides students with an understanding of the following facets of American life: human rights, diversity, government institutions, political processes, the judicial system, the free market system, education system, health and human services, media, international peace and security, and law of war.

The program also promotes acceptance by providing opportunities for the students to be exposed to different cultures.

“Every country has solutions to prob-



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

**Capt. Andres Chaves, Colombian Army maintenance manager, and Capt. Oscar Denavides, Colombian Army maintenance manager, get ready to place their canoe into the waters of Merritt’s Mill Pond July 27.**

lems that are affecting other countries,” said Pineiro. “When (the students) gather for our activities, that exchange of ideas fosters lifelong friendships and makes our world a better place to live.”

First Lt. Gabreel Czapiewska, armed forces of the Republic of Poland, said that he has gone on every trip since arriving and that the trips help him complete a personal mission.

“Learning about American culture and its way of life is one of my main missions in coming here,” he said. “I want to learn American culture and history. I want to meet with people and speak with them, and I want to practice English.”

Seeing new things and meeting new people is amazing, said Czapiewska, adding that everything is new and different, but that he has enjoyed every day at Fort Rucker.

“It is wonderful to meet other people in Aviation like me,” he said. “During the trips we are more relaxed, and we can talk to each other about non-work things. I can tell him about my culture and he can tell me about his.”

Czapiewska said that he realized through meeting the other international students on trips that “we are all the same. We look different and have different languages, but really we are the same,” he said.

## News Briefs

### Lyster parking

Lyster Army Health Clinic officials advise people that the parking lot and entrance by the MRI facility and the behavioral health clinic are for those departments only and may not be used as a pass through to the rest of the clinic, and also ask for people to not use the behavioral health clinic entrance inside the clinic to exit the building.

### Pharmacy volunteers

The Lyster Army Health Clinic Pharmacy is looking for Red Cross volunteers to assist patients in the waiting area with ticket selection, and also questions about drop off and refill prescriptions.

For more information, call the patient advocate, at 255-7229 or send an email to jan.i.carolan.civ@mail.mil.

### Opportunity knocks

The following positions are available on Fort Rucker: Equal Employment Specialist, SCEG13643915930932, GS-0260-11, closing date Aug. 12; Firefighter (Hazardous Materials Technician), SCEG13649264929016, GS-0081-07, closing date Aug. 15; and Security Guard, SCEG12049170672729S, GS-0085-04, closing date Sept. 13.

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939, Rm. 38. AA is described by chapel officials as a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and

hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from the use of alcohol. The program is focused on spirituality and religion, having an impact on changing a person’s life.

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

### Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army’s Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall semester of 2014 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 – The Judge Advocate General’s Funded Legal Education Program – to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer’s branch manager at Army Human Resources Command, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms.

Yvonne Caron-Rm 2B517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310, to be received by Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

Interested officers should call the Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 255-2547 for further information.

### Corvias safety fair

Corvias Military Living sponsors a safety fair at the Bowden Terrace Event Field Aug. 16 from 4-6 p.m. Information at the fair will include pet and fire safety. Additionally, there will be games and activities for children, and free food and refreshments. This event is free and open to all Fort Rucker housing residents.

For more information, call 503-3800.

### Girl Scout recruiting

The Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama will hold a recruitment event Aug. 17 at The Commons, Bldg. 8950, on Seventh Avenue. Times are 9 a.m. for kindergarteners through first graders, 10 a.m. for second and third graders and 11 a.m. for fourth through 12th graders.

Girls between the ages of 5-17 and adult volunteers are welcome to become Girl Scouts to have fun, make new friends, and change the world, according to Meghan Cochrane, the organization’s director of marketing. Girl Scouts offers young women the opportunity to build lasting leadership skills and friendships in a fun, educational environment.

For more information, call 1 (800) 239-6636, Ext. 2907.



# TRADOC selects its best using new techniques

By Tony O'Bryant  
U.S. Army Training and  
Doctrine Command

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — In an effort to balance the tradition of recognizing Army professionalism and being good stewards of limited funds, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command revamped the way it challenges, chooses and celebrates its best enlisted Soldiers.

Chosen from a field of 17, Sgt. Curtis Bittner, from the Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Okla., and Staff Sgt. Benjamin Steele, from the Initial Military Training Center of Excellence at Fort Jackson, S.C., were named TRADOC's best Soldier and non-commissioned officer, respectively, during a video-teleconference hosted at TRADOC headquarters, with 11 units throughout across the United States.

Before the winners were announced, Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of TRADOC, emphasized that although the announcement was done via VTC, the recognition was no less important.

"I'd like to congratulate each and every one of you for aspiring to compete — to be the man or woman in the arena — to step forward and say 'I'm going to take a shot at this,'" Cone said. "I will guarantee you just because of your participation and just because of the preparation you have made, you are, in fact, a better Soldier or noncommissioned officer — and your units are better — for having had this experience."

After the winners were announced, Steele said he still wasn't sure if he could put into words how it felt to take the title of TRADOC's 2013 NCO of the Year.

"It'll take awhile for it to sink in, but I'm extremely excited and happy to represent Fort Jackson this week," Steele said, adding, jokingly, that although his wife will be excited, she might be a bit disappointed to hear that there are going to be many more nights of



ARMY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Steele, a drill sergeant with 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment and TRADOC's 2013 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, receives the Army Commendation Medal during a ceremony at Fort Jackson, S.C., in July.

studying and practicing.

During the competition, the competitors were confronted with events such as land navigation, media interviews, the Army Physical Fitness Test, a comprehensive test covering military knowledge, and proficiency in the 10 Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills and their nearly 60 subtasks.

"These Soldiers were not just challenged physically, but they were also mentally tested to ensure they are experts in their profession and standards," said Sgt. Maj. Jerry Taylor, TRADOC's G-3 sergeant major, who also oversaw the competition.

Bittner, TRADOC's 2013 Soldier of the Year, said there is a lot of hands-on training that goes into the competition — in addition to the missions that must still be completed within each competi-

tor's unit. However, setting the example for his Soldiers is what kept him motivated.

"I feel great," Bittner said. "The Soldiers below me get to see how far you can really go. I look forward to the next level, and I plan on winning it all."

Due to reduced funding and the requirement to prioritize spending, TRADOC leadership decided to run the competition differently than in previous years. Some of the events, such as the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, were graded by the competing Soldier's unit at location, and the land navigation event was conducted at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy nearest each competitor.

"In the past, there would be costs for travel, lodging and per diem for each competitor, and

all of the support staff needed to run the competition for an entire week at a location, probably more than 70 people in all," Taylor said. "Now, we cut costs by conducting some events at the competitors' locations and other events virtually, using technology such as video teleconferencing."

The culminating event in the competition was the final board appearance. Steele and Bittner, along with the other competitors, took turns answering challenging questions from a board of senior NCOs, including Taylor and TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey. Although their chairs were seemingly right in front of the board, each competitor was actually facing a camera in a VTC room back at their home station.

Dailey said finding cost sav-

ings in annual competitions like the TRADOC NCO and Soldier of the Year is important for the Army that is operating under tough financial conditions.

"This is important," Dailey said. "Not only for the Soldiers that win, but important to resonate across the command with their leaders, peers, fellow Soldiers and noncommissioned officers because this builds esprit de corps. This is part of the Army Profession, and it sends the message that we are still an Army Profession, and even during a time of limited resources, we can still do what our nation asks us to do."

Steele and Bittner will now represent TRADOC against other competitors — in person — from across the Army during the Best Warrior Competition held Oct. 15-17 at Fort Lee, Va.

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# Show: Audience moved by performance

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the songs and perform just made it that much more personal, and it really hit home.”

Some were even brought to tears by the performances.

“The show really hit me on a personal note,” said Susie Iron, military Family member. “Most of my Family has served in the military and to see the life that a military Family has to go through in a show was just amazing.

“I couldn’t believe the amount of heart and soul they put in their performance, but it wasn’t just acting for them because they are real Soldiers that are performing,” she said. “This is the life that they actually lead, so for them, this was real and I couldn’t be more proud to be an American.”

The show featured songs from the most popular hits of today, to old classics, to even Disney classics, but they weren’t there just to entertain – they were performed to convey a message.

One of the stronger messages that the show conveyed was the message of sexual harassment and assault, which it tackled with Aretha Franklin’s classic song “Think,” during which a male Soldier approaches a female Soldier with inappropriate advances, to which the female Soldier promptly told to Soldier to “think” before bursting into song.

Sexual harassment is something the Army has been battling with for many years and has even tackled with its Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Pre-

vention program.

“We all undergo training so we can combat sexual harassment and assault amongst the ranks, and the Army is attacking that like no other place in corporate America,” said Delucca. “It’s all about every Soldier’s accountability, and when we represent that in the show, you’ve never seen SHARP be that entertaining.”

Iron agreed.

“I thought this was a clever way for the Army to tackle situations like this,” said Iron. “Like the song said, it really does make you think because it’s a problem, not just in the military, but in everyday life, and I’m glad to know that our Army isn’t just ignoring it or sweeping it under the rug.”

