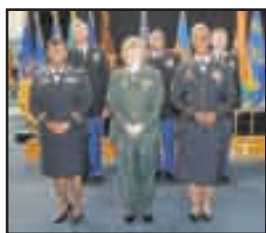


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## 2,000 job seekers attend job fair

By Sara E. Martin  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

With a summer unemployment rate of 6.5 percent, the state of Alabama, though beneath the national average, is still hurting to find jobs for its many job seekers, and more than 2,000 of the area's unemployed or those looking to change career paths flocked to the 10th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair.

Jacqueline Scofield, a single mother, was one of those seekers who is looking to break into a new career field after she lost her position at a pharmacy more than six months ago.

"It is really hard right now," she said. "I am living in my parents' rental house right now and I have a great ex-husband who is helping with the kid's expenses. So I am more fortunate than others who do not have the support system that I do."

Scofield had been in pharmacy work for 15 years before she lost her job and

stated that she has never been unemployed before the company she worked for was downsized.

"It is difficult for me personally to not be able to give my children the things they want," she said, speaking on what the hardest thing about being without a job was. "It is a pride thing with me. It is my responsibility to be working. It is important to me to stand on my own two feet."

Scofield said that she feels like she has let her Family down, a common emotion felt amongst those looking for work.

"I am struggling to pay my bills and get my children's school supplies," said John Moody who has been out of work since Nov. 13. "Most Families are struggling just as I am. As a provider, I am upset because I can't take my children on a summer vacation, and my Family is making sacrifices and cutbacks that I



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Amber Christensen and Jacqueline Scofield speak with Edward Jones Investments representatives July 25 at the Enterprise High School Gym during the 10th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair.

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## Schools offer Sneak-a-peek

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Knowing what's coming is key to keeping ahead of the game, and Fort Rucker schools want to make sure that parents and their children are prepared for the upcoming school year.

Fort Rucker Primary School and Fort Rucker Elementary School are offering their Sneak-a-Peek events Monday to give a chance for parents and teachers to meet the teachers, see the classrooms and become familiar with the school before the official first day of class.

"This will give (parents and students) a little bit of comfort," said Vickie Gilmer, FRES principal. "By walking into the building, finding their classroom and meeting their teachers, they get those little jitters out."

"It's also a great opportunity to renew acquaintances with students and parents," added Deborah Deas, FRPS principal. "I know a lot of students that are returning, so I like to talk with the parents, greet them and tell them how excited we are that they're coming back – it's a good chance to see everyone again."

The FRPS Sneak-a-Peek will be from 3-4 p.m., and the FRES Sneak-a-Peek will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and both offer a way for parents and teachers to familiarize themselves with the schools and get a peek at what the coming year has in store.

"This is just a quick little buffet of what we have to offer the children," said Gilmer. "The tutor lab will be here (at the elementary school) in terms of tutoring assistance, (representatives) of the Parent Teacher Association will be here, and even members from (the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation)."

It's important for parents to meet teachers that will be interacting with their children to not only keep their minds at ease, but to help develop communication and a stronger Family unit, said the principals.

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## Soldier Show hits Wiregrass

Soldiers perform in the 2013 U.S. Army Soldier Show at Fort Belvoir, Va., June 22. The 2013 U.S. Army Soldier Show returns to the Wiregrass area Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Performing Arts Center, Enterprise High School. The performances are free and open to the public, and no tickets are required. "The show is very much about illustrating not only ways to get away and be resilient, but also illustrating overarching solutions to certain issues that are facing the military today, like [the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program], Gold Star, Blue Star and Survivor Outreach Services," said Victor Hurtado, Soldier Show artistic director. The show is sponsored by Sprint, SHARP and BOSS.

## DPS urges traffic safety as school begins

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Children are sharpening their pencils and packing their lunches to prepare for the upcoming school year, and with schools opening Tuesday comes higher foot traffic in the housing areas.

The Directorate of Public Safety will do all it can to make sure that children stay safe as they journey to school for the new year, but a lot of the responsibility will fall on the drivers that will be traveling near the school zones, said Marcel Dumais, chief of police on Fort Rucker.

"What I'd like to do is ask the public to slow down in the housing areas," said Dumais. "Currently, we patrol the housing areas and what we're going to do as a run-up to the new school year is focus more on traffic enforcement as far as speed control and things like that," he said. "When school starts, there will be a lot more pedestrian traffic in those areas, especially in the mornings



FILE PHOTO

Students cross the street at a designated crossing point as they journey to Fort Rucker Primary School for the first day of school. Fort Rucker schools will be back in session Tuesday.

and afternoons, so people need to be aware of this."

Dumais said that there will be increased police presence in the school-zone areas for the first few weeks of school, as well as signage and traffic lights that will give people a visual representation of when

school is in session and when children are more likely to be near the roadways.

Responsibility doesn't lie with just drivers on the roadways, however. One main problem that Dumais said he sees every year is that there are too many unsupervised

children making their way to and from the schools.

"Parents need to be out there monitoring and supervising their children as often as they can," he said, adding that for those who don't have the option to watch their children, to teach them the proper safety habits as they trek to and from school each day.

"Parents should sit down and have a talk with their children, and let them know to stay on the sidewalks as they're walking to school," said Dumais. "Make sure that they know when they come to the road where they have to cross, that they look both ways, and I ask the same of those riding bikes," adding that those riding bikes should wear protective gear, such as helmets and pads.

Peggy Contreras, Fort Rucker Community Police supervisor, suggests that parents get to know the school routes with their children and walk with the children to school for at least the first week. Also, par-

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Armistice anniversary marks milestone for alliance

By **Walter T. Ham IV**  
*Eighth Army Public Affairs*

SEOUL — American and South Korean officials and veterans commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Agreement in the United States and South Korea recently.

Signed on July 27, 1953, the ceasefire agreement brought the brutal three-year conflict to an end and marked the end of the longest negotiated armistice in history.

The negotiations took place during 158 meetings over two years and 17 days, while fighting continued to rage across the Korean Peninsula.

According to Eighth Army Historian Ron Miller, language differences complicated negotiations as discussions were translated into English, Korean and Chinese.

The armistice agreement created the 155-mile-long by 2.5-mile-wide demilitarized zone that serves as a buffer zone and de facto border between totalitarian North Korea and democratic South Korea.

The armistice agreement also established the truce village of Panmunjom where negotiations are still held between the two Koreas.

The Korean War Armistice has never been followed by peace treaty and the two Koreas are technically still at war. Miller said North Korea has violated the armistice thousands of times. More than 450 South Korean and 100 American troops have been killed in the line of duty during North Korean provocations since 1953.

As a part of the Republic of Korea-United States Alliance, 28,500 American troops serve in South Korea to provide security on the Korean Peninsula and stability in northeast Asia. Arriving in 1950, Eighth Army commanded all United Nations Command ground forces as the only U.S. Field Army in the Korean War. Eighth Army has served in Korea since the armistice was signed.

Miller credits the armistice with South Korea's success today.

"The Korean War Armistice Agreement has successfully suspended full-scale hostilities on the peninsula for 60 years," said Miller, a native of Odessa, Texas. "As a result, the Republic of Korea has developed into a full-fledged, modern democracy. It is a prosperous, productive and responsi-



PHOTO BY SGT. PARK YOUNGHO

The Korean Demilitarized Zone and Joint Security Area were created by the Korean War Armistice that was signed almost 60 years ago. American and South Korean officials and veterans recently commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Agreement in the United States and South Korea.

ble member of the global community."

Lt. Cmdr. Daniel McShane, the Joint Duty Officer for the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission, said UNCMAC continues to fulfill its mission of armistice implementation.

As one of the few U.S. military officers who maintain contact with the North Korean military, McShane works out of an office just 27 feet south of the border.

"This anniversary is very important," said McShane, a naval Aviator from Charlotte, N.C. "The commemorations of the armistice anniversary can be seen as a clear signal that the sending nations of the United Nations Command are still dedicated to upholding the agreements that we made 60 years ago to preclude hostilities

and maintain peace on the Korean Peninsula."

Lt. Col. Lee Seok-jae, who commands the Yongsan Garrison-based Republic of Korea Army Support Group and the 3,400 Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army troops who support Eighth Army, used the upcoming armistice anniversary to express his gratitude for the U.S. military's contribution to security in Korea.

"A true friend can be defined when you face a difficult situation and the friend does not just ignore the situation, but comes in assistance and even takes the risk of sacrificing oneself for you," wrote Lee in a message to Eighth Army leaders. "This is how the Korean people during the Korean War in 1950 came to recognize who their

friends were.

"In the midst of being under attack by the North to the point where the country was on the verge of crumbling down, forces of 350,000 men from 16 nations led by the United States joined in the war in aid of the Republic of Korea," wrote Lee. "Especially, more than 300,000 United States Soldiers participated in the war."

Lee said the U.S. military continues to serve with South Korean forces on the Korean Peninsula almost 60 years after the armistice was signed.

"The U.S. military continues to have its presence in the Republic of Korea to deter the aggression of North Korea and guard the liberty and democracy we enjoy in the Republic of Korea," wrote Lee.

## Rotor Wash

“Fort Rucker schools are back in session Aug. 6. How should parents prepare their children for the new school year?”



**Staff Sgt. Sean Miller,**  
B. Co., 1st Bn.,  
223rd Avn. Regt.

"Have them start going to bed earlier before school actually starts and make sure you have all your materials before school starts."



