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TAOG Soldiers welcomed home

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

Nine air traffic control equipment repairers with the 164th Theater Operations Airfield Group returned to Fort Rucker Monday night to the cheers and tears of Family members, friends and fellow Soldiers from a tour of duty to Kuwait and Afghanistan.

Special Activity Team 21, a nine-man team, was overseas for eight months, and another deployment is in the making for later this year, according to Lt. Col. Daniel Y. Morris, 1-58th Airfield Operations Battalion.

“This was our second deployment, but it doesn’t get any easier, just different,” said Jillian Burke, Army spouse from Bardstown, Ky. “I hope that he won’t be going on another deployment for a very long time, because last time it felt like he was here one day and gone the next, it was so quick.”

The team conducted 13 support missions in Afghanistan, which included assisting and augmenting 2-244th Airfield Operations Battalion, a National Guard unit out of Louisiana, for 30-day rotations. The team also conducted 12 support



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Jillian Burke, Army spouse, with daughter, Desirae, welcomes home her husband, Staff Sgt. Timothy Burke, from an eight-month deployment Monday at the Spiritual Life Center.

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Hagel recalls most DOD civilians, commissary opens for business

American Forces Press Service
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WASHINGTON — Most Fort Rucker Department of Defense civilian employees are back to work this week after being placed on furlough as a result of the government shutdown, which began Oct. 1.

Additionally, the Fort Rucker Commissary and U.S. Army Aviation Museum are open for normal business once again, according to post officials. For the latest local updates, people can visit the Fort Rucker website at www.rucker.army.mil, like Fort Rucker on Facebook at www.facebook.com/frucker or follow Fort Rucker on Twitter at @ft_rucker.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Saturday he was recalling most of the Defense Department civilians who were placed on furlough.



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“Today, I am announcing that most DOD civilians placed on emergency furlough during the government shutdown will be asked to return to work beginning next week,” he said. “Immediately after

President [Barack] Obama signed the Pay Our Military Act into law, I directed DOD’s acting general counsel to determine whether we

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Local Boy Scout paves way for community improvement

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

While most teenage boys are playing video games and watching TV, one Fort Rucker teen is literally paving the way to better his community.

Nathan Pool, of Boy Scout Troop 77, has taken on the enormous task of turning the plot of land behind The Landing into a nature trail that people can use for walking, hiking, biking and other activities.

Although Pool took on the task to fulfill his requirement for his Eagle Scout service project, he said he also looked at it as a way to give back to the community.

“I saw that this would be good to benefit the community and give people a way to get outside and enjoy the outdoors,” he said. “I’d really like to see people out here utilizing it when it’s done.”

The main trail is about three-quarters of a mile long and branches off to subsequent trails throughout the land, said Pool.

The trail also loops around a food plot that animals use to feed that can provide some sight seeing for people interested in wildlife, added Nathan’s father, CW4 Scott Pool, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment.

“There are so many different types of trees, birds and wildlife out here for people to see,” he said. “There are certain merit badges (in Boy Scouts) that have to do with the identification of different (plants and wildlife), and this will be a good place for people can come for that.”

The process to get started took time and in order to get approval for the trail, Nathan and those involved had to write up a plan stating what the project was and how it will benefit the community.

So far, Nathan, his Family and groups of volunteers have cleared out the main trail with mowers and marked them with posts. Other trails and trees were trimmed by hand, and although much work has been done, Nathan said they still have a long way to go.

When the project was approved, they were able to start work, but it quickly became more than just a means for Pool to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, but a learning experience that he can take with him long after the scouts.

“As a Boy Scout, this teaches me a sense of responsibility,” said Pool. “I can come out here and see that (the trail) is being used and know that it make some sort of impact on the community — it makes me feel like I’m part of something.”

Nathan got started in the Scouts in the first grade and has learned skills from first aid, and outdoor skills to life skills like personal and finance management. No matter what the lesson, it all comes back to responsibility, he said.