Although it was important for the Army to convey a message

with its performance, there was also plenty of high-energy entertainment and fun, and a lot of that was displayed as the Soldiers performed their set from Disney classics ranging from “Hercules,” to “The Little Mermaid” to “Mary Poppins.”

For most, the Soldier show had the feel of a big-budget production and, according to Delucca, the performance is treated as such.

“Every year we go around and find all the most talented (Soldiers) that are in the Army ... and those who make it through selection, we create a show around – a big professional show,” he said. “The Soldiers build the set themselves, they do the show, and then they tear it down, pack it in the trucks and go on to the next

place.”

Performing in the show gives many Soldiers a sense of accomplishment because it’s not just about performing; it’s about educating, said Spc. Marvin Forbes, Soldier Show performer from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

“Being here I do feel like I am doing just as much good for our country as I would (if I were deployed) because I’m boosting morale of our Soldiers, and that is the backbone of what we do,” he said. “I get to share a message with people, and people come up to me all the time and tell me how they felt about it and what it did for them, and that’s just a great feeling – it’s just been an amazing experience.”

The show was sponsored by SHARP, BOSS and Sprint.

## Memo: Board makes recommendations on off-limits list

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the shoulders of the disciplinary control board, and a detailed process is taken to ensure fairness for the business and safety of Soldiers, said Boggs.

The board is made up of representatives according to the needs of the command, but often include: legal counselors, law enforcement, health officials, public affairs officers and chaplains.

According to Boggs, there are many steps to the process, but, generally, information is submitted to the board alerting them to the conditions considered detrimental. The information is reviewed by the board and it asks the business owner to fix necessary problems. If the problems are not corrected the board invites the owners to attend a meeting where they can discuss the case and where the owners can ask questions. The board then deliberates again.

If the board decides that the conditions are still not satisfactory, the recommendation goes to the commanding general of the installation to put the establishment on the off-limits list. The commanding general decides whether to agree with the board or with the off-post establishment. If the commanding general goes with the board’s recommendation then the business is placed on the off-limits establishment list and the memorandum is distributed throughout the installation, she said.

“The Army is looking out for its members,” said Boggs. “The board went through a lengthy investigation and gave the establishment a chance to fix things, and if they didn’t it is not a good place that Soldiers want to be. It is ultimately protecting Soldiers.”

The CG may also temporarily place an establishment off limits on an emergency basis. In those cases, after the CG places

the establishment off limits, the board will still meet to consider whether to recommend that the CG lift the emergency order or that the CG should keep the off-limits order in effect, she added.

“It’s not the Army trying to control Soldiers; it’s the Army looking out for their mental, physical and even financial welfare. It is in their best interest not to be there or do business with them,” she continued.

The memorandum is also one way that the command team notifies incoming Soldiers of places that could be dangerous to their wellbeing.

“(New Soldiers) don’t know the area,” said Boggs. “It gives them the heads up that certain places in the community are not suitable places to be either seen or to do business with.”

Business are not put on the list permanently and can be taken off if things change, she said.

“If a business wishes to be taken off the list it must clean up its act, apologize and petition the board to reconsider with proof that the establishment no longer has conditions that are detrimental to the good order and discipline, health, morale, welfare, safety and morals of the Army,” said Boggs.

The memorandum, though only a suggestion for civilian employees and contractors, but prohibits Soldiers from entering the establishments or areas declared off-limits, according to the regulation.

“It is a rule,” said Boggs. “If we go against this order we are punishable under Article 92 under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. There is a wide range of things that could happen to a Soldier.”

Possible consequences include Articles 15, non-judicial punishment, adverse administrative action and even being court-martialed.

The legal assistance office recommends all NCOs and commanders to keep their Soldiers informed and educated about the off-limits establishment memorandum for

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## Temporary: Automation systems will help reduce prescription refill waits

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facility, the temporary pharmacy is just a steppingstone in creating better patient care and being able to better serve the Fort Rucker community, Bolaji said. The new pharmacy is still on track and slated to be complete by summer 2014, and with it will come faster prescriptions, shorter wait times and more one-on-one interaction and care.

“The new facilities biggest advantage is that the area of the pharmacy will be bigger and the capacity to expand (our service),” said Bolaji. “Right now we’re very limited in terms of space.”

The old pharmacy covered about 4,500 square feet of space, but the new facility will cover about 7,000 square feet, he added.

“With that additional space, we will be able to offer patient counseling for prescriptions,” said the pharmacy chief. “We will be able to counsel them on what to expect with their medications and how to

organize them, which will be especially helpful for the more (senior) patients.”

Many of the patients that come to the pharmacy are elderly, said Bolaji, and many of them have to take lots of medications. Sometimes those medications can get confusing, and this one-on-one interactions gives the pharmacy the opportunity to help those patients and mitigate some of the risk of taking wrong medications.

Along with better patient care, the new pharmacy will bring more automation with it, which translates into less wait times, he said.

“Currently, our refill turnaround is about 24 hours, and our goal is to make refill turnarounds available on the same day,” said Bolaji. “The automation systems will help us do that.

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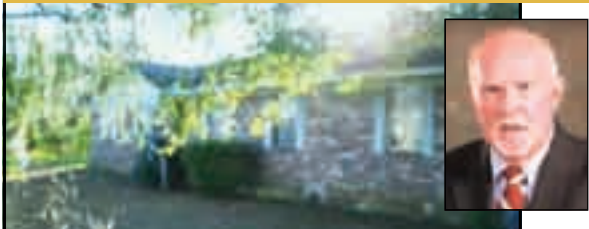
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## CAB gets 1st female commander

By Spc. Jeanita C. Pisachubbe  
1st AD, CAB Public Affairs

FORT BLISS, Texas — The Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division said farewell to outgoing commander Col. Lonnie G. Hibbard and welcomed incoming commander Col. Carey M. Wagen during a change of command ceremony at Fort Bliss July 18.

Wagen comes to the CAB from U.S. Army Forces Command headquarters where she served as the deputy director of Aviation.

Wagen, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot and two-time combat veteran to Operation Enduring Freedom, is the first female commander of a combat Aviation brigade and second female commander of an Aviation brigade.

“You’ve had a tremendous journey and created some big shoes to fill, but I promise you I will bring home the rest of the Iron Eagles and rebuild the team to prepare for the next challenge,” Wagen said, addressing Hibbard and his wife, Gail.

Hibbard took command of the CAB

Sept. 1, 2011, in Fort Hood, Texas, when it was still the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. The unit moved to Fort Bliss in accordance with Base Realignment and Closure, uncased its colors and stood up Sept. 20 of that year.

“Before ever arriving on Fort Bliss, Lonnie and his team immediately began developing effective systems, building combat power and working with the installation command, the directorate of public works, and the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure they had the maintenance facilities and hangar space to support a combat Aviation brigade,” said Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, 1st AD and Fort Bliss commanding general. “The result is a CAB footprint that is the envy of the entire Aviation community.”

Since the re-stationing of the CAB to Fort Bliss, the Iron Eagles participated in numerous training exercises, to include the installation-wide training event known as Iron Focus, three Network Integration Exercises and the three-month-long culminating training event that simultaneously deployed the entire brigade to five different lo-

cations throughout the southern United States.

In December, Hibbard led the CAB through its self-deployment of the 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Attack Reconnaissance Battalion to Operation Spartan Shield in Kuwait. The following February he saw Task Forces Dragon, Iron Knights and Apocalypse deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“We have an exceptional group of motivated and dedicated officers, warrant officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers that are focused on providing the best mission support possible,” Hibbard said. “These Soldiers understand that everyone is equally important and they all are key to the successes of this organization.”

“You are the founding father of the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade here at Fort Bliss,” said MacFarland to Hibbard. “By standing up this brigade and making it ready for combat operations anywhere in the world, you have made a historic contribution to this installation and to the 1st Armored Division.”



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Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss commanding general, passes the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st AD colors to incoming commander Col. Carey M. Wagen at the CAB's change of command ceremony July 18.



PHOTO BY SGT. CHARLIE HELMHOLT

## Learning to help

Sgt. Philip Weaver, a crew chief with A Company, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment, Illinois Army National Guard from Decatur, Ill., refuels a UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter during Patriot 13 at Fort McCoy, Wis., July 16. The Patriot exercise is a domestic operations scenario to assess the National Guard's ability to assist state and local agencies in response to multiple emergencies.

## Exercise highlights intel sharing through tactical glasses

By Gabrielle Kuholski  
Fort Huachuca Public Affairs

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — The Distributed Common Ground System-Army participated in Enterprise Challenge 2013 at Fort Huachuca July 15-26, demonstrating collaboration between the Army and industry through technology testing in a tactical environment.

“The concepts that we’re proving and the capabilities that we’re demonstrating here at Enterprise Challenge 13 show that we can give decisions makers the ability to have the intelligence data in front of them on the battlefield wirelessly real-time,” explained Sgt. Troy Thatcher, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence Detachment.