**Maria Delgado,**  
IMSO Latin  
American liaison

"Keep your kids on a schedule all summer long."



**Mali Rudolph,**  
Army spouse

"Practice the major subjects with your children. Have them read for at least an hour, and have practice math and literature sheets for them to complete."



**CW3 Shery Freeman,**  
10th Regional Support  
Group, Okinawa, Japan

"Make sure you have a plan and a goal for the child's grade point average."



**2nd Lt. Matthew Udermann,**  
D Co., 1st  
Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"Start getting your children back into their normal routine so when school starts they are already used to their daily schedule."

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# Fort Rucker honors 12 retirees

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Fort Rucker honored 12 men and women with a collection of more than 275 years of military service and 130 permanent change of station moves between them at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday during the quarterly retirement ceremony.

The “true American heroes” began a new chapter in their lives during the weekend, but they will always be remembered as the generation of Soldiers who ushered in the new technology that has forever changed how the Army trains and teaches, said Col. T.J. Jamison, the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker’s chief of staff.

“They ushered in new technology, where computers were on every desk . . . and most importantly we can thank them for the demise of the overhead projector,” he said. “We can also thank them for the introduction of the PowerPoint presentation.

“This is the most important generation of Soldiers in our nation’s history,” he continued. “They have all made contributions to the Army and because of them we continue to develop as professionals. Never forget what sets you apart from others – your discipline, patriotism and standards.”

**Lt. Col. Tewanna Marks** entered military service in 1993. During her 20 years of service she served in numerous overseas locations in Germany, Hungary, Bosnia, Nicaragua, Korea and Iraq. She said the highlight of her career was helping the people of Nicaragua rebuild their country during humanitarian relief efforts after hurricane Mitch destroyed their country, and serving as the USD-S division engineer in Basra while providing theater master planning support and base closure operations to coalition forces. Marks has one child and upon retirement she plans to reside in Geneva.

**CW5 Charles Selph** entered military service in 1984. During his 29 years of service he served in numerous overseas locations in Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq. Selph stated the highlights of his career were serving as an East German / Czechoslovakian border pilot, flight lead in Operation Desert Storm and the Arizona state standardization officer. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have four children and six grandchildren. Upon retirement, he will continue as a Fort Rucker DAC/UH-60 instructor and reside in Level Plains.

**CW4 David Lewandowsky** entered military service in 1993. During his 20 years of service he served in various overseas loca-



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

A ceremony was held Friday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum to honor Soldiers retiring from the Army. Front row – Lt. Col. Tewanna Marks, Sgt. Roberta Gonzalez and 1st Sgt. Alisa Gonzales. Back row – CW5 Charles Selph, Sgt. 1st Class Duncan Knight III and Sgt. 1st Class David Kintz.



A ceremony was held Friday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum to honor Soldiers retiring from the Army. Front row – Sgt. 1st Class Rose Bergstrazer, CW4 David Lewandowsky, CW3 Ruben Diaz. Back row – CW4 Dennis Bergstrazer, CW3 Michael Young and Master Sgt. Raymond Dawson III.

tions in Panama, Germany, Korea and Iraq. He stated the highlight of his career was serving his country in three separate combat tours in Iraq. He has one child. Upon retirement, he plans to reside in Dothan.

**CW4 Dennis Bergstrazer** entered military service in 1972. During his 40 years of service, he has served in overseas locations in Japan and Korea. In addition, he served as a research assistant and flight leader. He stated the highlight of his career was receiv-

ing his Aviator wings after flight school.

**Sgt. 1st Class Rose Bergstrazer** entered military service in 1979. During her 34 years of service she served in overseas locations in Japan and Korea. She has served multiple tours in support of Ulchi Focus Lens. She stated the highlight of her career was serving in combat support in Korea.

**CW3 Michael Young** entered military service in 1990. During his 23 years of service he served in various overseas locations in

Korea, Colombia and Iraq. In addition, he served multiple deployments in Central and South America. Young stated the highlight of his career was having the opportunity to achieve all he did and getting a chance to meet all the great Soldiers along the way. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children. Upon retirement they plan to reside in Enterprise.

**CW3 Ruben Diaz** entered military service in 1992. During his 21 years of service he served in various overseas locations in

Germany, Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq and Honduras. He stated the highlight of his career was being an instructor in support of Central and South America. He and his wife, Danielle, have two children. Upon retirement they plan to reside in Enterprise.

**1st Sgt. Alisa Gonzales** entered military service in 1986. During her 27 years of service she served in overseas locations in Germany, Korea and Iraq. She stated the highlight of her career was implementing and managing the SHARP program for a brigade that was comprised of four battalions with over 2,100 Soldiers, civilians and KATUSAs that increased the mission effectiveness and reduced the behaviors that lead to sexual assault. She has two children and two grandchildren. Upon retirement she plans to reside in Enterprise.

**Master Sgt. Raymond Dawson III** entered military service in 1990. During his 23 years of service he served in overseas locations in Korea and Afghanistan. Dawson stated the highlight of his career was training young men and women to become air traffic controllers, thus ensuring the community remains alive and strong. He and his wife, Christine, have three children. Upon retirement they plan to reside in Enterprise.

**Sgt. 1st Class David Kintz** entered military service in 1993. During his 20 years of service he served in overseas locations in Germany, Iraq and South Korea. He stated the highlight of his career was meeting his spouse in Illesheim, Germany, while they were both young Soldiers in the United States Army. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children. Upon retirement they plan to reside in Enterprise.

**Sgt. 1st Class Duncan Knight III** entered military service in 1993. During his 20 years of service he served in overseas locations in Germany, Bosnia and Iraq. Knight stated the highlight of his career was when he was a senior drill sergeant transitioning civilians into Soldiers at Fort Knox, Ky. He is engaged to Lisa Miller. He has one child. Upon retirement, they plan to reside in Louisville, Ky.

**Sgt. Roberta Gonzalez** entered military service in 1989. During her 24 years of service she served in overseas locations in Germany and Korea. Gonzalez stated the highlight of her career was graduating from George Washington University with an associate’s degree and becoming a certified medical laboratory technician through American Society for Clinical Pathology. She and her husband, Jose, have three children. Upon retirement they plan to reside in Enterprise.

## News Briefs

### Spouse club membership drive

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club hosts its Super Roundup membership drive and Exposition Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. at The Landing. The event will feature live music from the 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band, food, shopping, door prizes and more. The country-themed event is free and open to spouses of active duty and retired military personnel residing in the Wiregrass area, and to civilian employees and spouses of civilian employees employed at Fort Rucker.

For more information, visit [www.fortruckeresc.com](http://www.fortruckeresc.com).

### Change of command

The 110th Aviation Brigade will host a change of command ceremony Aug. 9 at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field. Col. Jayson A. Altieri will assume command of the unit from Col. Kevin J. Christensen.

### Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

### Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend.

### Troops to Teachers

Eligible veterans can receive up to \$10,000 through the Troops to Teachers program, and a free seminar on the program is scheduled for Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Education Center, Bldg. 4502, Rm. 112. Bill Kirkland, state program manager for Troops to Teachers, will conduct a 90-minute Transition to Teaching Class on the federal government program that assists eligible veterans (active duty, reservists and retired military) who desire to become public school teachers. No reservations are required.

For more information, visit [www.tttga.net](http://www.tttga.net) or call (404) 413-8199.

### 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.

### Gate, commissary closures

The Faulkner and Newton gates continue to be closed until further notice due to the start of Department of the Army furloughs.

Delivery trucks and large loads should use the Ozark Gate. People who have questions about deliveries should contact their agency’s point of contact on post. People can go to [www.rucker.army.mil](http://www.rucker.army.mil) for gate status changes.

Additionally, the commissary is closed Mondays and Tuesdays through the end of September.

### CID seeks agents

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified applicants to become highly-trained criminal investigators. CID special agents are responsible for investigating numerous types of felony-level crime of Army interest, conducting protective-service operations, and working with other Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines. Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, Metropolitan Police Academy at Scotland Yard, Department of Defense Polygraph Institute and the Canadian Police College. Agents also have the opportunity to pursue a master’s degree in Forensic Science from George Washington University.

To qualify, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21-years-old, minimum of two years and maximum of 10 years military service, maximum grade of sergeant (non-promotable) – sergeants (promotable) or staff sergeants with one year or less time in grade may apply with a waiver. Applicants must meet all other requirements.

To view the full list of requirements and to apply, visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil), or contact the Fort Rucker CID office in Bldg. 5430 on Raider Street, or calling 255-3108.

### Military pay hours change

The Defense Military Pay Office’s new operating hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until further notice. DMPO will also transition to a reduced in- and out-processing briefing schedule. In-processing briefings will be held Mondays and Thursdays in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371B at 1 p.m. Out-processing briefings will be held Mondays and Thursdays in Rm. 371B at 10:30 a.m. The change will not affect advanced individual training in-processing briefings, which will continue to be held Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Special in- and out-processing briefings will not be considered during the furlough unless mission essential and must be requested directly through Vanessa Gatlin, DMPO director. Units should ensure their Soldiers get the time and opportunity to attend the regularly scheduled in- and out-processing briefings. The reduced briefing schedule will help to ensure the DMPO staff has sufficient time to process pay documents.