“The purpose for this project as an Eagle project is that you’re project manager,” said Scott. “Your job is to figure out what you want to do, to have the vision and to put the vision together.

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Soldiers run to offer support to Operation Santa

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The sun had yet to peek over the horizon when hundreds of Soldiers came together for a run to kick off an event meant to honor the holiday spirit of giving.

Soldiers from more than 10 different units on Fort Rucker gathered on Howze Field Friday morning to join Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Thomson Jr., command sergeant major of the Aviation Branch, for a run to Santa’s Workshop and to donate toys for Operation Santa.

“This year, (the Fort Rucker Sergeant Audie Murphy Club) thought that we should do something to give back to Army Families, because that’s what we’re all about,” said 1st Sgt. Jeremy Lindner, SAMC president. “We’re a group of NCOs and we’re all about the Army, and any time that we can, we’re going to help to benefit Army Families.”

Thomson is a strong supporter of the SAMC and said the idea for Operation Santa came about during a meeting when a member mentioned a similar program at another installation. He said he was briefed on the program by Lindner and has been behind the endeavor ever since.

“Operation Santa not only benefits those Families who can use a little help during the holiday season, but also allows those looking for ways to give of themselves a venue in which to do so,” said command sergeant major. “There is also a leader development component to this if you consider that our Army expects our NCOs to be leaders of character. What a great example this event is to demonstrate a visible representation of NCOs living up to the Creed of the Non-commissioned Officer.”

Thomson said he normally leads a quarterly run, but took

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Soldiers drop off toys at Santa’s Workshop during a run to kick off Operation Santa Friday. Gifts can be donated for the program at the post exchange, Bldg. 5700, the NCO Academy and Lyster Army Health Clinic.

PERSPECTIVE

IMCOM takes on domestic violence

By Robert Dozier
Installation Management Command

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO – The Family advocacy program is taking the lead this year in the Army’s campaign to give Soldiers and their Families the tools they need to avoid and prevent the occurrence of intimate partner violence.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command is making a concerted effort during Domestic Violence Awareness month to highlight their resources and strike a chord of resiliency on Army garrisons.

“We’ll have a campaign this year, activated at each garrison to highlight our programs to our Soldiers and Family members,” said Col. Anthony Cox, director of the IMCOM FAP. “Our goal is to help them capitalize on their strengths to make their domestic situation a success.”