Soldiers operated in a DCGS-A Tactical-Intelligence Ground Station, a vehicle that gathers a variety of intelligence, including direct data feeds bringing critical geospatial, target indicator, full motion video and signals intelligence while stationary or on the move.

During EC13, the TGS was able to receive full-motion video from a Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft system and displayed on tactical glasses while on the move. The glasses have a 3-D depth display and are a visualization tool that feeds intelligence immediately to Soldiers to give them the ability to display



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Participants prepare the Tactical Ground System for the night portion of Enterprise Challenge 13, in which they demonstrated the ability to collect intelligence while on the move with the latest technology from industry, at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., July 24.

full-motion video from UAS in real time.

Staff Sgt. Armando Landin, HHC, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence Detachment, equated this introduction of this technology to the use of smart phones, as it allows Soldiers to have the information and

communication they need at any time.

“What (the TGS) allows us to do is keep our commanders informed with the most updated information constantly,” Landin said. “What

## 5th CAB, Navy perform deck landings

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

PACIFIC OCEAN, Near Hawaii – Pilots and flight crews with the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade worked closely with the U.S. Navy to conduct deck landing qualifications aboard the USS Chafee, USS Hopper, USS Guadalupe and USS Tarawa in the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii July 15-19.

More than 25 pilots from 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment; 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment; and 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment qualified during the training that certified them to land and launch from the decks of moving Navy vessels during operations.

“We bring a capability that has mostly been land-based in nature,” said CW5 Joseph Roland, 25th CAB chief warrant officer of the brigade. “Being protectors of the Pacific, it is important we are capable of working in an overwater environment.”

In preparation for the deck landings, air crews attended academic classes, performed field deck landing practices on ground and in simulators in order to ensure the pilots and crews were as prepared as possible before heading out to the Navy ships.

Many of the limits terrain place on Aviation assets are bypassed through joint integration with the Navy.

“With the capability to launch from Navy ships, operational planners can insert Aviation assets into locations that were otherwise limited,” said Maj. Aaron Elliott, 25th CAB operations officer. “Now, we can operate across every coast in the Pacific.”

Deck landing qualifications were conducted with UH-60 Black Hawks, OH-58 Kiowa Warriors and CH-47 Chinooks. Qualifying pilots across the three air frames opened up mission capabilities to include heavy and medium lift, re-



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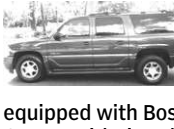
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# Landings: Operation increases 5th Fleet capabilities

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connaissance, attack, air assaults and medical evacuation support.

“By successfully executing deck landing qualifications in our OH-58D, UH-60, and CH-47 aircraft types, we significantly expanded Pacific Command’s maritime operational capabilities at a strategic level,” said Lt. Col. Hunter Marshall, commander, 3-25th AVN.

The training provided added value to the Navy on both on operational and individual level.

“This joint operation increases the capabilities for 5th Fleet throughout the Central Command area of responsibility,” said Navy Lt. Travis Anderson, operations officer, U.S.S. Hoper, DDG 70. “This extends our ability to track and reach out and touch someone.”

The joint operation also provided experience to Navy personnel who have active roles to play during helicopter operations, including helicopter controllers, flight deck crews, and crash and salvage teams, according to Anderson.

“For the Navy and Army to have the ability to strike quickly against a foe or respond for humanitarian aid to a foreign country here in the Pacific Region; this training allows for both branches to meet and accomplish that mission,” said Chief Petty Officer Tian Henry, chief operations specialist, USS Chafee. “We need to keep proficiency on both sides and continually challenge each other and grow in our capabilities as a task force.”



PHOTO BY KARL WEISEL

An Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter assigned to the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, lands on the deck of the USS Hopper, a Navy destroyer, during deck qualification in the Pacific Ocean July 15.

## Glasses: Technology provides unique battlefield edge

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we’re demonstrating here today is that we’re able to take that data and push it wirelessly to a remote location. That’s unique, we’ve never done that before.”

EC13 allows agencies within the Department of Defense, along with international partners, to test and explore cutting-edge technologies.

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# back to school

## Students return to class at Fort Rucker

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

All good things, like summer vacations, must come to an end, and more than 300 children walked across Red Cloud Road toward new beginnings and new learning experiences at Fort Rucker schools.

Children on the installation experienced their first day back to school Tuesday, and among the first-day jitters were excited children, parents and teachers eager to get the new school year underway, according to Vicki Gilmer, Fort Rucker Elementary School principal.

"It's been so exciting to get ready and prepare for the children to come," said Gilmer. "We have a crowd that queues up every morning (during the school year), and it's so exciting to look across the street and see their faces ready to come in."

In the days leading up to the first day, teachers got their classrooms ready, bike racks were cleaned and readied, and the logistics were worked out to make sure that adults were stationed at numerous points throughout the school grounds to welcome and help newcomers.

Although many children may be nervous about the first day of school, Gilmer said the opportunity to make a first impression to the children and parents is all important.

"This sets the tone for the year," she said. "It's our first impression and it's the day that we really put a lot of emphasis on so that we can hook the children and get them excited about being here."

"The children come in with their jitters, excitement and uncertainties, and they're just enveloped by their classroom teachers and shown all things FRES," Gilmer explained. "They also get to do different activities



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Andrea Kober, second grade teacher at Fort Rucker Elementary School, interacts with her new students on the first day of school Tuesday.

to get to know their classmates and start team building, and do some Family building within the classrooms – we're in this year together."

Parents and children had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the teachers and their classroom the day before with the school's Sneak-a-Peek, during which the Families had the chance to take a tour of the school before the first day and get a quick look at what they had to look forward to in the year, said the principal.

Children weren't the only ones excited about the new school year, however.

"We've been excited for school to start back again, too," said Sgt. 1st Class, Robert Price, 1-58th Airfield Operations Battalion, of he and his wife, Dary. "It gives the children something to do because during the summer, it's fun for the kids, but during the school year they get to spend a lot more time with their friends in class."

"(Our children) have been ready to get back to school,

though," added Dary. "They were ready to go back before we were; they love school."

Throughout the day, children got to familiarize themselves with their teachers, new classmates and classrooms, and for some children, like Brooklyn Dechent, who started Fifth Grade, the new experiences had them enthusiastic about the upcoming year.

"My first day of school has been very nice so far because our teacher is super nice," she said. "I love that we get to

switch classrooms this year, and I especially love that we get to have lockers – this school is awesome."

Dechent said she's been ready for the new school year to start, and although she doesn't have as many of her friends in her class as she'd hoped, she's excited about making new ones.

"I have a lot of new classmates that I really like, and I'll get to see my other friends since we get to switch classes now," she said. "It's going to be a really good school year."

## All-ranks spouse club hosts membership drive

By Sara E. Martin  
Army Flier Staff Writer

From 18 to older than 80, Fort Rucker Spouses Club members help provide community service on and off post all year long, and the club's kickoff event is just around the corner.

The club invites everyone on post to attend its free event, the Fort Rucker Spouses Club Membership Drive, Aug. 15 at The Landing's ballroom from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., said members of the club's board of directors.

"The membership drive is the first official day of this board year. It is kind of like the first day of school for spouses," said Angel Mangum, honorary president and wife of Maj. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general. "It is just a laid back meet-and-greet where spouses can get to know each other, new spouses can sign up and learn about the local area, and have a sneak peek about what the spouses club is all about."

The event is Family friendly and parents are welcome to bring their children.

"We will have different vendors come in and participate, and the 98th Army 'Silver Wings' Band will play, and there will be drawings and prizes to be won," said Helen Kosman, first vice president, adding that free finger food will be provided.

The purpose of the drive is to help build membership for the coming year, to educate spouses about what is in the area, and provide a place for spouses to display their home-based businesses and meet each other.

"It can be scary to come to one of these events if you don't know anyone, but getting out of your comfort zone is a great



FILE PHOTO

Jackie Crogan and Tina Tucker dressed as Rosie the Riveter for the Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club Super Sign-Up in 2011. This year's membership drive is Aug. 15 at The Landing's ballroom from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

way to learn more about yourself and your community," said Lynne Boehm, publicity officer. "We help forge new relationships that may last a lifetime."

More than 20 vendors are expected to attend. Some of the vendors scheduled to be there are Mary Kay, Scentcy, Pampered Chef and Gold Canyon, along with representatives from Army Community Service, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and the Leading Change Team.

There will be a table where people can sign up for the club, but it is not mandatory and signups are available all year long on the club's website.

If people do wish to sign up, the dues to join are \$20 a year for permanent party

and \$15 a year for spouses of flight school or advanced course student spouses.

Though the club is a social organization, it also serves as a service opportunity for the community outside the gates as well as in, according to Mangum and the others.

"Our missions are very important to our club, but without our volunteers we can't accomplish those missions," said Nicole Millard, president. "The club's mission is to develop a spirit of community responsibility and for our volunteers to gladly give of their time, but we also want to provide opportunities for social, cultural, creative and educational pursuits."