Soldiers should also utilize their S1 sections to the greatest extent possible to resolve pay problems and turn in pay documents. Pay inquiries presented at the DMPO customer service counter during the furlough that require additional research will be collected from Soldiers and responded to on a first-in, first-out basis within five business days.

Soldiers needing to make changes to their basic allowance for housing status should continue to come directly to the DMPO customer service counter with their original documents to recertify their BAH.

For more information, call 255-3900.



# Enlisted, warrant officers train together for 1st time at Huachuca

By Maranda Flynn  
Fort Huachuca Public Affairs

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — Students from the 2nd Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment attending the 150U Warrant Officer Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Systems course, and the 15E UAS Repairer and 15W UAS Operator courses, trained side-by-side in a culminating training exercise July 15-17 for the first time in Fort Huachuca's history.

Typically, a field exercise is held during each 15E and 15W advanced individual training cycle so enlisted students can apply the information taught in the classroom in a hands-on environment. However, the six-week 150U course that warrant officers are required to attend has previously consisted only of classroom instruction with no on-the-job training.

As advisers and subject matter experts, the warrant officers are expected to understand how to solve problems and provide advice on UAS tactics, techniques, procedures, capabilities and architecture in a tactical situation.

Based on the evaluations and feedback of prior students, Capt. Janmichael Guillermo, commander, D Company, 2-13th AVN, decided the 150U course needed improvement. As an approach to better the course, he chose to blend the enlisted and warrant officer students during the culminating training exercise.

Beyond the benefit of hands-on training, Guillermo explained that this was most likely the first time enlisted Soldiers were in a field-training environment with warrant officers, which provided an additional training benefit to Soldier training.

"It's good exposure between warrant officer and enlisted ranks at the same time," he said.

During the CTX, the students trained on various tasks such as emplacing and displacing the UAS on different sites, radio and data setup, UAS flight training, first aid, battle drills and battle update briefings, allowing both parties to become familiar with the communication and interaction necessary in a tactical environment.

The 150U course manager, CW4 Ron Booth, has served in the Army for 26 years. Throughout his career, he has been involved in many similar CTXs, but this is the first time the warrant officers have actually been active participants in the UAS CTX exercise.

"What we are doing now is incorporating [the war-



PHOTO BY MARANDA FLYNN

Staff Sgt. Corey Deister, Spc. Christopher Brown and Staff Sgt. Kelly Poor, 2nd Bn., 13th AVN Soldiers, disconnect cables from the data link interface box due to inclement weather during the UAS CTX conducted at Black Tower on Fort Huachuca, Ariz., July 15-17.

rant officers] into the CTX, and they are actually getting hands-on experience on how to be a platoon leader, how to be a mission commander, how to emplace and displace the [UAS] systems, and how to become a battle captain in a tactical situation," said Booth.

When asked what portion of the CTX was most anticipated, the warrant officers expressed a combination of excitement and anxiety. Prior to the start of their class, they did not know about the plans for the first combined training exercise.

With only two weeks of planning, the joint CTX encountered a few hiccups. The warrant officers were not equipped with the correct gear for overnight training situations, last-minute changes were occurring up until the start of the event, and inclement weather resulted in fewer UAS flying opportunities than anticipated.

"The concept is exceptional," said CW3 John Hoskin, one of the four warrant officers attending the course. "The idea behind combining the two [groups], seeing as eventually we are going to be working together, is sound. We are going through some growing pains as they try to figure out how to integrate us, where we need to come together, at what point during the training do we need to start integrating the two courses, but it is understandable consid-



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS KRISTINE SMEDLEY

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Piggee, WO Shane Bradburn and CW2 Jim Balderas, training students assigned to 2nd Bn., 13th AVN, discuss the upcoming scenario while reviewing the area of operations overlay map during the first enlisted and warrant officer combined CTX that took place July 15-17 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

ering that this is something new and that they are trying to work it out."

Terri Deppa, a 150U course instructor, explained that even though the training was not originally scheduled at the start of the class, the students and staff adapted as needed.

"I think it's going to be good for them to go through this and let the staff and the command know how well the CTX worked for them, where the improvements need to be made or where they excelled," she said.

"This is ultimately where we [instructors] envision them being, being more of a participant in the CTX and actually going through the whole thing."

"We are taking all of these concepts that we have learned in the past five weeks, what our job is going to be and what each system does, and we are turning that book knowledge into experience," said Hoskin. "It will send us out to future units with a limited amount, but at least some, exposure. I think it's a great

opportunity."

Overall, course officials hope the students' joint involvement in the CTX will prove invaluable for future 150U warrant officers, the

Soldiers under their command and the Army as a whole since they will now train in the joint environment in which they will actually work.

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# Job: More than 9,000 jobs offered at event

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wish we didn't have to."

Scofield was hopeful that she would get formal interviews after the fair, and she did, in fact, get two, but other attendees were not so optimistic.

"The job hunt is not going good. No one is really hiring. If companies are not making money then they are not giving out money," said Moody, adding that he was willing to drive up to 50 miles one way for a job. "I would like to get a position with golf course maintenance, but people can't afford to play golf, so the golf courses can't afford to maintain their courses."

Command Sgt. Maj. Buford E. Noland, Fort Rucker command sergeant major, said that Fort Rucker wanted to reach out to those struggling to find work because they are qualified and talented.

"We need to do what we can in the troubled times that we are seeing," he said. "It

is a good opportunity to meet and greet, and get connected with companies that are hiring."

Many attendees said they liked the idea of the job fair because they are struggling with having to do everything online, including finding jobs, submitting resumes and applying, and that face time with potential employees is something that Debbie Gaydos, Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program Manager, said was a main mission of the fair.

"Everything is online these days; you never ever get to meet that head hunter, that recruiting or hiring agent. People today will be able to get business cards, do follow ups and have a point of contact for later," she said. "You don't get that anywhere else. Networking is very important."

More vendors than have ever participated — more than 100 — offering more than 9,000 jobs.

Because of the stagnant employment op-

portunities in the area, Gaydos said she has heard from more and more people that are willing to relocate, even out of state, to secure a position.

"With all the jobs we have under the roof, 67 percent of them do require relocation, but that still leaves a chunk of jobs that are still available in the local area for people to snatch up," she said.

And though the fair was targeted for the southeast area, Gaydos said that people from as far as California flew in to attend the fair.

Hiring Our Heroes partnered this year with the fair to help connect Soldiers, veterans and their Families find work across the country, as well.

"Veterans have tremendous abilities to do the work, but the issue they run into is explaining to employers what they do," said Ernie Lombardi, HOH regional associate. "Through us we can connect employers looking for veterans skill sets and find vet-

erans that are a good fit for the job."

Within the first hour and a half, Lombardi saw more than 200 veterans, and one Soldier who is afraid of being forced to retire in the next three years took advantage of HOH services.

"I am preparing for my possible separation," said Staff Sgt. William Ramos, 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment. "I want to find out what I can do with my skills and what kind of certification or education I will need."

"I feel more confident after today," he continued when asked about if he was nervous about entering the civilian workforce. "I am not too scared, but the more information I get the better I feel because I am becoming more aware of what I might be getting myself into."

"I am going to do the best I can do no matter what ends up happening," he said. "I am still young, so I will end up on my feet, I am a Soldier after all."

## Peek: Parents, students visit schools

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"I think (this event) has a tremendous impact on parents and their children," said Deas. "It really helps the parents be at ease sending their children to school everyday and knowing that they're going somewhere that is a safe, secure environment."

"Also, the communication between parents and teachers is just invaluable," added Gilmer. "The children need to know that this is a team effort and we really pride our-

selves here on that. We call this the FRES Family, and that extends, not only from the teachers to students, but to the parents as well."

With the furloughs in full swing, the calendar year is shorter by five days — 175 days instead of 180 — but both principals assure parents that although the days have been sacrificed, academics will not.

"The furlough will not have any affect on our academics and classroom instruction at all," said Deas. "We teach to standards and we will teach those standards and make sure

all the students are prepared for the next grade or receiving school."

Both the primary and elementary school received numerous accolades for academic achievement during the '12-'13 calendar year, and Gilmer said they look forward to the challenges of the coming year.

"Our '12-'13 school year was just phenomenal — our test scores were off the charts," said the elementary school principal. "We're really looking forward to continuing that path of excellence."



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Then 4-year-old triplets, Jesse, Jacob and James, and 3-year-old Anna Spiri, with their parents, CW3 Jimmy and Pamela, explore a work area at the Fort Rucker Primary School during an open house last year. This year's Sneak-a-Peek will be Monday.

## Safety: Children urged to cross streets in large groups

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ents should get to know their neighbors.

"They should try to get a buddy system going if they have neighbors (with children) going to school as well," she suggested.

Parents should also know that there is one main crosswalk in front of Fort Rucker Elementary School on Red Cloud Road that children are required to use, and that children are not permitted to cross it before 7:30 a.m.

"There have been issues with children getting there too early and climbing trees, throwing rocks and fighting, which poses obvious safety issues," said Conterras. "We don't want children to be there with no supervision, so it's the parent's responsibility to make sure they get to school when they're supposed to."

When children are crossing the street, Dumais suggests that they do it in large groups, which not only helps by providing higher visibility of the children to drivers, but keeps traffic flowing at a much quicker pace compared to having one child cross at a time.

During early morning and afternoon school-zone commutes, an officer will be stationed at the intersection in front of the school to direct traffic, and Dumais asked that people be aware of the officer and make sure to abide by his or her commands.