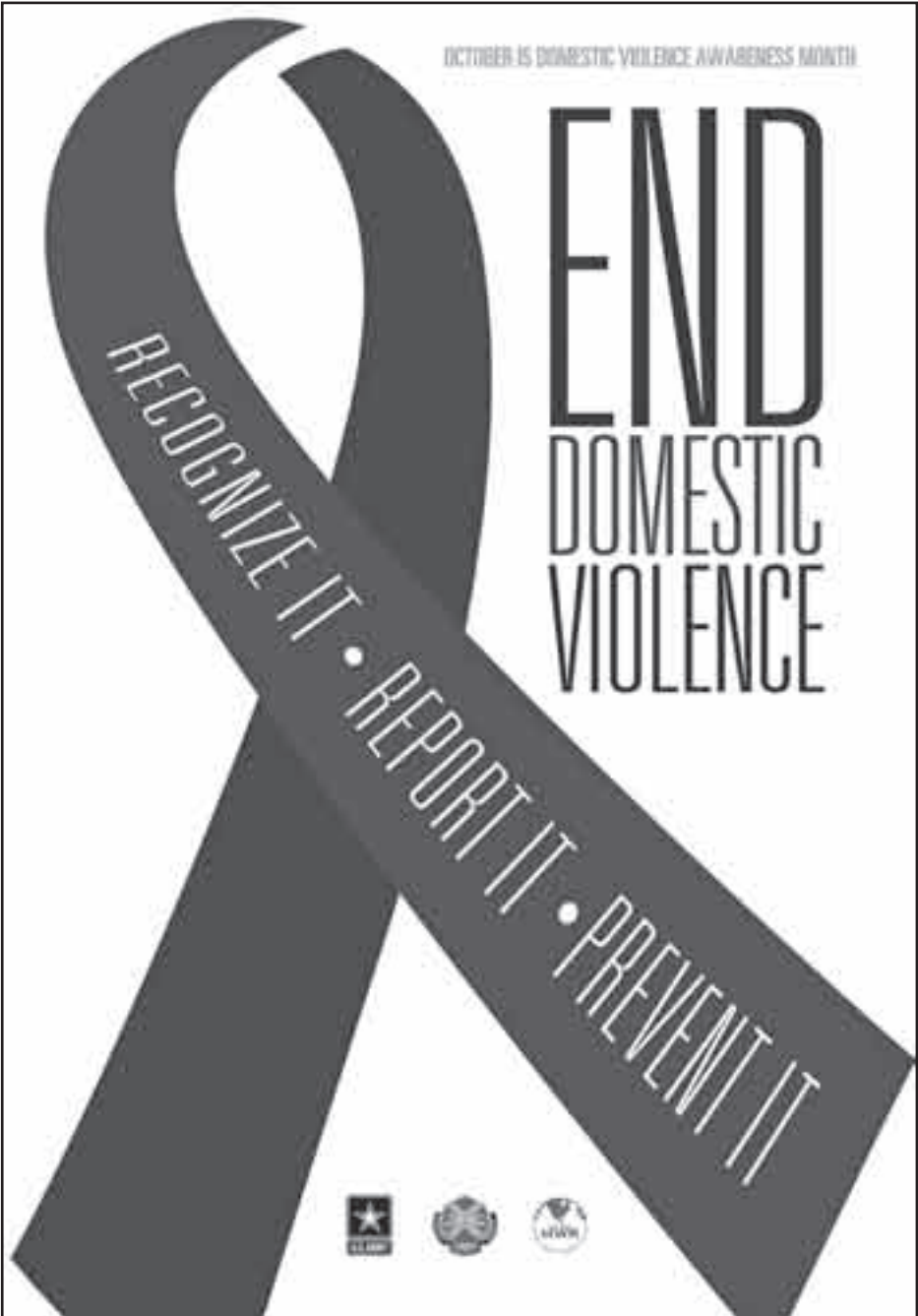
FAP is a congressionally mandated program intended to prevent and reduce the occurrence of Family violence and create an environment of intolerance for such behavior.

“Family advocacy is the art of bringing public awareness about Family violence and prevention techniques to our Soldiers and spouses,” said Novella Magwood, IMCOM Family advocacy specialist and program manager for domestic violence awareness month. “We have in our program the ability to help before a situation escalates into violence.”

For Soldiers and Family members involved in domestic violence, early referral and intervention reduces risk, establishes safety plans and provides treatment for victims and offenders. The program manager is trained to be proactive in their efforts to provide the skills the Soldier needs most.

“We offer classes, such as anger management, financial counseling and new parent training,” said Magwood. “Many times we’ll get a request from the commander to go directly to the unit to conduct FAP training. This puts us in a position to meet the Soldiers and get the feedback we need to assist one-on-one.”

Referrals work both ways. Family



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advocates work through outreach to assess a situation and refer the Soldier or couple to an Army Community Service or chaplain-led class, or to professional licensed therapists at the on-post medical treatment facility.

“Post-traumatic stress is a problem and it can become a heavy burden on the Family,” said Magwood. “Soldiers are encouraged to seek out help through their chain of command, but many times we see it in Family advocacy first. We

are an extra pair of eyes that can steer a Soldier in the right direction for the help they need.”