The club is an open one, where men and women of all ranks and trades can join, and it is described as being an intermixed

club that is large and diverse.

"We are a big melting pot, basically," said the club's president. "Different ideas and different perspectives are more than welcome here."

To be a member, people must be the spouse of an active-duty or retired commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted Soldier assigned to Fort Rucker or residing in the local area.

All civilian employees, and spouses of civilian employees, employed at Fort Rucker are welcome to join, as well as spouses of international Soldiers, female international Soldiers, and Family members 18 and older with a valid military identification card residing with an active-duty military sponsor assigned to Fort Rucker.

Spouses of National Guard or Reserve military personnel not on active duty but residing in the area are also allowed to join. Un-remarried widows of military personnel who reside in the area may join, too.

"Come to a luncheon, which are our meetings, and test the waters out. Find a board member and we will be happy to make introductions," said Jen Thomson, honorary first vice president.

Kosman encourages spouses that do not have Aviators as husbands or wives to join the club because "you are not the only one out there."

"My husband is not in Aviation, so for me everything was and is different," she said. "Many spouses that come here don't have any experience with the military at all, so this is a great way to find out about the area, to make friends and to get involved."

To learn more, visit [www.fortruckeresc.com/index.html](http://www.fortruckeresc.com/index.html).



# ON POST

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

## Auto Center Back to School special

The Fort Rucker Automotive Skills Center offers a Back to School automotive class special throughout August. With the special, youth ages 14–17 may attend an oil change or tire maintenance class free of charge with a paid adult.

For more information, call 255-9725.

## International spouses get together

Army Community Service hosts an international spouses get together Friday at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Neighborhood Center to teach people about American culture and military life. The get together will help educate people on finding resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, getting a drivers license and more. There will be multilingual volunteers available. For more, call 255-3735.

## EDGE! activities

The EDGE! Program offers various activities now through Aug. 16 on weekdays at 2:30 p.m. The activities include bowling for ages 6-18, making personalized pillows for ages 11-13, beach volleyball for ages 11-13 and wood burning for ages 12-15. EDGE! Events are free for children ages 11-18 and cost \$5 per hour for children ages 6-10.

For more, call 255-0666.

## Family Member Resilience Training

Army Community Service offers Family Member Resilience Training Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950 on Seventh Avenue. The Army recognizes the increased sacrifices that Family members make on a daily basis, and these classes are free and designed to provide Family members with the thinking skills and coping strategies they need to meet and overcome life's challenges. The classes focus on strengthening relationships, effective thinking strategies, building confidence and increasing general wellbeing.

To register or get child care information, call 255-2382 or 255-3735 by Friday.

## Newcomer's Welcome

Army Community Service hosts the Newcomers Welcome every third Friday of the month from 8:30–10:30 a.m. at The Landing. Active duty military, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and Family members are all encouraged to attend the event. A free light breakfast and coffee will be served. For free childcare, register your children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the event.

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

## EFMP Lunch and Learn

The Exceptional Family Member Program hosts a free lunch and learn session Aug. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Commons in Bldg. 8950 on Seventh Avenue. Registration deadline is Aug. 23. The topic will be homework and studying techniques for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The presenter will be Chikondi Saiwa, a board-certified applied behavior analyst. Attendees should bring their own lunch.

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

## Lending Hangar closures

Army Community Service's Lending Hangar will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Sept. 26 because of the furlough.

For more information, call



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## Getting crafty

Center Library will host a craft-making activity for children ages 3-11 Aug. 20 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register. Light refreshments will be served.

255-3735.

## Back to School Bash

Child, youth and school services will host its Youth Center Back to School Bash Aug. 17 from 6–11 p.m. There will be music, food, games, prizes and more. Parents and guardians are welcome to join the fun. CYSS will also host an outdoor baseball game featuring youth vs. staff and parents.

For more information, call 255-2245.

## AFTB Military Knowledge

Being new to the Army can be confusing, so Fort Rucker's Army Community Service offers its Army Family Team Building military knowledge classes Aug. 21-22 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons in Bldg. 8950. The classes give people the knowledge and tools to thrive in Army life. AFTB Level I classes include modules of learning: military acronyms, chain of command, customs and courtesies, benefits and entitlements, and more.

For advance registration and childcare information, call 255-2382 by Aug. 14.

## Illusionist show

Wayne Hoffman, illusionist and hypnotist, returns to Fort Rucker to put on what he describes as a “high-energy shock to the brain” interactive, 90-minute show Aug. 23 during two performances at The Landing. The first show will be from 7–8:30 p.m. and the second from 9–10:30 p.m. The show is further described as providing “displays of mind reading, mind control, predictions and even time travel. Not to mention visual illusions that will leave you questioning your senses.” Tickets will be on sale at The Landing 5-Star Catering office. Costs are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the shows – beginning at 2 p.m. Cost for main VIP tables is \$150 per table with a limit of 13 at the VIP tables. For more information, call 255-9810.

## Spouse Sponsorship Training

Active duty, retiree and Army civilian spouses interested in sponsoring other spouses who are new to the community should attend Army Community Service's spouse sponsorship training Aug. 23 from 9-10 a.m. at The Commons.

For more information, call 255-3735.

# DFMWR Spotlight

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# TRICARE expands autism care

By Southern Regional Medical Command  
Public Affairs Office

JBSA FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – The Department of Defense is not making changes for active-duty Family members seeking autism services; however, an expansion of services through the Applied Behavior Analysis Pilot Program will allow retirees and their Families to receive Autism Service Demonstration benefits.

TRICARE has long covered ABA for active-duty Family members as a benefit of the

Extended Care Health Option. To increase access to ABA services, in March 2008 the DOD implemented the ECHO Autism Demonstration for active-duty Family members. The demonstration expanded the opportunity for access to ABA services through a variety of provider types, to include ABA reinforcement by tutors. ABA reinforcement by tutors has not been available for non-active-duty Family members.

As of July 25, autism services available to non-active-duty Family members have been greatly expanded with the introduction of the

ABA Pilot Program. The program provides retirees and their Families with access to additional areas of ABA reinforcement.

Autism care and treatment is evolving, and the pilot program is expected to provide insight into evaluation protocols. It was developed by crafting requirements through consultation with experts in the field and with advocacy groups in an attempt to discover validated tests, and the best approach for focusing on what would be the most appropriate care in order to provide the best possible outcomes for children with autism.

Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs and director of the TRICARE Management Activity, said it is “paramount” for children with autism to obtain professional reassessments to ensure they get the right care, at the right time, with updated care plans.

Autism care benefits for qualifying children of active-duty service members’ enrolled in TRICARE will not change. There is also no change in benefits for anyone enrolled in the basic medical program that began July 2012.

# Fight the bite – preventing mosquito bites protects against West Nile virus

By Capt. Heather Ferguson  
U.S. Army Public Health Command

West Nile virus is commonly found throughout the United States as well as Africa, West Asia and the Middle East.

WNV took a serious health toll nationally last year, causing more than 5,000 illnesses and 243 deaths. In the Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia region, there were 75 illnesses and nine deaths; the second highest number of cases since WNV appeared in the States back in 1999.

WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito and can infect people, horses, many types of birds and some other animals.

Preventing mosquito bites is the best

way to avoid becoming infected with WNV.

Public Health Command offers the following tips to reduce exposure to the West Nile virus.

- Use an approved insect repellent every time you go outside and follow the instructions on the label. Among the EPA-approved repellents are those that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Regularly drain standing water, including water collecting in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes that spread WNV breed in stagnant water.
- Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most

active.

Use air conditioning or make sure there are screens on all doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering the home.

There is no evidence that WNV can be spread from person to person or from animal to person.

Symptoms of the milder form of illness, West Nile fever, can include headache, fever, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. People with West Nile fever typically recover on their own, although symptoms may last for several weeks.

Symptoms of the more serious form, West Nile neuroinvasive disease, can include those of West Nile fever plus neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Up to 80 percent of people

infected with the virus will have no symptoms.

There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent WNV infection for people. Those individuals over 50 years old and those with other health issues are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill or dying when they become infected with the virus. If people have symptoms and suspect WNV infection, they should contact their healthcare provider.

For more information on preventing WNV, visit:

U.S. Army Public Health Command, <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/aid/Pages/WestNileVirus.aspx>; and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>

## Religious Services

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

### HEADQUARTERS CHAPEL, BLDG. 109

Multi-Cultural Worship Service 8 a.m., Sunday

### MAIN POST CHAPEL, BLDG. 8940

9 a.m. Catholic Mass, Sunday  
11 a.m. Liturgical Worship Service, Sunday  
12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass, Tuesday-Friday  
4 p.m. Catholic Confessions, Saturday  
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Saturday

### WINGS CHAPEL, BLDG. 6036

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Chapel Next Contemporary Worship Protestant Service.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER, BLDG. 8939

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. CCD (except during summer months).