"It's a very dangerous spot for a person to be — in the middle of the road — and people are usually in a hurry in the morning and that area can become very congested," he said. "We know that people are busy, they have their lives to deal with, but they need to be really careful and patient."



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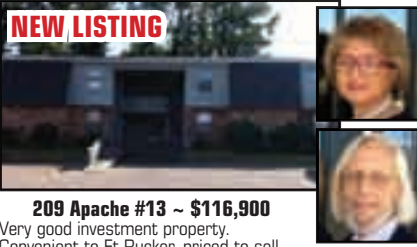
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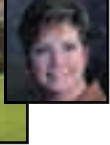
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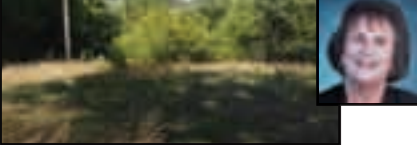


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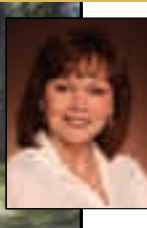
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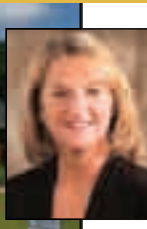
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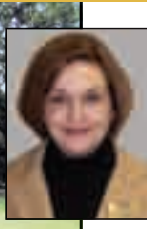
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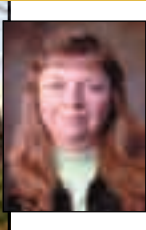


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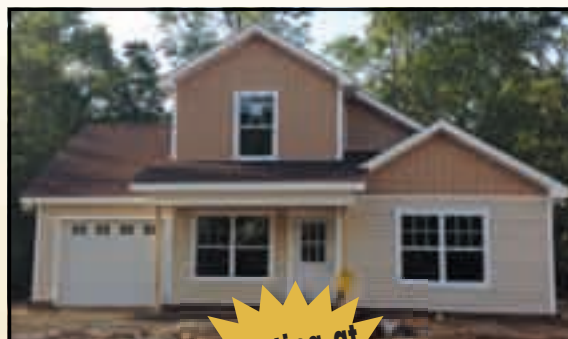


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# Soldier to receive Medal of Honor



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Ty M. Carter, part of a platoon fire team, 8-1 Cavalry, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, provides overwatch on a road near Dahla Dam, Afghanistan, in July 2012.

By Gary Sheftick  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama announced July 26 that Staff Sgt. Ty Michael Carter will receive the Medal of Honor next month for his “conspicuous gallantry” in Afghanistan.

Carter will receive the nation’s highest award for valor Aug. 26 for his defense of Combat Outpost Keating, in a remote mountain valley of Nuristan province in western Afghanistan. During a battle that raged for more than six hours, Carter was instrumental in keeping the southern flank of the outpost from being overrun Oct. 3, 2009, by an enemy that outnumbered the Americans almost eight to one.

The 54 members of B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, were attacked by more than 400 enemy fighters with heavy automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades firing from high ground surrounding the outpost. The enemy infiltrated two areas of the COP, killing eight U.S. Soldiers

and injuring more than 25.

Carter, who was a specialist at the time, ran a gauntlet of enemy fire to resupply ammo to fighting positions. He picked off numerous enemy with his sharpshooting and risked his life to carry an injured Soldier to cover, despite his own injuries from RPG rounds.

Carter will be the fifth living recipient to be awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan. He’s also the second Soldier to receive the award for the defense of COP Keating, sometimes called the Battle of Kamdesh. Staff Sgt. Clinton Romesha received the Medal of Honor Feb. 11 for defending the northern side of the outpost.

Carter’s platoon sergeant at COP Keating said he was extremely proud of the actions of his Soldiers that day and not too surprised when he heard about the second Medal of Honor.

“I was pleasantly surprised, but I wasn’t shocked,” said retired 1st Sgt. Jonathan G. Hill. “In my heart I knew deep down inside

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## Aviation units conduct research demo

By Sgt. Jonathan Thibault  
*4th Combat Aviation Brigade*

CAÑON CITY, Colo. — Specialists from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Front Range District Office, worked hand-in-hand with Fort Carson flight crews during a research demonstration outside of Cañon City July 16.

Soldiers with 4th Combat Aviation Brigade and 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, helped the BLM team collect data to assess the use of the lands by the military for high-altitude mountainous environmental training.

“We have a team of specialists, called the interdisciplinary team, that ranges from marine biologists, wildlife biologists, archeologists, geologists, realty specialists, recreation specialists and range specialists,” said Steve Craddock, Royal Gorge Field Office realty specialist.

The demonstration gives the specialists a firsthand account of the effects that aircraft have on the surrounding environment.

“Our purpose is to expose every resource specialist to the sounds, wind and visual impact as the helicopters land, take off and go in between the landing zones,” said Craddock. “This allows them to come up with a complete analysis of the environmental impact on the areas being used for training.”

The collection of data from the research demonstration is being used to develop a proposal to allow Army Aviation units to conduct HAMET training in surrounding areas.

“We have had casual short-term agreements with Fort Carson Aviation units, which allowed them to use 28 landing zones for HAMET training,” said Keith Berger, Royal Gorge Field Office manager. “A more in-depth, long-term agreement is needed with the arrival of 4th Combat Aviation Brigade. If the new proposed agreement is approved, there could be up to 43 landing zones that Fort Carson and Army Aviation units could use.”

Assessments from the

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PHOTO BY PFC. JUSTIN SNYDER

## RIVER ASSAULT

A CH-47 Chinook assigned to the 7th Aviation Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, drops buoys as divers assigned to the 511th Engineer Dive Detachment, 30th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, from Fort Bragg, N.C., look on during the Operation River Assault exercise at Fort Chaffee, Ark., July 24.

## Iron Eagles conduct 1st field exercise

By Sgt. Jonathan Thibault  
*4th Combat Aviation Brigade*

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Thumping sounds of helicopter blades kicked up swirls of dirt as Soldiers directed 4th Combat Aviation Brigade aircraft to sling-load equipment as part of a field training exercise on Fort Carson July 25.

The 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th CAB, 4th Infantry Division, conducted their first FTX for the CAB, July 22 through Friday.

The 4th CAB’s overall purpose for the training exercise is to test the brigade’s readiness for deployment and improve on what it needed, said Capt. Robert Detienne, assistant operations officer, 2nd GSAB.

“We are learning many things that will help us develop plans for future training exercises,” Detienne said.

The CAB’s training covered both basic Soldier skills and military occupational specialty specific training.

“The training exercises were concentrated on the Soldiers’ individual training,” said Detienne. “The training consisted of nine-line medevac, land navigation, first aid and MOS field training.”

The 2nd GSAB started from scratch in prepping for their training exercise.

“We started from ground-zero,” said Detienne. “Besides individual



PHOTO BY SGT. JONATHAN C. THIBAUT

A 4th CAB Soldier directs a CH-47 Chinook helicopter pilot while Soldiers with 10th Special Forces Group secure a Humvee to be sling-loaded to a different site during their field training exercise near Fort Carson, Colo., July 25.

experiences that everyone has had, we worked hard as a staff ... to figure out what we need to work on to be ready to deploy.”

Sling-load training was the main collective training performed by the battalion’s Chinook and Black Hawk companies.

“Most of the Soldiers are doing the sling-loads for the first time,” said Sgt. David Fagan, petroleum supply supplest and sling-load instructor, E Company, 2nd GSAB. “We started training heavily on the sling-loads for the past two days before the actual training exercise.”

All sling-loads that were per-

formed were executed perfectly,” he said “I am very proud of how well the Soldiers executed their mission tasks.”

E Co. Soldiers prepared for two weeks prior to the FTX.

“The Soldiers trained diligently with Soldiers from 10th Special Forces Group Support Battalion,” said Capt. Faith Neubauer, E Co. commander. “They are really excited about this exercise.”

Iron Eagle Soldiers were trained to prepare many types of equipment in short periods of time.

“I just recently went through a weeklong class prior to the FTX,” said Fagan. “The Soldiers got a

more condensed class on sling-loading to prepare equipment for a sling-load in five to 30 minutes, depending on type of equipment.”

The experience gained in the FTX provided a strong foundation for the CAB to build from in future exercises.

“The training we received from the field exercise helps to establish a baseline for the CAB,” said Detienne. “This training was important, because you have to know where you are to get to where you want to be. This is why we started with individual tasks. In September, we will conduct another field exercise based on more collective tasks.”



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# Medal: Soldier, Family to be honored at White House

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that it was going to happen eventually, because knowing what he (Carter) went through and knowing the extraordinary circumstances that he and everyone else had faced, there was no way that something like this could be passed up. I couldn't be prouder."

Carter and his Family will join the president at the White House for the Medal of Honor ceremony.

Carter was born in Washington state and claims Antioch, Calif., as his home of record, despite growing up in Spokane, Wash. He is married to Shannon Carter and they have three children: Jayden Young, Madison Carter

and Sehara Carter.

Carter enlisted in the Army in January 2008 as a cavalry scout, after serving in the Marine Corps. After completing training at Fort Knox, Ky., he was assigned to 3rd-61st Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, where he deployed to Afghanistan from May 2009 to May 2010.

In October 2010, he was assigned as a Stryker gunner with 8-1 Cavalry, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. He completed a second deployment to Afghanistan in October 2012. He is currently stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and is assigned to the 7th Infantry Division.