Family advocacy works best when the Soldiers or Family members come to the counselors early – before things get out of hand, and the police or command has to get involved. Programs include home visits, couples communication and/or parenting classes, anger management, parent support, child classes and education. The Chaplain Family life centers

and Family advocacy treatment providers at the on-post medical treatment facilities offer marital and Family therapy. These voluntary programs are designed to help the Families cope with stress, isolation, deployment issues and parenthood.

“One of our best customers is the expectant mother before she gives birth,” said Magwood. “This is the time to get her and the father into a class together and teach them what they will face when baby comes home. Through the New Parent Support Program, often we can help set the mood and the tempo in the home and really engage the father in the parenting process.”

“I remember when I was first married and frankly, we had the usual growing pains,” said Cox. “We actually did some counseling and learned to identify our own differences in communication. We realized that often tears or words spoken in frustration don’t need to be taken personally. This type of counseling helped me and my wife early in our marriage.”

Two issues that often contribute to domestic violence are finances and communication. For example, a young Soldier who has just PCS’d to their new permanent assignment can get into financial trouble quickly.

“They’re young and maybe have money in their account for the first time in their lives. The temptation to spend on recreation or vanity items is too great for many,” said Magwood. “If the couple is not communicating directly about managing money and credit cards, often the discussion turns to shouting. We can teach how to prioritize the money and find ways to save.”

One major barrier to effective communication is when frustration turns to anger, which may lead to domestic violence. The Parenting and Healthy Marriage Program utilizes the Scream-Free Parenting and Marriage classes and training to provide education and awareness on effective parenting strategies, enhancing interpersonal relationships within the Family, and anxiety and stress reduction.

To see how Fort Rucker Army Community Service can help, visit <http://www.ftruckerarmwr.com/>.

Rotor Wash

“This week is Fire Prevention Week. How do you keep your home safe or what precautions do you take to keep your Family safe from fires?”



Nathaniel Tripp,
retired military

“We make sure that everything is off that needs to be off before we go to bed. We also check to make sure that our fire extinguishers are up to date and we make sure that all our filters are clean throughout the house.”



W01 Shane Broughton,
B Co., 1st Bn., 145th
Avn. Regt.

“Check your fire alarms and make sure you have a working fire extinguisher in the house. We also go over our fire escape plan.”



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

“Check all your batteries in your fire alarms. I live in an apartment, but if you have a sprinkler system make sure to check them. If you have kids make sure you have an escape plan.”



Matthew Zepp,
retired military

“Make sure you don’t leave things on the stove unattended and make sure the batteries on your smoke detectors are up to date. I’ve heard to change the batteries when the time changes so you do them twice a year.”



Esther Schaffino,
military spouse

“Check all the batteries on your smoke detectors and make sure you have your escape route planned if there is a fire.”

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Columbus Day safety message

By Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter
Installation Management Command Commanding General

On Monday, America will celebrate Columbus Day: a holiday commemorating Christopher Columbus' landing in North America 521 years ago.

He was an inspired leader and a visionary. His quest began a century of exploration to discover our great Nation. His spirit to seek adventure and hunt for the good stuff continues today, in our Soldiers, Army civilians and Families who help the Installation Management Command enable a ready and resilient Army.

As you plan your Columbus Day activities, make safety your vanguard.

With this first, long holiday weekend of the fall season, we will have the opportunity for travel and recreational activities with Fam-

ily and friends. The overall health, welfare and safety of the IMCOM Family is my first priority. Whatever your plans may be, put safety first and commit to preventing on- and off-duty accidents this Columbus Day holiday weekend.

As we near the end of the year, hours of daylight get shorter. Plan trips to minimize travel in darkness, and use tools provided at <https://safety.army.mil/povmotorcyclesafety/> to plan a safe driving experience. If you are driving or riding on two or four wheels, get plenty of rest prior to travel, plan adequate rest stops during trips, make sure your vehicle is in good condition and ensure everyone wears their seat belt.