### BIBLE STUDIES

9 a.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel, Tuesday  
11 a.m. Above the Best Bible Study, Yano Hall, Wednesday  
10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center, Wednesday  
Noon Adult Bible Study, Soldier Service Center, Wednesday  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, Head-

quarters Chapel, Tuesday  
6:30 p.m. Chapel Next (Meal/Bible Study), Wings Chapel, Thursday

### MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

MOPS is a Christian-based mom's group. MOPS is about meeting the needs of every mom of a child from conception through kindergarten. MOPS will meet every first and third Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg 8939. For more information, call the religious support office at 255-2989.

### PROTESTANT MEN OF THE CHAPEL

PMOC meets the first Saturday of each month in the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center from 8-9 a.m. Men are encouraged to attend for a time of fellowship and a short devotion. Free breakfast is provided.

### Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Wings Chapel, Bldg 6036. Childcare is provided. For more information, call 255-9894.

### Military Council of Catholic Women

MCCW meets every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center. Childcare is provided. For more information, call 255-9894.

### Catholic Adult Fellowship

CAF meets regularly throughout the year. For more information, call 255-9894.



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## Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Sandy, a 4-year-old female collie/shepherd mix. She is calm and friendly, and appears to know some simple commands. Sandy is already spayed and costs \$80 to adopt, which includes a microchip and heartworm testing. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All adoptable animals are vet checked and tested for felv/fiv (for cats) or heartworm for dogs (over 6 months) and on flea prevention. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/> for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.

## Tips to quit tobacco

### Use the 5 Ds to help with urges

- **Deep** breathing — Take slow deep breaths to feel relaxed and in control.
- **Drink** water — Drink at least 8 glasses of water a day to flush out nicotine from your system.
- **Do** something else to keep busy.
- **Discuss** your urge with a friend or family member.
- **Delay** — Don't reach for tobacco right away. The urge to smoke passes in 3 to 5 minutes whether a person smokes or not.



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# Monroeville: The ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ experience

By Edith Parten  
*Alabama Tourism Department*

You’ve read the book or maybe you’ve seen the movie with Gregory Peck. Now experience “To Kill a Mockingbird” and lots more firsthand on a visit to Monroeville.

As the home of Nelle Harper Lee, and her neighbor and childhood friend, Truman Capote, Mark Childress – the acclaimed author of the novel “Crazy in Alabama” – and other distinguished writers, Monroeville is considered the “Literary Capital of Alabama.”

Each spring, in addition to performances of “To Kill a Mockingbird,” Monroeville hosts the Alabama Writers Symposium at Alabama Southern Community College, Alabama Hwy. 21 S.; (251) 575-8226. This literary festival brings together some of the state’s most distinguished writers and scholars for a weekend of lectures, readings and discussion, with the highlight of the symposium being the presentation the Harper Lee Award for Alabama’s Distinguished Writer of the Year.

## Tour the Old Courthouse Museum

Your visit to Monroeville should begin on the courthouse square with a tour of the Old Courthouse Museum, 31 N. Alabama Ave., Monroeville; (251) 575-7433. Through photos and exhibits, you will discover personal stories about Harper Lee, known to her friends as Nelle, and others surrounding her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “To Kill a Mockingbird.” You will also get a glimpse into the life of Truman Capote, the famed author of the 1966 book “In Cold Blood.” Capote spent much of his childhood in Monroeville and was not only Lee’s neighbor, but the two also became close friends. Photographs of Capote and Lee can be seen in the second floor exhibit.

Visit the gift shop where you will find unique items related to Lee’s novel as well as crafts and other items from the local area, such as stone-ground grits from Rikard’s Mill in nearby Beatrice. While in the historic courthouse, walk up the steps to see the courtroom made world famous by the novel and movie. You can feel free to move throughout the courtroom. Walk up to the balcony area to imagine scenes from the famous trial. See the witness chair, judge’s bench and tables used by the prosecutor and defense attorney during the trial. Throughout her childhood, Harper Lee, herself, often sat in the balcony

as she watched her father practice law in the very same courtroom.

## Don’t miss

Plan your visit to Monroeville to coincide with the annual performances of “To Kill a Mockingbird,” (251) 575-7433, from mid-April through mid-May. This play, which has been performed here for more than 22 years, will take you back in time.

Set in the 1930s in the fictional town of Maycomb, Ala., the novel tells the story of a black man named Tom Robinson who is accused of attacking a white woman and goes to trial during a time when racial discrimination was legal and culturally accepted in the South. It is also a coming-of-age story of a young girl named Scout and the imaginations of her brother Jem and her childhood friend, Dill. Locals say that the character of Dill is based upon Truman Capote.

While watching the all-local cast perform, you will develop a fondness for Robinson as well as his lawyer, Atticus Finch, the father of Scout and Jem. And, you will meet characters like Arthur “Boo” Radley, a recluse and one of the novel’s “mockingbirds,” described by critics as “a good person injured by the evil of mankind.”

The first act of the two-act play takes place at the amphitheatre on the lawn of the Courthouse Museum. Act II takes place inside the historic courtroom. Once inside the courtroom, you will see the trial unfold as Finch makes a passionate plea in Robinson’s defense. The members of the jury are always selected from the audience, so you might get a shot at sitting on the jury during the second act.

A prerequisite for your visit to Monroeville is to purchase your tickets early. This is a very popular event and tickets sell fast. In addition to the main performances, which feature a VIP reception on certain nights, special performances are held for various groups, including young audiences. Group tickets (10 or more) and tickets for museum members go on sale in January. General public ticket sales begin the first of March. Tickets may be purchased by phone, (251) 575-7433, or in person.

## The birdhouse trail

Continue your tour of Monroeville with a stroll through the downtown area to see some of the fascinating custom-

designed birdhouses along the Birdhouse Trail, (251) 743-2879. The trail includes 25 uniquely crafted structures located throughout Monroe County. Highlighted in different scenes, the wooden birdhouses are the handiwork of area residents who designed, constructed and painted them. Many of the birdhouse designs depict scenes from To Kill a Mockingbird. Taking a picture standing by one of the birdhouses will make for a fun photo to remember your trip.

## More to see and do

Art galleries are also popular in Monroeville. As you stroll along the square, be sure to stop and explore some of the quaint shops. A good stop is Pottery by Williams, 173 N. Mount Pleasant; (251) 282-0844 or (251) 743-3563, a working studio where you will discover unique art made from clay, including a wonderful collection of Sam Williams’ folk pottery. His displays include popular face jugs featuring the likes of President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and others. At the pottery shop, you can purchase bottles, vases and face jugs, or have something custom made.

Be sure to make your way to The Art Room, 50 N. Alabama Ave.; (251) 743-2190, where you can discover your own artistic talent by signing up for art lessons and creating your own painting. You can also enjoy the unique gifts and paintings offered by the owner. Across the street at 36 E. Claiborne, you will find another art studio, the Purple Papaya, (251) 593-7449. This has become an interesting studio/gallery, specializing in art classes that include a variety of mediums – from paintings and drawings to printmaking and pottery throwing.

Stop in for books about Monroeville, the Black Belt region and Alabama at Beehive Coffee and Books, 11 W. Claiborne St.; (251) 575-4193. Housed in a former warehouse, the shop has original brick walls with a comfortable sofa where you can sit and enjoy a book and a cup of coffee or a cool beverage.

You can end your tour in downtown Monroeville with a stop at the Katherine Lee Rose Garden & War Memorial Gazebo. Located at Monroe County’s new courthouse, 65 N. Alabama Ave.; (251) 743-2879, the garden features more than 90 different roses maintained by the garden club. The gazebo is used for weddings and other functions.

# WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## ANDALUSIA

**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](http://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](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

## DALEVILLE

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

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

## DOTHAN

**FRIDAY** — Foster Fest will be held the third Friday now through November from 6-9:30 p.m. A free downtown evening celebration, there will be street vendors, shops, drinks, festivities, live music and antique cars. For more

information, call 793-3097 or visit [www.thedowntowngroup.com](http://www.thedowntowngroup.com).

**FRIDAY AND WEDNESDAY** – Dothan Area Botanical Gardens will hold its Scarecrows in the Gardens building workshops from 10 -11 a.m. in the Smith Botanical Center for anyone interested in participating in this year’s “Scarecrows in the Gardens.” There is no charge for the workshops and each session will last approximately one hour. Participants will get tips on how to construct a scarecrow and will be able to pick up their frame materials.

For more information, rules and an entry form, call 793-3224 or visit [www.dabg.com](http://www.dabg.com).

**SATURDAY** – The second K-Life Burger Ball will begin at 2 p.m. and go on until 8 p.m. at Dave and Katy Maddox’s Farm near Dothan Regional Airport. It will be an afternoon and evening of fun for the whole Family. Activities include tubing, a trapeze swing, wagon rides, lawn games and more. A burger dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by both a live and silent auction. This event, including the burger dinner, is free. For more information, visit [www.dothan.klife.com](http://www.dothan.klife.com).

## ENTERPRISE

**AUG. 22** — The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium is offering a free Department of Homeland Security-certified course on media awareness and response from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center.