Carter's military decorations include: the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 2, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Air Assault Badge. He has also earned the Valorous Unit Award and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

# Demo: Training saves lives, prepares flight crews

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research demonstration will be gathered, and a proposal will be put into consideration by this fall, said Berger.

"After data has been analyzed from all the specialists and a community survey has been done, a decision for the land use will be made," said Craddock. "The decision depends on many variables and a variety of proposals could be made."

Additional landing zones will help Fort Carson flight crews train more efficiently and safely, said CW4 Michael S. Madura, 4th Infantry Division G3 Air.

"Having more landing zones will allow Aviation units to be more spread out during training," he said. "This keeps flight crews safe and able to perform a multitude of different training to prepare them for different situations in a mountainous environment."

HAMET training is vital training that prepares flight crews from Fort Carson and the Army to get specialized skills, he said.

"HAMET training saves lives and better prepares flight crews deploying to areas that are mountainous, such as Afghanistan," said Madura. "It has (been) proven to reduce incidents over the years. From my 24 years of experience as a pilot who has flown at high altitudes and in mountainous environments, a flight crew has to experience those conditions personally to make them more proficient in maneuvering in those types of terrain."



PHOTO BY KARL WEISEL

AH-64 Apaches from 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, participated in a research demonstration for the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Front Range District Office outside of Canon City, Colo., July 16.

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## SCHOOL DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

### Party sends summer off in a fun way

By Sara E. Martin  
Army Flier Staff Writer

This is the time of year where most children and teens are dragging their feet a little more than usual as summer break comes to an end and each day the first day back to school looms closer, but Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services wants to send off summer the right way.

CYSS will be holding a Back to School Bash Aug. 17 from 6-11 p.m. at the youth center. There will be music, food, games, prizes and more, according to Eugene Johnson, CYSS youth center facility director.

"We are going to start off with a Family and staff versus children and teen baseball game," he said. "We want the children to play against the adults, whether it is an older sibling or a parent."

The game will be held on the outdoor youth baseball field at 6:15 p.m. There will be water and restrooms outside for the game.

"If parents would like to bring their younger kids to the baseball game, that is fine, but when the parents leave, then the smaller children must go with them," said Linda Ivy, youth center assistant director and trainer.

CYSS has other events planned for the bash including a basketball tournament, a raffle and a special class just for the ladies.

"We will have arts and crafts all night, and one of our staff is giving the girls a class in makeup and personal hygiene," said Ivy, adding that tie-dye and line dancing will also be a part of the activities.

CYSS registered youth are allowed to attend the event for free and are allowed to bring one guest with them. The guest will have to pay a \$10 fee in cash and bring a photo identification card.

Guests have to be in the sixth through 12 grade, ages 11-18. Children do not have to bring anything, Ivy's only suggestion is to wear comfortable shoes.



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Cristina Arias and Nykia Hanner play a card game at the Fort Rucker Youth Center Monday during the center's summer camp. The Back to School Bash takes place Aug. 17

"Our interactive fitness room was a hit during our lock-in last time," she said. "Kids were dancing covered in glow sticks. They had a great time."

There will be plenty of physical activities that the children can get into as well as intellectual games to keep children occupied and entertained, said Ivy, adding that food will be provided to all attendees.

"We keep them busy, and it is a chance for them to have a little fun before they go back to school," said Johnson. "This is

just our last big 'hooah' event before school starts.

"When I was growing up, we had back to school dances, but I am old and that was a long time ago, so now we do bashes where we do lots of different activities," he continued with a laugh.

The center wanted to put something together for the youth in the area where they could take advantage of the facility as much as possible before school gets back in session.

"We will have music, we have different types of games, we have

pool, there is so much that the kids can get into," said Johnson. "Our events keep our youth entertained and safe. We keep them in a controlled environment on Saturday nights."

Johnson said that the Back to School Bash gives parents a chance to enjoy a date night as well – to go to a movie or spend a quiet night at home while knowing their children are having fun with their friends.

"It can be hard between duty and housework and taking care of the children to get a night where

they can enjoy each other's company," he said. "It makes it easier for the Soldier to relax. They know where their older children are."

Johnson suggests that if teens want to have a fun-filled evening where they don't spend it alone at the house watching TV, then come out and have a good time with friends.

Parents are asked to pick up their children at 11 p.m.

For more information, call the Fort Rucker Youth Center at 255-2245.

## Chaplaincy Corps celebrates 238 years of service

By Sara E. Martin  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Chaplaincy Corps was established in the summer of 1775, just a month after the Army was formally established by George Washington, and Monday the corps celebrated its 238th year of service to God and country.

The birthday doesn't just signify how long the corps has been around, but how many Soldiers and Family members have been helped since its inception, said Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton, garrison and Aviation center chaplain.

"Lord, we don't just want to celebrate our chaplains, but we want to celebrate our Soldiers, our Families and our civilians," he prayed before the formal cake cutting. "We are here to care for them, so Lord we ask that you bless them as you have blessed us."

According to Newton, George Washington realized that Soldiers being with poor or little guidance "would act like Soldiers." So realizing something had to be done, he called for pastors to be commissioned as captains into the Army.

"Back in those days, there wasn't any progression in the ranks as a pastor, you were just the chaplain," said Newton, adding that the whole reason for the commissioning of pastors was so that Soldiers who were away from home without access to their pastors would have a way to worship.

Over the years there have been many changes and even the contesting of the legality of the corps in the Army, said New-



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Command Sgt. Maj. Buford E. Noland, Fort Rucker command sergeant major, Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton, garrison and Aviation center chaplain, and Harold Kelley, executive officer to the deputy garrison commander, cut the cake at the 238th Chaplaincy Corps birthday in the atrium of Bldg. 5700 Monday.

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In 1986, he said there was a challenge to the chaplaincy when Harvard law students believed that the chaplains represent the establishment of religion in government, but that in the end the courts sided with the chaplaincy and ruled it constitutional.

"The courts held up and said that the chaplaincy has always been in business and that it is a good business to have," he said. "They agreed that free exercise of religion is a strong enough reason to argue that there is no reason why the chaplaincy shouldn't exist."

Though things have changed over time, Newton believes that chaplains still follow their original mission and that the core of their mission is still the same – to take care of Soldiers when they need it.

"We look behind and take care of the things that seem to be missing," he said. "So when we have a Soldier that kind of falls through the cracks, usually the chaplain notices, or they get frustrated and come to the chaplain because we can give new answers or ask the questions a little differently and explain it, and usually we can get what they need."

Though there has been controversy over the years about religion's role in the military, and pressure for Soldiers to participate in religious services and ceremonial prayers by aggressive leaders, Newton said that the corps is not here to force religion on anyone, but to be there for Soldiers who are religious, no matter what religion that may be.

"In our secular society, we tend to ignore religion when, in fact, most people have some sort of belief," he continued. "When Soldiers get away from home they need to have those beliefs protected and have some place to go to. We are here to help link people up with where they would like to worship."

This is the 40th corps birthday that Newton has personally celebrated.

"We are still celebrating the Soldier and the fact that they have special needs that need to be taken care of," he said.

There are numerous religions represented in the military chaplaincy including Islam, Buddhism, Judaism and Christianity.



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For more, call 255-0666.

## Financial readiness training

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

For more information, call  
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## International spouses get together

Army Community Service hosts an international spouses get together Aug. 9 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.

## 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.

## Family Member Resilience Training

Army Community Service offers Family Member Resilience Training Aug. 13 and 14 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 Aug. 9.

## 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  
255-3735.



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## ***Soldier Show***

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the U.S. Army Soldier Show Friday and Saturday at Enterprise High School. The free, 90-minute live musical performance is at 7 p.m. Friday and at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and is open to the public. No tickets are required. For more, call 255-9810.

## 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.

## Children's craft making

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.

For more information or to register, call 255-3885.

## 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.

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# Agencies work to bolster vet, Family education success rates

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Several government agencies are working on initiatives to improve educational success rates for service members, veterans and their Families, senior Department of Veterans Affairs and consumer protection officials told lawmakers July 23.

Curtis L. Coy, deputy undersecretary for economic opportunity for VA's Veterans Benefits Administration, testified with several other witnesses before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on educational outcomes for military members and veterans. Holly Petraeus, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's assistant director for the Office of Servicemember Affairs, also testified.

A central question was whether veterans and serving troops are unscrupulously recruited by some for-profit schools. As Petraeus explained, a "90-10" provision in law that is meant to protect students actually creates a loophole some schools are exploiting.

She said the rule requires for-profit colleges to get at least 10 percent of their revenues from a source other than Title IV, which covers federal student financial aid programs. The rule is meant to ensure that a college does not exist solely on federal funds, Petraeus said, but although tuition assistance and the Post-9/11 GI Bill are federally funded, they fall into the 10-percent category of the 90-10 rule.

"This means that for every service member using [tuition assistance] or GI Bill funds, as well as the spouse or child of a service member, in the case of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, that a for-profit college recruits, the college can then go out and enroll nine other students who are using Title IV funds," Petraeus said. "And that can be a problem."

This has given some for-profit colleges an incentive to see service members as

"nothing more than dollar signs in uniform," and to use unscrupulous marketing techniques to draw them in, Petraeus added.