On long weekends, such as this, as Family and friends enjoy cook-outs and go out to dinner, the consumption of alcohol often increases. Inevitably, abuse of alcohol is a contributing factor in automobile

and motorcycle crashes. Please drink responsibly and do what's right.

Now is also a good time to start thinking about winterizing your vehicles. Many accidents are due to the operators' failure to adjust their driving to the dangerous conditions during winter months or the occasional failure or malfunctioning of equipment. Be proactive in making sure you are ready for winter's woes.

Whether your plans include driving to watch the sunrise over the Alaskan mountains or hitting the beach in Florida, or camping with the Family in the Rockies, Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice and I hope you enjoy a safe and accident-free holiday.

Look out for each other. Live well, eat healthy, increase your fitness, and rest and relax. Together, we can save lives and stay ready and resilient, and Army strong!



Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter

NAF employees face healthcare exchange decisions

By Robert Dozier
Installation Management Command

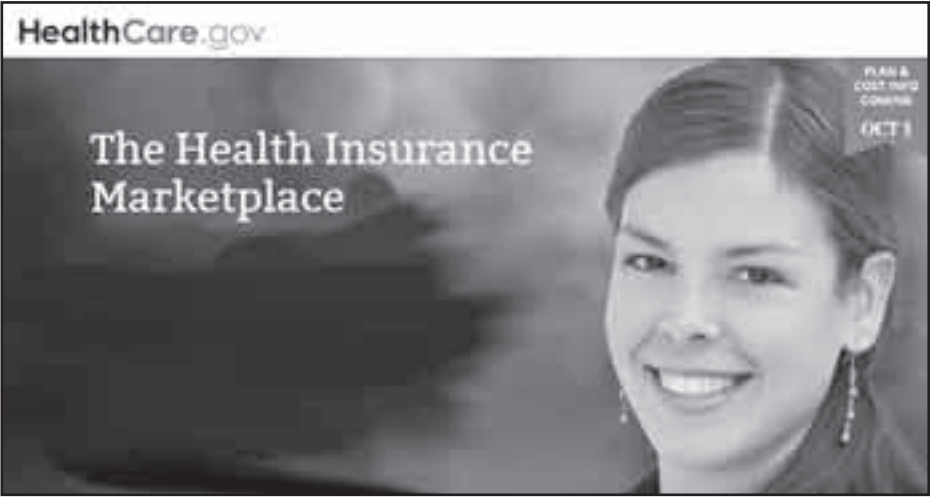
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO – The benefits provider for nearly 20,000 non-appropriated fund employees around the world has prepared information to assist with decision making related to the Affordable Care Act.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command NAF Employee Benefits Office wants civilian employees at garrisons around the world to pay close attention as the marketplace healthcare exchanges became available in their states that began Oct. 1.

"This is a decision-making event that may affect some employees and their Families," said Bob Ramsey, chief of NAF benefits. "We want our NAF employees to be aware of how the marketplace exchanges will become available and, more importantly, what decisions have to be made to comply with the new law."

The ACA, commonly known as Obamacare, was signed into law in June 2010 by President Obama. Some provisions of this law have already taken place, such as the ability to allow children to stay on their parents' health insurance coverage until age 26.

"Oct. 1 is significant, as it is the first time that enrollments in Marketplace Healthcare Exchanges can start," said Anne Bright,



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NAF employee benefits operations manager. "Who qualifies and who can sign up in the exchanges is the information we're trying to get out to our employees and retirees."

The marketplace was designed to help everyone find health insurance to meet their needs and fit within their budget. In addition, some may qualify for a new tax credit that will help lower their premium.

Current NAF employees who are enrolled in the DOD NAF Health Benefit Program need not do anything. This program meets the requirements of the ACA.