The course provides valuable insight into helping to understand how the media works and how best to work with available media outlets. This six-hour instructor-led course will be in a classroom-lecture. Registration deadline is today by noon. Register online at [www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2013-08-22-awr209-enterprise-al-001/](http://www.ruraltraining.org/training/schedule/2013-08-22-awr209-enterprise-al-001/). For more information, call 606-677-6000 or email [info@ruraltraining.org](mailto:info@ruraltraining.org).

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## 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 Each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. All veteran services provided are free. For more information, call 718-5707.

## OZARK

**NOW THROUGH SATURDAY** – The Rudd Art Center is hosting stained glass art classes at night. For more information, call 774-7322.

**AUG. 19-20**—The 17th annual South Alabama Pro Rodeo Classic will be at the

Dale County AgPlex Arena. Gates open at 6 p.m., rodeo starts at 8 p.m. Events include bull riding, saddle bronco riding, cowgirl barrel racing, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, bareback riding, calf roping and team roping. Advanced tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. At the gate, tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12. Children five and under enter free. Tickets are available at Jenna Mack State Farm Insurance, the Ozark Chamber of Commerce, Dale County Cooperative Extension Office, Fort Rucker Family Furniture and the ITR office on Fort Rucker. For more information, call 774-9448 or 797-9754.

**SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 27**— The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities hosts the 13th annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition to be held at the Ann Rudd Art Center. Opening reception and award presentation is Saturday at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [www.ruddartcenter.org](http://www.ruddartcenter.org).

## PINCKARD

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

## SAMSON

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

## TROY

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

# Beyond Briefs

## Summer Sizzler

Saturday, St. George Island will host the 16th annual St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race and One-Mile Fun Run. On-site registration begins at 3 p.m. The one-mile fun run begins at 5:30 p.m. and the 5K begins at 6 p.m. Post-race party and awards at SGI Lighthouse Park at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.StGeorgelslandSizzler.com](http://www.StGeorgelslandSizzler.com).

## Horse show

The Georgia Arabian Horse Association Summer Clas-

sic will be held Friday through Sunday at the Georgia International Horse Park, Charles Walker Arena in Conyers. Admission is open to the public for free. Show qualifies for Region 12 Championships. For more information, go to [www.georgia-arabian.com](http://www.georgia-arabian.com) or call (770) 602-2606.

## BeachFest 5K

During the SEC BeachFest Aug. 17 a 5K and a one-mile fun run will be held in Gulf Shores during this Family-friendly event. Race participants are asked to celebrate their school and wear their favorite teams’ colors.

Check-in will take place at The Hangout with both races starting on West 1st Avenue near The Steamer. The 5K begins at 8 a.m. while the fun run starts at 9 a.m., and both races will end at The Hangout for a waffle break-

fast. Registration is \$40 by Aug. 16 and \$50 on race day. The one-mile fun run is limited to students ages 18 and younger. One-mile fun run participants will be charged \$15, which includes an SEC BeachFest weekend pass if registration is received by Aug. 16, \$20 on race day. For more information, visit [www.secbeachfest.com](http://www.secbeachfest.com).

## SEC BeachFest

SEC Beach Fest is scheduled for Aug. 15-18 at Gulf Shores main public beach. BeachFest features a golf scramble, FanZone, fishing tournaments, appearances by legendary coaches and players, alumni happy hours at local restaurants, a 5K and 1-mile fun run and concerts on the beach. Event is Family friendly. For more information, visit [www.secbeachfest.com](http://www.secbeachfest.com).



# March 2 Success now more interactive, engaging

By Julia Bobick  
U.S. Army Recruiting Command

FORT KNOX, Ky. – If you haven't been to March 2 Success in a while, recent changes have made it worth your while to take another look.

"If you loved March 2 Success before, you really should check it out now," said Tony Castillo, chief of the Army Recruiting Command's G-7/9 Education Division at Fort Knox.

The self-paced online test preparation program sponsored by the Army – with content developed by Peterson's – provides materials, videos and competency building in verbal, math and science to help high school students prepare for state required exams and college entrance tests, including SAT, ACT and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

The program teaches study skills, offers sample tests and information about the college admission process and financial aid resources.

"It is now more interactive and more engaging, with enhanced technology applications, drag-and-drop activities and more tutoring resources."

The previous version of March 2 Success was a reader-centric program, which is basically an online text book students would read. Research shows that when more senses are incorporated into the learning environment, students retain more of what they are learning, according to Castillo, adding that March 2 Success needed to evolve.

"To provide a resource that's truly relevant and effective for both students and teachers, we had to update March 2 Success to keep pace with technology and the continuous changes in the online education world," Castillo said.

In addition to the technological



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Sgt. Blas Hernandez, Houston Recruiting Battalion, and future Army recruit Kyle Stone and review some steps Stone needs to complete before he begins his process of going from civilian to cavalry scout. Stone used March 2 Success to improve his Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score for enlistment.

enhancements, March 2 Success launched two updated courses in June. These interactive courses include lessons, practice tests and

short assessments to help students develop their verbal, math and science skills.

- The improved High School

Math and Verbal Skills course features pre-assessments, practice tests and a personalized learning plan for grades

8-10.

- The College Readiness Online course focuses on improving math and verbal proficiency for students in grades 11-12, which is helpful for required state exams and college entrance tests. This replaced the former State Standardized Test Preparation course.
- A new addition, the High School Science Hub, features lessons and practice tests in earth science, biology, chemistry and physics.

"Educators will love this because it is another avenue to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum and careers," Castillo said.

All of the curriculum, developed and updated by Peterson's, is the same curriculum on the "in-service ASVAB" used by all the services to help those military members improve their ASVAB scores when applying to military schools or to change their military occupational specialty, according to Castillo.

March 2 Success is still a recruiter's No. 1 education outreach tool to demonstrate the Army's commitment to helping youth succeed in school and life, regardless of their enlistment intent. The program remains free for anyone to use and is available online 24/7 at [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com). Since 2003, more than 57,000 parents, educators and mentors, and 1.2 million students have registered in March 2 Success. The program continues to average about 14,000 new registrations every month.

Castillo added that registration and usage data is all USAREC tracks in an effort to measure program effectiveness and validate continued funding for the program, which is always a concern in the current fiscally constrained environment.



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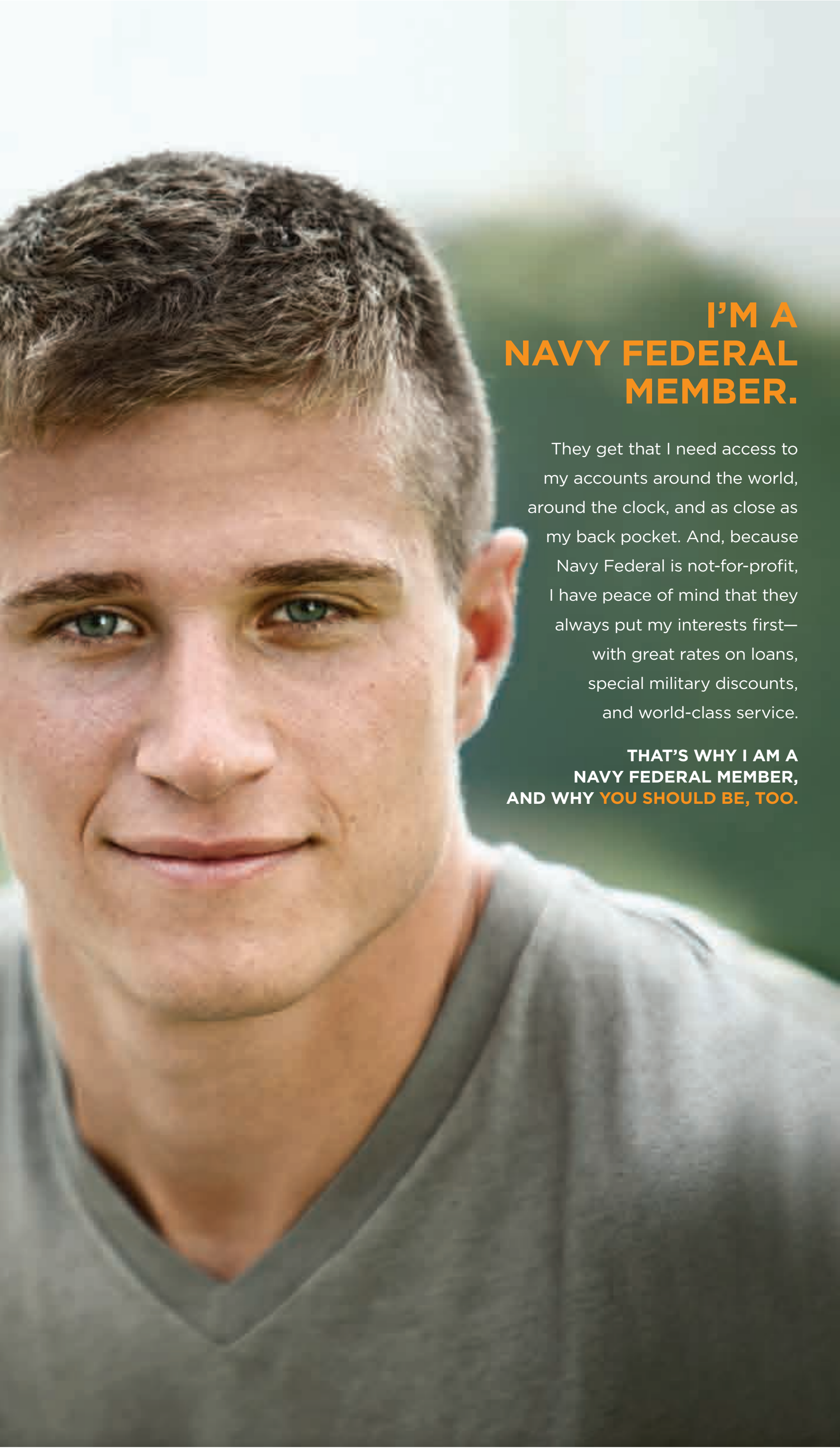
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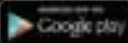
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# TOP GUN