Coy said that while VA defers to the Education Department on the 90-10 calculation, "we recognize the argument for including the [GI Bill] in the 90 percent limit on federal funding." He also noted, though, that a change in the 90-10 rule could leave some schools ineligible to receive federal funds.

"Our concern is to ensure that veterans are not adversely affected by any proposed changes," he said, "or to mitigate them to the extent possible."

VA and the Veterans Benefits Administration have collaborated with multiple agencies since 2001 to inform veteran students about their educational opportunities, he said, and resources are available online from VA, VBA and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to help potential students assess aptitude, plan a course of study and compare education costs.

VA also has placed vocational rehabilitation counselors at military installations across the country, Coy added, and will have counselors on 90 college campuses by the end of the fiscal year.

Coy noted VA has greatly increased oversight of all schools, including for-profit schools, and has this year completed more than 3,000 compliance reviews on schools as of the end of May. Nine institutions with a total of 177 veteran students were disqualified from receiving federal aid because of erroneous or misleading practices following those reviews, he said.

Petraeus noted a number of initiatives and online resources are in place to help troops and their Families navigate post-secondary education.

"The wonderful education benefits provided to our military and their Families through [tuition assistance] and the GI Bill should not be channeled to programs that do not promote — and may even frustrate — this outcome," she said.



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## Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Chester, a big boy at 12 pounds and about 2 years old. Chester is available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. He is possibly a Maine coon. He has medium hair and is long on the tail. He has a friendly personality and gives kisses. It costs \$80 to adopt Chester and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, the first round of age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip and neutering. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All adoptable animals are vet checked and tested for felv/fiv (for cats) or heartworm for dogs (over six months) and on flea prevention. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the stray facility, 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.

## 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.  
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# Moundville, Aliceville: shark teeth, POWs, the Lost Realm of the Black Warrior

By Grey Brennan  
*Alabama Tourism Department*

This road trip takes you on a journey through history. Visit Moundville Archaeological Park, one of the most important archaeological sites in the United States, and see artifacts dating back a millennium, then return to Tuscaloosa to eat, shop and see the sights. Journey to hunt prehistoric shark teeth left 70 million years ago before visiting a museum in nearby Aliceville dedicated to one of the largest World War II German prison camps in America.

## Moundville: a journey of exploration

Start your trip in Moundville, located a few miles south of Tuscaloosa. Here you will find the 26 flat-topped earthen mounds that gave the town its name. For almost 500 years, from around A.D.1000 to 1450, the Native Americans who predate the Creek and Choctaw lived, worshiped and created a large civilization in what would one day be called America.

Moundville is thought to have been the capital of a population of at least 10,000 men, women and children who were spread among smaller farming settlements along a stretch of the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. People continued to return to Moundville to bury the dead long after the site was mostly abandoned, leading to the theory that Moundville evolved into a location so sacred that the ancient natives considered it a portal to the “Path of Souls,” the journey to the afterlife.

## Visiting Moundville

The minute you enter the Lost Realm of the Black Warrior inside the museum at the Moundville Archaeological Park, (205) 371-8732, you will begin to understand how important Moundville was to the people who inhabited the land 1,000 years ago. Inside the museum, located near the halfway point on a drive that passes many of the mounds in the park, you can see stunning displays that reveal and interpret artifacts found during digs at Moundville. Realistic, life-size figures and state-of-the-art technology bring this lost and ancient Native American civilization to life.

Moundville is known for the symbol of an eye in the palm

of a hand that appears on many of the artifacts. An example of that symbol is found on the 12-inch sandstone disk displayed in the museum, commonly called the Rattlesnake Disk because of etchings of two rattlesnake-like creatures that surround a hand-eye symbol. As you walk through the museum, notice other artifacts that include the hand-eye motif. While no one knows the exact meaning of this important Moundville image, some believe it relates to Moundville’s significance as a place of transfer to the hereafter.

This interpretation is featured in the museum’s short multimedia show Portal to the Starry Path, that uses special lighting techniques to make objects seem to morph and disappear as a Native American actor explains Moundville’s importance as a portal to the Path of Souls. The presentation is enjoyable and helps explain the site and artifacts at Moundville.

Before you leave the museum, walk into the gift shop. Items for sale include river cane baskets and shell gorgets, reproductions of highly prized Native American pendants that were made from carved, polished seashells. You can also purchase Native American teas, coffees, chocolates, jellies and bread mixes in the gift shop, as well as crafts from Native Americans from other areas of the United States.

Once you leave the museum, be sure to explore the park. You can climb the largest of the more than two dozen mounds that dot the landscape and recall how life was lived a thousand years ago. Nearby you can see many of the mounds where the different clan chiefs had their homes, each with their own smaller ceremonial mound nearby. While you are at Moundville, explore the area that extends to the Black Warrior River where you can enjoy a scenic view. Nature trails, including a boardwalk trail, are also on the grounds.

The largest event at Moundville is the annual Native American Festival, (205) 371-8732. Held Wednesday through Saturday during the first full week of October, the festival includes performers, artists and craftspeople who entertain and educate visitors. This culture and heritage event is extremely popular, attracting more than 12,000 people each year.

## Experience nearby Tuscaloosa

Moundville is a half-day visit. Return to Tuscaloosa for dining, shopping and a visit to the Alabama Museum of Natural History, 427 Sixth Ave. NE; (205) 348-7550, located in Smith

Hall on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Capstone Drive on the University of Alabama campus.

The first thing you will notice at this museum is the building itself. Meant to reflect the grandiose natural history museums built in Chicago, New York, and Washington, the Grand Gallery and mezzanine areas of the museum are smaller but beautiful.

A reconstruction of a complete skeleton of the large sea creature Basilosaurus cetoide hangs from the main hall. Most of what scientists know about this unusual prehistoric whale with hands, feet and double-rooted teeth is based on fossils found in Alabama.

While at the museum, you will also see fossils spanning some 300 million years from the Coal Age, Dinosaur Age and Ice Age. Be sure to look for the Hodges Meteorite, also known as the Sylacauga Meteorite, which is on display and is said by the museum to be the only authenticated instance of a meteorite striking a human. This extremely rare incident occurred in Alabama in 1954.

## On to Aliceville

In the morning, head to Shark Tooth Creek Outdoor Adventures, 24114 State Route 14; (205) 373-2605, near Aliceville. You are about to hunt for souvenirs that were left 70 million years ago during the Earth’s Cenozoic Period.

Much of Alabama was beneath an ocean full of sea creatures at this time. The area around Aliceville was a barrier island and over time thousands of ancient shark teeth were deposited on shore.

Gather at 9 a.m. near the entrance of Shark Tooth Creek Adventures. Here you will board the Shark Tooth Creek Express, an open-air trailer that can hold up to 50 adventure-seekers. The ride takes about 15 minutes. Once you are at the creek your hunt will begin. The shark teeth have been held in rock settlements for millions of years, but water from heavy rains dislodge the teeth, allowing them to be easily found near or on the surface of the creek.

It is hard to imagine how many teeth are in the creek. While people have been coming to this location and finding shark teeth for 50 years, there seem to be plenty more to be found. In an hour or two you may have more than 15 teeth, the limit each person is allowed to take home with them as souvenirs.

# WIREFLIER 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

**TUESDAY** — The Daleville Police Department is hosting National Night Out at Culpepper Park from 4-8 p.m. The event is open to the public. At this “meet your neighbor” and crime prevention event child identification kits, where children will have their fingerprints and photos taken, will be made in case of a Family emergency. A bounce house and a wet slide will be available for entertainment while Fort Rucker will display its hazmat trailer as well as a fire truck. A local National Guard unit will have an EOD bomb robot demonstration. Free drinks and snow cones will be available. Children should wear swimsuits under clothes and Families should bring towels. For more information, call 447-6140.

## 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).

com.

**SATURDAY** — The Concierge presents A Night to Remember — an evening of dinner, socializing and dancing. Event is described as being a jazzy and classy affair not to miss. Event is from 7-11 p.m. at the Wiregrass Museum of Art. Admission is \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance. Attire is cocktail hour. For more information, call 718-1418.

**SUNDAY** — The “2-Fast 2-Furious Grudge Racing Showdown” is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Cottonwood Dragway, rain or shine. There will be a car and bike show as well as grudge racing. Anyone can bring out cars or bikes and race the competition. Tint jobs and audio equipment will be given out to the winners. There will be food vendors, face painting and inflatables for children. Children younger than 4 are admitted free. Gate admission is \$10 before 5 p.m. For more information, call 475-0855.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 9, AUG. 14** – 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).

## ENTERPRISE

**SATURDAY** –The sixth annual “I Serve the ‘Hood” Community Day will be held at Peavy Park at 2 p.m. The event is free to the public and there will be face painting, inflatables and a magic show exhibition for children as well as a car-bike show for adults, and food provided by a few local vendors. Guests are asked to bring any school supplies to be donated

to local elementary and middle schools in the Wiregrass. For more information, call 475-0855.

**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 Aug. 8 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).

## 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 fol-

lowed 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

**ONGOING**—The Ann Rudd Art Center is offering free art lessons for children ages 5 and over. The young student class will be Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and the adult and teen class from 12:30-3 p.m. Slots are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 774-7922.

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

## PINCKARD

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

## SAMSON

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

## 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

### Civil War anniversary

Chattanooga commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War throughout the rest of the year. Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park was the site of the bloodiest, two-day battle of the Civil War, with an estimated 36,000 casualties.