"In the DOD NAF HPB, the NAF employer pays 70 percent of the premium and this is likely the employee's best option under the rules of ACA," said Gloria Mick, medical

program manager. "Some NAF employees, such as flex employees, are not eligible for our DOD NAF HPB, so they will have to get coverage on another employer's plan, on their parent's plan if eligible or purchase healthcare from the Marketplace Healthcare Exchanges."

A tax penalty may apply for those who fail to or choose not to have health insurance. In 2014, the tax penalty starts at the higher of \$95 or 1 percent of income, but increases each year to 2.5 percent in 2016.

"The ACA offers premium tax credits to help pay for coverage," said Mick. "These premium tax credits will depend on the person's income, but only become available when insurance is purchased through the

exchanges."

Citizens living abroad for at least 330 days of the year are treated as if they have the minimum coverage.

"Our OCONUS employees who are not enrolled in the DOD NAF HBP are not required by exception; however, this may be their best option," said Mick. "We want to encourage everyone to find the best insurance option that protects their Family and saves them money."

Some retirees younger than 65 years old who are enrolled in the DOD NAF HBP will have the option of dropping coverage and seeking a better or more affordable plan on the marketplace exchanges.

"It will depend upon the balance between the employer paid percentage and the insurance premium tax credit," said Mick. "This will be a difficult decision for our under 65 retirees because it will depend on the individual's actual income stream. Once a retiree drops their NAF coverage, they are not allowed to re-enroll."

If an employee drops their NAF HBP and applies for coverage through the exchanges, they will be asked specific information about the employer plan. This information can be found on the NAFBenefits.com or the links provided below.

More detailed information and links to official information websites can be found at <http://www.armymwr.org/hr/marketplace-exchanges.aspx>.

News Briefs

Recognizing excellence

The Fort Rucker Installation of Excellence Recognition Ceremony has been postponed. The new date of the event will be released when it is available.

Employee Assistance Program

Federal civilian employees feeling stressed or anxious or experiencing financial strain or hardship because of the government shutdown can still access the Employee Assistance Program during furlough.

EAP is a professional service that provides assessment, problem solving, coaching, information, consultation, counseling, resource identification, referral and support to federal civilian employees. EAP works in partnership with managers to complement and enhance their strengths. The program helps improve productivity, morale, and employee motivation by providing timely support to both managers and employees. The EAP is designed to help with any concern or issue. The resources of the EAP are available to employees and managers with both personal and work-related concerns.

The EAP is completely confidential in accordance with state and federal laws. Fort Rucker's EAP coordinator is Jesse Hunt. He can be reached by calling 255-7678, or visiting his office at Lyster Health Clinic, Bldg. 301, Rm. T-125, during duty hours.

Museum reopens

The U.S. Army Aviation Museum resumes normal operating hours Tuesday. The museum's hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on weekends and federal holidays.

NCOA Career Expo

The Non-Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America will host a career expo Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Landing. The event is open to veterans, military people separating from service and spouses.

Companies interested in hiring veterans that would like to operate a booth, should call NCOA at (210) 837-5200.

AER system upgrade

From today at noon through Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., the Fort Rucker Army Emergency Relief Office will direct all AER assistance requests to the American Red Cross Military Call Center at 1 (877) 272-7337. During this period, AER will conduct a major upgrade of its systems to better serve Soldiers and their Families. Soldiers and Families not in need of immediate emergency assistance are asked to wait until the system upgrade is complete. For questions, or to make an appointment, call Mimi Brooks, AER officer, at 255-2341.

Intramural sports survey

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation conducts its intramural sports survey regarding potential new intramural sport offerings at Fort Rucker. The survey is being conducted to gauge the interest of potential new sports to be offered in the intramural athletics program. People's input is crucial to the development of new programs for Soldiers, Families, civilians and retirees at Fort Rucker, according to DFMWR officials. To participate in the survey, visit [\[veymonkey.com/s/FJ3TS9G\]\(http://veymonkey.com/s/FJ3TS9G\).](http://www.sur-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

For more information, call 255-2296.

Got drugs?