## Fort Rucker youth keeps NFL in sights

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Setting goals in life is something everyone is familiar with, but one Army Family member is setting his sights on the highest level as he shoots for his dreams.

Michael T. Huff, wide receiver for Enterprise High School and son of Sgt. 1st Class Michael Huff, enlisted aid to the commanding general, joined an elite few who were invited to the invitation-only Football University Top Gun Camp in Dublin, Ohio. Huff went above and beyond, standing out amongst his peers, according to a press release from Football University.

"Michael was invited to Top Gun based on his outstanding performance at the Atlanta, Ga., Football University camp he attended, and (he) was ranked in the top three at the wide receiver position for the 2016 class," it read. "He joined more than 1,000 of the nation's other top athletes at their position, and trained with current and former (National Football League) players and coaches."

"It was a great experience for me," said the 15-year-old football star. "I had a lot of fun and I felt really good about myself since I got invited to the camp, which is a pretty hard thing to do. I got to go against some of the best defensive backs in the nation, and they were good, but they couldn't really cover me that well."

During the camp, Huff participated in one-on-one drills, seven-on-seven drills, was taught how to read game footage, and how to apply what he learned, and even how to deal with the press.

"The biggest thing I learned was the right way to run my routes, and that takes a lot of hard work, but my favorite part was the one-on-ones and the seven-on-sevens," he said. "I got past my guy every time and I caught the ball a lot."



COURTESY PHOTO

Michael Huff, military Family member and wide receiver for Enterprise High School, catches the ball during his time at the Football University Top Gun Camp in Dublin, Ohio.

Huff gained interest in football at an early age while tossing a foam football around with his father, who coached youth football, and watching the sport on TV. And although he's only 15 years old, he's been playing the sport for more than eight years.

He got his first taste of football while his Family was stationed in Kentucky, but was only able to play in the flag-football league because of his age. It wasn't until his Family moved to Alaska that he was able to play tackle football for the Pop Warner league and

showcase his talent.

Huff was named defensive MVP in the 2010 championship game for Pop Warner, which included two interceptions, six tackles and two touchdowns.

"I never thought he'd be a football player, at least not one that

has excelled as much as he has," said Huff senior. "I watched him grow up and I thought there might be a good chance he could play college football, but I didn't think it would be anything like this."

After high school, Huff hopes to attend college, but hasn't made a decision on any college in particular, and although he plans to excel in football, he's making sure that his education is a top priority as well.

"I want to play college football, but right now, I'm undecided on my major," he said. "I do like science and English a lot, and if I can't make it through football, I'm looking at going to school to become a doctor or a lawyer."

Eventually, however, Huff said he has his sights set on the NFL, and he's working hard to get to that point – working out at least five hours a day on top of his daily routine with a personal trainer.

"This experience has made me just want to work that much harder to get to the top," he said. "Like (the coaches) said to me during the camp, 'when you're at the high school level, work like you're at the college level, and when you're at the college level, work like you're in the NFL, and when you're in the NFL, work and fight like your job is on the line.'"

Huff senior admits that he's his son's biggest and harshest critic, but said he's only that way because he knows that if his son wants to set his sights as high as he has, he knows how much work it's going to take.

"I'm very proud of my son, but if you're going to do something, you've got to give 110 percent," said the sergeant. "You make that commitment and push yourself. If you don't want to do it, there's somebody else out there that wants to be in your shoes, and if it's something you really want to do, you've got to give it your all."



PHOTO BY NATHAN PF AU

## Eyeing the shot

Glenn Northcutt, professional golfer from Auburn, takes a putt during the 2013 Silver Wings Golf Course Pro Am tournament on Fort Rucker Saturday. The game played was Team Stableford, during which each pro teamed up with amateurs to create a five-person team, and the teams scored points depending on how well they shot. Each team then lumped their scores together and added them to a pot. Unlike traditional scoring in golf, the goal in the Stableford point system is to have the highest possible score rather than the lowest. Northcutt took first place in the tournament for the professionals, taking home \$2,200 for the win, but the first place team winners were to Nathan Bennett, pro golfer, and amateurs, Andy Brand, George Small, Tim Carter and Vern Daley.





# TRIVIA

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Orkney Islands?
2. **MUSIC:** To which rock group did singer Freddie Mercury belong?
3. **TELEVISION:** Which popular 1990s sitcom featured a character named Chandler?
4. **CARTOONS:** Which animated superhero's theme song contains the lyrics, "Speed of lightning, roar of thunder, Fighting all who rob or plunder?"
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the currency of Brazil?
6. **ENTERTAINERS:** Which actor/director was born Melvin Kaminsky?
7. **MOVIES:** Where was Alfred Hitchcock's movie "The Birds" set?
8. **U.S. STATES:** What is the only U.S. state named after a president?
9. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the book of poems called "Sonnets from the Portuguese"?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** In South Asian cuisine, what is ghee?

**Super Crossword** **SECRET SWIMMERS**

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|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | 48 "Ouch!"                                | 102 Taken by surprise                                    | 2 Texas plain                  | 43 Tic — toe board              | 84 Total quiet                |
| 1 "— right with the world"            | 51 Outrage                                | 106 Because  | 3 Earning sites                | 85 "Nightmare" film loc.        |                               |
| 5 One doing a banishing act           | 54 Spicy sauce                            | 110 Port in Scotland                                     | 4 R&R site                     | 44 Give help to                 | 89 Mellow                     |
| 13 Port in Argentina                  | 56 Sums of money paid before being earned | 111 Swimming pool additive                               | 5 Skew                         | 45 Ramp (up)                    | 90 Purposes                   |
| 20 Drop heavily                       | 60 USCG rank                              | 112 Wisconsin's Ford du —                                | 6 Camelot lady                 | 48 Flemish river                | 92 Happy dance                |
| 21 Ramp up                            | 61 School dance                           | 113 Jai-alai cry   | 7 Lenovo or Dell products      | 49 Southern belle Scarlett      | 93 Trash barrow               |
| 22 Partial floor carpet               | 64 Precious                               | 114 Pooch-pulled vehicle                                 | 8 Plate scrap                  | 50 "— hell" General Sherman     | 94 Viewpoints                 |
| 23 Many white-coated helpers          | 65 Hesitate                               | 116 "Canadiana Suite" jazz pianist                       | 9 Gathers in from the field    | 51 Post-ER site                 | 95 Flies a plane              |
| 25 Dhaka natives' language            | 66 It became a state in 1959              | 120 One slowly collecting                                | 10 Sunbathing evidence         | 52 Scale notes                  | 96 Bribe money for a deejay   |
| 26 Article in Amiens                  | 71 1/4 gallon                             | 121 Cut to — (stop hedging)                              | 11 Manor                       | 53 Nationality suffix           | 97 Wells forth                |
| 27 LAX abbr.                          | 74 Julia of films                         | 122 Work without — (risk injury)                         | 12 Relaxed                     | 55 Tax doc. pro                 | 98 L-P bridge                 |
| 28 Military units                     | 75 Part of PTA: Abbr.                     | 123 Waters between Korea and Japan                       | 13 Tiring work                 | 57 "Rolling in the Deep" singer | 99 Diviners' cards            |
| 30 Quilt allowing                     | 76 Lacto — -vegetarian                    | 124 Components of blood pressure readings                | 14 Bulling, e.g. "Bull" singer | 58 30-day spring mo.            | 100 Having a rustling sound   |
| 31 Fly a plane alone, say             | 79 Senate, e.g.                           | 125 They're hidden in this puzzle's nine longest answers | 15 Retiree's payment           | 59 Voter's "no"                 | 102 Bum                       |
| 33 Instruction at the location itself | 83 Supported on a stand, as a painting    |  | 16 Not keep up                 | 62 Gumbo pods                   | 103 Two and one               |
| 36 Actress Piper —                    | 86 Hooded snake                           |  | 17 Language of Qatar           | 63 Partners of sirs             | 104 Part of UHF               |
| 38 Actors Romero and Beatty           | 87 Obsolete                               |  | 18 University in New Orleans   | 66 "Odds — —"                   | 105 Wince, say                |
| 39 In the past                        | 88 In — (routine-bound)                   |  | 19 Getting older               | 67 P.O. arrival                 | 107 Egypt's Mubarak           |
| 40 Beeline                            | 91 Actress Graff or Kristen               |  | 24 Decides on                  | 68 Conduit                      | 108 Therapeutic plants        |
| 44 Minnesota ex-governor Carlson      | 92 Tip holders                            |  | 29 Nail-biting NFL periods     | 69 Fly of Africa                | 70 — tear                     |
| 46 In plain sight                     | 94 Vanilla ice cream variety              |  | 32 Verdi's forte               | 71 In the role of               | 109 Penny, to a dime          |
| 47 Suvani of the screen               | 96 Letters after chis                     |  | 33 Certain reed instrument     | 72 FedEx alternative            | 112 — majesty (high treason)  |
|                                       | 98 — Helens (Wash. volcano)               | <b>DOWN</b>  | 34 Proper —                    | 73 iPad buy                     | 115 Feline pet                |
|                                       | 101 Imitates                              | 1 Put in — for (and/or)                                  | 35 Lisbon-to-London dir.       | 76 Roll topper                  | 117 It's between pi and sigma |
|                                       |   |  | 37 Knight suits                | 77 — diagram (logic image)      | 118 Buddy                     |
|                                       |   |  | 40 Fawn over, with "on"        | 78 Took too many meds           | 119 U.K. flying corps         |
|                                       |   |  | 41 Post Bunin                  | 80 ER technique                 |                               |
|                                       |   |  | 42 One side in the Civil War   | 81 Includes                     |                               |
|                                       |   |  |                                | 82 Unfinished                   |                               |