There will be a variety of special events, including the largest reenactment in the western theater for the anniversary with over 10,000 actors, an outdoor patriotic concert

and the four-day signature event “Occupation and Liberation.”

For more information, visit [www.chattanoogaafun.com/150th-anniversary-of-the-civil-war-special-events](http://www.chattanoogaafun.com/150th-anniversary-of-the-civil-war-special-events).

### Kingfish Shootout

Carrabelle’s 10th annual Kingfish Shootout will take place on Saturday and Sunday. The event is hosted at the C-Quarters Marina as a benefit to the Leukemia Research Foundation. The Shootout will be for kingfish only. The guaranteed payout will be \$16,500 with 10 places, and a \$5,000 prize for the biggest kingfish. Boat registration is

\$250 per boat.

For more information, visit [www.saltyflorida.com/events/10th-annual-kingfish-shootout](http://www.saltyflorida.com/events/10th-annual-kingfish-shootout).

### Battle of Mobile Bay Commemorative Day

Fort Gaines Historic Site on Dauphin Island will hold a Battle of Mobile Bay Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Soldier re-enactors are set to give oral accounts of the battle, a cannon salute every hour and blacksmith demonstrations throughout the day. For more information, call (251) 861-6992 or visit [www.dauphinisland.org](http://www.dauphinisland.org).



# Lyster staff encourages early school physicals

By Katherine Rosario  
*Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs*

Lyster Army Health Clinic primary care managers encourage parents to start thinking about making appointments for their child's school and sports physicals.

"Sports physicals are done by appointment only," said Alexa Fling, supervisory nurse at LAHC, adding physicals are good for 12 months from the date issued.

"If your child has had a physical done by a provider at Lyster or another military treatment facility within the past 11 months, please bring your form (with parent portion filled out) to the front desk of the primary care clinic and it will be ready for pick up the following business day," she said.

Children who have not had a physical and may want to participate in a sport or school activity also need an appointment before school starts.

"We will keep a copy of the physical on file and if you need it anytime within the next year you will be able to pick up a copy to give to the school," Fling said.

Remember, if your child is entering the school system as a new student they will also need an Alabama Blue Card (immunization card), she said, adding that parents should bring copies of their child's immunization records to the immunization clinic.

To schedule your child's school and sports physical, call 255-7000 to make an appointment with your child's primary care manager.

# Yearly well-woman exams help detect, treat possible infections, diseases

By Katherine Rosario  
*Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs*

Army Medical Command and the Centers for Disease Control encourage women to make an appointment for their yearly health exams.

Yearly well-woman exams help nurses and staff test for and treat a number of common symptoms and diseases.

Diseases such as chlamydia, a common sexually transmitted disease, can cause serious damage to a woman's reproductive organs.

The most frequently reported bacterial STD in the United States, chlamydia infects about 2.86 million people annually, though many cases go unreported because there are often no symptoms, according to the CDC.

The CDC estimates that one in 15 sexually active

women aged 14-19 years has chlamydia, with some cases being spread from an infected woman to her baby during childbirth.

Though many do not have any symptoms, women may have abdominal and pelvic pain, sometimes followed by a burning sensation when urinating.

A simple test can diagnose chlamydia and antibiotics can be used to treat and cure the disease.

"A urine test for chlamydia is ordered annually for women ages 16-25 since this is the highest risk population," said Deborah Delk, certified women's health nurse practitioner at Lyster Army Health Clinic. "Since this infection is largely without symptoms, it is important to have this test done at least annually and also when a woman has a new sexual partner."

Annual testing helps reduce the potential for infertility caused by scar

tissue in a woman's fallopian tubes caused by chlamydia.

In addition to the risk of reduced fertility, untreated chlamydia can cause a condition known as pelvic inflammatory disease that can cause chronic pelvic pain, inability to get pregnant, and potentially deadly ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside the uterus), Delk said.

Chlamydia is preventable through the use of proper contraceptives, such as latex condoms.

A chlamydia test is also available for men.

"In men, there are a slightly higher percentage of false negative results and chlamydia is less likely to affect a man's fertility," Delk said. "It is because of this that the primary focus is on testing women."

For more information or to schedule a well-woman appointment, call 255-7000.



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# Changing it up

Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Pinnell, incoming Lyster Army Health Clinic senior enlisted adviser, accepts the MEDDAC guidon from Col. James Laterza, LAHC commander, as Sgt. Maj. Billy Cheatum, Lyster's outgoing senior enlisted adviser, looks on during a change of responsibility ceremony July 24 at Wings Chapel.



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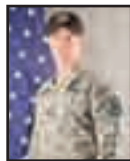
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Capt. John Dean, A Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, dives into Lake Tholocco and prepares to swim 300 meters as a four-legged friend tags along during the Aviation Captains Career Course Iron Aviator Competition July 25.

# Iron Aviator

## Soldiers battle for title, bragging rights

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Days of rain saturated the ground and Lake Tholocco's waters rose high onto the banks of West Beach, but Soldiers wouldn't be kept from battling it out for one of Fort Rucker's most coveted titles.

More than 30 Soldiers from A Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, competed in the Aviation Captain's Career Course Iron Aviator competition July 25, and although many competed in teams and individually, only one came out on top as the Iron Aviator.

Capt. David Kruger earned the Iron Aviator title, finishing the course with a total time of 1:41:40, beating the closest competitor by more than 9 minutes, and the closest team by more than 7 minutes. The fastest team was Team 3, who finished with a time 1:49:12.

"It feels really nice to win," said Kruger, who is no stranger to physically intense competitions. "I've been training for some other races, and that happened to tie in with this one, so the timing was perfect."

The competition is a good opportunity for Soldiers within the Captain's Career Course to bond with friendly competition, as well as challenge themselves with physical fitness and build esprit de corps, said Capt. Jeremy Gibbs, one of the coordinators for the event.

"This is a (AVC3) tradition and it's been going on as long as anybody can remember," he said. "It's something that they can all enjoy and something that their Families can enjoy as well."

"This is almost like a battalion organizational day or a company org day that other units would have," he explained. "It's one of the culminating events that we put on prior to graduation – one of the last events that they'll do together as a class."

"To me, it's just kind of a culmination of what our team has done together," said Kruger. "It's just the fact that we could all get out here and do these races together and have a good time. I think it's great that we have challenging physical events like this."

The competition consists of four main events: a 4.4-mile ruck march, with each competitor carrying up to 30 pounds of equipment; followed by a 300-meter swim through lake Tholocco; an 8.8-mile bike ride; culminating with a 2-mile run.

Kruger said he's used to physically intense exercise, but one event he wasn't too familiar with that most competitors struggle with was the ruck march.

"That was the hardest part for me," he said. "I never really carry (a ruck sack), and we're a bunch of Aviators, so we're not used to it, but everyone went out there and gave it their all, and we just had a good time with it."

The competition is traditionally held on West Beach during the spring, summer, and fall, which Gibbs said makes for one of the best courses, but because of heavy rain recently, the course had to be somewhat altered.

"When we did our recon of the route (the day before) we noticed a lot of the course was washed out because of the weather we've been having lately," he said. "We



Soldiers from A Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., begin the 4.4-mile ruck march portion of the Aviation Captains Career Course Iron Aviator Competition July 25 at Lake Tholocco's West Beach.

had to change the course just a little bit because we didn't want anybody to get injured, so we decided to keep them on the road as much as possible."

Despite the change in the course, competitors found it to be just as challenging, but the challenge wasn't just for those participating in the ironman-style event. The challenge also lay on those preparing for it, added Gibbs.

"(The Iron Aviator competition) is very manpower intensive," he said. "It takes a

lot of people to put this on as well as to keep the course safe. We try to have as many people on the course just to provide oversight.

"We use our entire battalion to be able to do this and even have any flight students that are on hold status to come and help out," he continued. "We've also had support from outside agencies like the military police, that provided escorts, and the dining facility, that was kind enough to provide food, ice and drinks for us."

## Punt, Pass & Kick offers professional experience

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker's Youth Sports program offers children of all ages an outlet to compete in friendly competitions through a wide range of activities, but an upcoming competition will put their skills to the test and give them the opportunity to shine on a national level.

Punt, Pass & Kick, a program developed by the National Football League, comes to Fort Rucker Aug. 10, and will be held at the youth football field from 9 a.m. to noon to give children an introduction to the game of football, according to Leroy Minus, child youth and school services youth sports assistant fitness director.

"This is one of those activities that we thought could reach out to children to get them involved," said Minus. "It teaches the children about the game, but it also encourages children to learn about fitness and keeping their bodies in shape."

He added that Fort Rucker hosts similar events for other sports, but this is the first time that the installation has hosted an event like this for football.

As the name suggests, the competition will consist of three classes — punting, passing and kicking — and the competition is open to boys and girls, ages 6-15. Boys and girls will compete separately, and there will be five age categories that

they will compete in — 6 and 7; 8 and 9; 10 and 11; 12 and 13; and 14 and 15.

The competition is open and free to all children who are registered with CYSS.

Each participant will be allowed one punt, one pass and one placekick as part of his or her competition, according to the program's website, [www.nflppk.com](http://www.nflppk.com), and scores are based on both distance and accuracy.

"If a participant passes the ball 100 feet, but the ball lands 30 feet to the right of the measuring tape, the final score is calculated by deducting 30 from 100," read the website as an example of how the scoring will be determined. The scores will be based on exact feet and inches.