Fort Rucker will take part in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Oct. 26 with a drop-off point open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the main exchange mall. There will also be off-post locations available the same day and time at the Daleville Grocery Outlet parking lot, the Enterprise Police Station (hallway entrance) and the Dothan Police Station (walkway entrance).

This initiative aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

For more information, visit www.dea.gov.

Warrant Officer Fall Jamboree

The U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association Above the Best Silver Chapter hosts its Warrant Officer Fall Jamboree Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. at the Lake Tholocco East Beach Psvilion. The event is open to all active, former and retired warrant officers and their Families. The event features low-country boil, barbecue pork, hamburgers and hot dogs, and Family-oriented events, such as volleyball, horseshoes, flying discs and boat rides. The event is free to chapter members with tickets, while non-member tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children older than 10.

For more information or tickets, call CW4 Jeff Turner at 255-0726, CW4 Mike Lavergne at 255-3286, or CW4 April Wallace at 255-2485 by Oct. 30.

AER changes

NCOs in the rank of sergeant first class and above will no longer be required to submit an Army Emergency Relief application through their immediate commander or first sergeant. Applications from sergeants first class and above should be submitted directly to the Fort Rucker AER officer for assistance. Officers in the rank of chief warrant officer 3 and above, and captains and above can also continue to submit their AER application directly to the Fort Rucker AER officer. This policy applies to AER Form 700 only. Soldiers of all ranks will continue to see their commanders or first sergeants for a Commander's Referral Program loan (AER Form 600).

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 255-2341.

Trick or treat

Fort Rucker's trick or treat hours are 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 in post housing areas. Parents, children and those driving through the housing areas at that time are reminded to keep safety in the forefront of their minds and to be vigilant while enjoying trick and treating on post.

Retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker hosts its quarterly retirement ceremony Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are invited to attend and honor this quarter's retirees.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Spiritual

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

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

Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon, unless it falls on a holiday weekend and then the shop will be open on the second Saturday.

The thrift shop needs people's unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call 255-9595.

Retiree health fair

The 39th annual Fort Rucker Retiree Health Fair will take place Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Andrews Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 4605. All retirees and their Family members are welcome to attend. Lyster Army Health Clinic, along with other outside agencies, will have tables set up to educate retirees on numerous health topics, including: disease management, digestive health, physical therapy and nutrition. Pending arrival of flu vaccines, retirees and their Family members can also receive their 2013-2014 flu and pneumococcal vaccinations.

Volunteer drivers

Lyster is looking for volunteers to drive the golf cart, which runs from the parking lot to the front entrance of the clinic and temporary pharmacy. The clinic is in need of volunteers who can work on rotating shifts until 4 p.m. during the week -- even one hour of helping patients to and from the clinic is helpful.

For more information or to sign up, call 255-7358.

Honoring patients

Lyster wants to share what makes you a great American hero, according to the clinic's public affairs representative. Each month Lyster will honor a patient on the clinic TVs, Lyster's Facebook page and in the post newspaper. Honorees' name, a brief description of their military contributions and a photo will be included. Soldiers, retirees, spouses and children can all participate.

To sign up or nominate a friend or Family member, send an e-mail to katherine.i.rosario.civ@mail.mil.

Pharmacy volunteers

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

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

Home: Families strengthen during deployment

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missions in Kuwait, resulting in a theater operational readiness rate above 90 percent for the duration of the deployment.

The 597th Ordnance Maintenance Company is Fort Rucker's most deployed unit. They are the only team in the Army that can perform their specific duty, said Morris.

"These guys have a very unique mission, and that mission is to deploy and to do a lot of the repairs for air traffic service equipment that is in theater," he said. "This mission is important because this unit and these teams are very specific. There is no one else in the Army that does what they do, and that is why they are in such high demand and their operation tempo is so high."

The unit was based out of Kuwait and accomplished many tasks while deployed.