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★ ★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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# KID'S CORNER







PHOTO BY GEORGE MARKFELDER

The race begins for thousands of runners at the U.S. Army Military District of Washington's 28th annual Army 10-Miler Race, in front of the Pentagon last year.

# Army 10-Miler U.S. military lottery opens

By U.S. Army District of Washington Public Affairs and Army 10-Miler Marketing Office

WASHINGTON — The Army 10-Miler race will hold a special online lottery for U.S. service members now through Aug. 15. The lottery is open to all U.S. service members and they must use a .mil email address when registering.

Lottery registration will be conducted at [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com), and 500 registrants will be randomly selected by a computer generated drawing, Aug. 16.

The Army's 29th annual Army 10-Miler race is scheduled for Oct. 20 in Washington, D.C., at the Pentagon. Produced by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, D.C., this prestigious race attracts 35,000 military and civil-

ian runners from around the world. It is the third largest 10-mile race in the world, and all proceeds benefit Soldier and Soldier Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

Registrants will be required to enter a valid credit card, but will not be charged unless selected. Between now and Aug. 20, all registrants will receive an email notification stating whether they

were selected or not selected. The searchable database on the Registration/Confirm tab of the Army 10-Miler website will be updated with the names of the runners that were selected by Aug. 23.

Lottery winners who are unable to run may transfer their registration through the Army 10-Miler transfer program until Aug. 30, or join a team until Sept. 6. For more information, call (202) 685-4820.

The Army 10-Miler event also features a two-day expo, presented by Boeing, Oct. 18-19 at the D.C. Armory. The expo hosts more than 75 exhibitors and attracts 40,000 attendees. Race-day activities include a world class race with elite athletes, live music, youth activities and the popular Hooah Tent Zone, which features interactive displays and exhibits by Army installations from around the world.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### PUNT, PASS & KICK

Young pro football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills when the Fort Rucker Youth Sports and Fitness Program hosts the free NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition Saturday at 9 a.m. on the youth football field, located off of Ruf Avenue. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 6-15 who are registered at child, youth and school services.

The competition allows youngsters to showcase their talents in punting, passing and kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. The top finishers from each age group at the local competition will advance to a sectional competition. The top four scorers from the pool of sectional champions will advance to the team championship. Age-group champions at this level will be declared NFL Punt, Pass & Kick team champions. The top four finishers in the boys' and girls' divisions within each age bracket from the pool of all team champions will then qualify for the National Finals at an NFL playoff game in January 2014. Entry forms are available online at [NFLPPK.com](http://NFLPPK.com), or from the youth center or school age center on Seventh Avenue.

For more information, call 255-2254 or 255-2257.

### FAMILY BOWLING

Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program and Relocation Readiness Program Hearts Apart invites all active duty military Families with special needs or disabled member, or Families with Soldier's deployed or serving an unaccompanied tour to attend a night of bowling at Rucker Lanes Bowling Center Aug. 15 and Sept. 12 from 5-10 p.m. The cost is \$1 per game and \$1.50 for shoe rental. Registration is required no later than two days prior to event.

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

### VOLLEYBALL COACHES MEETING

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will hold a men's and women's volleyball coaches meeting Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. All coaches need to attend. Pre-season begins on Sept. 16 and the

deadline to sign up is Sept. 23.

For more information, call 255-2393.

### SILVER WINGS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Silver Wings Golf Course will hold its club championship Sept. 7-8 with tee times beginning at 7 a.m. Price is \$50 per player, plus cart fee. A U.S. Golf Association handicap is required. The deadline to register is Sept. 5 before 4 p.m. The club championship is stroke play and for members only.

For more, call 598-2449.

### SWIM SEASON AT WEST BEACH

West Beach is open for swim season now through Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays through Tuesdays and is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays. West Beach swimming is also be open on weekends and holidays only while school is in session. 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.

For more, call 255-9162.

### DISC GOLF

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers Disc Golf – played much like traditional golf, but instead of using a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc. DFMWR welcomes novices and experienced players to bring their friends out and enjoy some friendly competition. The 18-hole disc golf course is located at Beaver Lake. People can visit the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility to check out a disc and give it a try. There is a \$10 deposit required per disc. The Disc Golf course is open to the public. Disc check-out is open to authorized patrons only.

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

|                 |                |          |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| ALLS            | DEPORTER       | LAPLATA  |
| PLOP            | INCREASE       | AREARUG  |
| LABASSI         | STANTS         | BENGALI  |
| UNE             | ETD            | PLATOONS |
| GOSOLD          | ONSITETRAINING |          |
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| ALASKATERRITORY |                |          |
| QUART           | RAUL           | ASSN     |
| UPPERCHAMBER    | EASELED        |          |
| ASP             | PASSE          | ARUT     |
| JARS            | SWISSALMOND    |          |
| PSIS            | MTST           | PEEVES   |
| CAUGHTUNAWARES  | INTHAT         |          |
| AYR             | CHLORINE       | LAGOLE   |
| DOGCAIT         | OSCARPETERSON  |          |
| GLEANER         | THECHASE       | ANET     |
| EASTSEA         | SVSTOLES       | FISH     |

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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

## TRIVIA

#### Answers

1. North of Scotland
2. Queen
3. "Friends"
4. Underdog
5. The real
6. Mel Brooks
7. Bodega Bay, Calif.
8. Washington
9. Elizabeth Barrett Browning
10. Clarified butter

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COURTESY SCREENSHOT

# The Smurfs 2 game offers little enjoyment

**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.)*

## What to do with “The Smurfs 2?”

On one hand it's probably not the type of game any gamer worth his "Deus Ex" T-shirt would give a second look.

On the other hand, lots of little kids love the Smurfs and while the rest of us don't enjoy playing video games with little blue people unless they are from outer space and are carrying larger laser guns, there's a good chance we'll run into a youngster or two who looks up to Papa Smurf.

So should you — or anyone, really — spend any hard-earned cash on “The Smurfs 2?” No.

Even if you thought the movie was the best thing since, well, the first Smurfs movie, this adventure game is a dog. Only people who have an unhealthy Smurf fixation should waste their time.



COURTESY SCREENSHOT

In the game, the evil wizard Gargamel has created the Naughties. They kidnap Smurfette from Smurfs Village and imprison her in Paris (of course they do). The Smurfs must leave their

village, travel the streets of New York and find a way to Paris to find and rescue Smurfette.

There is the option to play as different Smurfs and, of course, each Smurf has a differ-



**Publisher**  
Ubisoft  
**Rated**  
Everyone  
**Systems**  
Multiple  
**Cost**  
\$30-40  
**Overall**  
1.5 out of 4

ent talent that can be used to solve challenges. Papa Smurf can freeze enemies with his potions, for example. Up to four gamers can play at the same time, which is nice. They can jump into the game at any time without disrupting the other gamers.

While the visuals are better, "The Smurfs 2" feels like it's 10 years old. Outside the Smurf movie license there is little to like here and the game won't appeal to non-Smurfs fans. Most gamers will feel blue if they buy this game. Don't bother.

*Reviewed on Xbox 360*



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