The cumulative score of all three classes will determine the participant's final score.

The competition will give those who excel an opportunity to move beyond the event at Fort Rucker and even try their hand at reaching the national level.

The top finishers in each age category for both boys and girls will advance to the sectional round where they will compete against other boys and girls of the same age group from other local competitions, according to the website. From sectionals, participants will compete to move onto the Team Championships, then the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Team Championship, where they will compete for a spot in

the National Championship.

No football shoes, turf shoes, cleats or bare feet are permitted in the competition — only soft-sole gym shoes. All other equipment will be provided by Fort Rucker Youth Sports, and participants may not use their own equipment, according to the website's regulations.

The NFL developed the Punt, Pass & Kick program as a better way to teach the fundamentals of football and help children better understand teamwork, but an added benefit to the program is the promote fitness and wellness in Fort Rucker's youth, said Minus.

"We're dealing with obesity more than ever (in this country), and this program, as well as our youth sports program, teaches children the importance of their wellbeing," he said. "It builds on their confidence and helps build their social skills, and the way fitness is lacking today, it's a pretty important task that needs to be done."

"We feel that it's important for children to stay active," said Randy Tolison, youth sports and fitness director. "There is an obesity epidemic going around and we (here on Fort Rucker) are not exempt from that, so we want our children to be in shape, feel good about themselves and feel like they can compete with the next level."

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



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

ALL THIS HEALTHY LIVING IS HAVING AN ADVERSE EFFECT. I'M ACTUALLY LOSING MY WILL TO LIVE.

# TRIVIA

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## by Linda Thistle

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Answer to today's *Picture It* puzzle, by Boltinoff is below.



# Army rifle shooters showcase skills at interservice championships

By Michael Molinaro  
*U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit*

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Soldiers from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit captured the overall individual and team championships at the 52nd annual Interservice Rifle Championships July 16-23 at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Staff Sgt. Brandon Green won his third individual championship and was also a member of the winning Army team that claimed its seventh consecutive team championship, and 16th in the past 19 years.

“The whole match went very well,” Green said. “The weather was perfect, the guns and ammo shot well. You have to be focused out there and be on top of your game because the guy shooting next to you is just as good as you are.”

Green made history with this third championship. He is only the second Soldier to win the interservice championship three times. Sgt. 1st Class Grant Singley did so four times before his retirement.

“It means a lot to me,” Green said. “With all of the great champions our unit alone has produced and the caliber of guys who shoot this match, to be one of only two to win it three times is pretty cool. It really is a reflection of the service rifle team because we train hard, we push each other hard, and we make sure that we get the best out



PHOTO BY MICHAEL MOLINARO

**Staff Sgt. Brandon Green, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, won the individual championship at the 2013 Interservice Rifle Championships held at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., July 16-23. Green and his U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit teammates from the service rifle team captured their seventh straight team championship during the 52nd annual match between each service's top rifle shooters.**

of each other when we compete.”

More than 100 competitors from the Army, Army Reserve, Marine Corps, Navy and National Guard fired on targets from 200-, 300-, 600- and 1,000-yard distances. The

championship consisted of several individual and team matches, as well as an excellence-in-competition match. Total aggregates from the matches amounted to the overall champion being crowned.

Green shot a 992 (out of 1,000) with 56 hitting the “X” ring, just beating his U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit teammate Sgt. Kevin Trickett, who shot a 992-33x. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jeffery Rossfield finished in third with a score of 991-33x. Sgt. Amanda Elsenboss, USAMU, shot a 983-30x, finishing first amongst female competitors.

Staff Sgt. Ty Cooper won the match rifle long-range championship, and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Peters won the service rifle long-range championship. Peters also set a new service rifle 1,000-yd record with a score of 200-11x. Sgt. Augustus Dunfey won the prestigious Lt. Col. C.A. Reynolds Memorial Trophy for high score in the 10-man team match with an outstanding 499-22x.

USAMU swept all team matches, including the 1,000-yard, Commanding General, Marine Corps Infantry Trophy, and 10-man Interservice Rifle Team Championship matches, maintaining a cumulative string of victories at the Interservice Rifle Championships since 1995.

“The team continues to be successful because of the holistic approach that the unit takes towards marksmanship,” said Capt. Ryan Calhoon, USAMU operations officer. “We combine a world-class custom firearms shop; a load facility that continues to develop and test ammunition for our weapons; and world-class shooters who un-

derstand that their responsibility to the Army is to train the warfighter but recognize that their credibility is forged through their success in competition.”

The competition, which dates back to 1960 when the value of interservice marksmanship competition was recognized in a memorandum of understanding by the chiefs of each service, highlights the professional capacity and versatility of military service members.

“Our Army directly benefits from the success of the Service Rifle team and the whole USAMU as the unit continues to train the warfighter in our squad designated marksmanship courses as well as our close-quarters marksmanship courses, while continuing to support the Army through testing and innovation in small arms development,” Calhoon said.

The USAMU rifle team is now focused on Camp Perry, Ohio, where they will conduct the annual Small Arms Firing School, followed by competing in the National Rifle Championships and National Trophy Matches.

USAMU is part of the U.S. Army Accessions Brigade, Army Marketing and Research Group and is tasked with enhancing the Army’s recruiting effort, raising the standard of Army marksmanship and furthering small arms research and development to enhance the Army’s overall combat readiness.

## BRIEFS

### Youth sports registration

Fort Rucker Youth Sports holds youth 7-on-7 tackle football (intramural), cheerleading, tennis and fall soccer registration through Friday. Children must meet age requirements by Sept. 1, and a current sport physical and a valid child, youth and school services registration are required for participation. Costs are \$65 for tackle football, \$40 for cheerleading, \$40 for fall soccer, and \$40 for tennis. Cost for ages 4-5 is \$20. A multiple child rate will be determined at parent central services during registration.

Age requirements are 8-13 for 7-on-7 tackle football, 4-12 for cheerleading, 4-14 for soccer and 7-18 to play tennis. Coaches are needed for all age groups. Special requests for coaches and players cannot be honored. There will be no extension on registration.

For more, call 255-2257, 255-0950 or 255-9638.

### Flag football coaches meeting

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host a flag football coaches meeting Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. All coaches need to attend. Preseason begins on Sept. 9 and the deadline to sign up is Sept. 16. Games will take place Mondays-Thursdays, and will start at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 255-2393.

### 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 Aug. 10 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, 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. Preseason 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 \$25 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.

For more information, call 255-2296.

### Enterprise baseball

The Enterprise baseball team needs high-school aged and older players for its ongoing season. For more information, call Joe Jackson at 347-4275.

### Riding Stables rules

The Fort Rucker Riding Stables staff reminds community members that letting horses out of their stalls can be dangerous to the horses and motorists. Visitors are also reminded to stay on the main roadways, do not approach any of the horses without owners’ permission, stay out of the pastures and obey the speed limit of 10 mph at all times. For more information, call 598-3384.

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## TRIVIA

- Answers
- Regions of trapped radiation surrounding Earth
  - Beurs
  - Maine
  - Bill Cosby
  - About 10 percent
  - Turner
  - Jim
  - Massachusetts
  - Lake Mead, created by Hoover Dam
  - A fear of ghosts

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword												
Answers												
RESTAINT	ASSESS	CDRATE										
AMRADIO	OTTAWA	RIOTER										
JUSTIN	RELEASED	OSCAR										
MIEN	YELLOW	CABIN										
APES	AGAIN	LYNN										
BARKIN	ORDERS	SCRUPLE										
LYRIC	MILEAGE	AENEAS										
ESS	ETAS	SATIN	UPRIGHT									
OREL	POD	LAT	AFLE									
ASIF	RAMONE	MMT	KOING									
DUSTIN	MOPS	COOL	JERKIN									
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UNA	DEL	ARE	ZEOS									
GREEN	SALADIN	SERA	ATM									
WORSER	TRADE	IN	LIBRA									
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# Mario, Luigi embark on ‘wonderful journey’

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

Summer often brings the doldrums to gamers with most video game publishers opting to hold their best stuff until the more lucrative fall shopping season. We seem to see a lot more garbage on game store shelves in June, July and August. There are enough exceptions, however, to keep most gamers plugged in.



**Publisher**  
Nintendo of America  
**Rated**  
Everyone  
**Systems**  
3DS  
**Cost**  
\$40  
**Overall**  
3 out of 4

“Mario & Luigi: Dream Team” will definitely keep those 3DS gamers happy this summer. While it’s mostly a role-playing game with a lot of platform elements, there are so many other genres thrown in that gamers will have a hard time focusing on just one. The majority of the game takes place in a sleeping Luigi’s brain, with Mario taking the lead on this dream quest. Gamers switch off between brothers with a press of a button, but Luigi – since we’re in his dream world – is a little more interesting.

The game takes place on Pi’illo Island and starts off slow because of the many tutorials, but there is a ton of personality and fun to this game. The nods to other Nintendo franchises are abundant, and Mario and Luigi are colorful and powerful heroes. Combat is turn-based and fun, but exploring the inner workings of Luigi’s brain is truly the best part. There is a lot of creativity there. There’s even a moment about 10 hours in that will blow most gamers away.

“Mario & Luigi: Dream Team” is indeed weird and wonderful, and it makes great use of the handheld’s touchscreen. The dream sections are the best parts, but the overall game is creative and fun. Don’t



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