"They trained and certified seven personnel from three different units on the ATNAVIC (Air Traffic Navigation, Integration



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Kimberly Blansett, Army spouse, with daughter Riley, welcomes home her husband, Sgt. Matthew Blansett, from an eight-month deployment Monday at the Spiritual Life Center.

and Coordination System) radar, DERS (Digital En-Route Supplement) and URC-200 – all while completing (more than) 250 work orders," said Morris. "They managed contractor support parts and

personnel . . . planned logistics, coordinated movements for contractors on the battlefield and also provided backup military support when needed."

Several of the Soldiers were

promoted and one Soldier was selected to Warrant Officer Career College. Four Soldiers received the Army Combat Achievement Medal for outstanding maintenance support.

Sgt. Matthew Blansett, who reenlisted and was promoted while on this first deployment, said that it was a great learning experience and that it made him appreciate his Family more.

"Leaving my Family was so hard, but the first deployment is sometimes the most stressful because you don't know what to expect, or how you and your Family is going to be able to handle it," he said. "This brought me closer to them, because you don't realize what you have until it's taken away from you."

"I learned so much about training Soldiers and really what our job entails," he added.

Burke said that this deployment was different for her Family because she had to take care of her 1 1/2 year-old daughter, while last time she was pregnant.

"It's so hard for him not to be there for her for important stuff

such as her first birthday and her learning how to talk, and now she even knows how to count," she said.

She added that there are always a lot of challenges when loved ones deploy, but that it comes down to learning how to communicate with each other over long distance.

"You have to learn how to do everything on your own such as paying attention to all the mail, taking care of his business and his bills," she said. "There were times where he would be out in the field on missions for a month or more and we couldn't talk, but other times we talked every day or every other day. So you have to make the most of the time you are given."

Burke said that though the deployment was hard on her, it brought them closer together as a Family.

"I think that this deployment brought us closer together, because we now have a daughter and we talked to each other a lot more than when he was gone before," she said.

Shutdown: DOD exempts as many employees as possible

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could reduce the number of civilian personnel furloughed due to the shutdown."

The Defense Department, he said, consulted closely with the Department of Justice, which expressed its view that the law does not permit a blanket recall of all civilians.

"However, DOD and DOJ attorneys concluded that the law does allow the Department of Defense to eliminate furloughs for employees whose responsibilities contribute to the morale, well-being, capabilities and readiness of service members," Hagel said. "Consequently, I am now directing the military departments and other DOD components to move expeditiously to identify all employees whose activities fall under these categories."

Hagel noted he expects the military departments to be able to "significantly reduce – but not eliminate – civilian furloughs under this process."

The defense secretary said the depart-

ment has tried to "exempt as many DOD civilian personnel as possible" from furloughs, and will continue to try to bring all civilian employees back to work as soon as possible.

"Ultimately, the surest way to end these damaging and irresponsible furloughs, and to enable us to fulfill our mission as a department, is for Congress to pass a budget and restore funds for the entire federal government," Hagel said.

"This has been a very disruptive year for our people – including active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel, and DOD civilians and contractors," he said. "Many important activities remain curtailed while the shutdown goes on."

Civilians under furlough, Hagel said, face the uncertainty of not knowing when they will receive their next paycheck.

"I strongly support efforts in Congress to enact legislation to retroactively compensate all furloughed employees," he said. "And I will continue to urge Congress to fulfill its basic responsibilities to pass a

budget and restore full funding for the Department of Defense and the rest of the government."

DOD's top leadership, including the service secretaries and service chiefs, updated Hagel Monday on the impact of the ongoing government shutdown, Pentagon officials reported.

All of the leaders noted that despite the recall of most civilians and the resumption of many activities, critical programs and benefits remain halted, officials said.

For example, they noted, the department does not have the authority to pay death gratuities for the survivors of service members killed in action – typically, a cash payment of \$100,000 paid within three days of the service member's death.

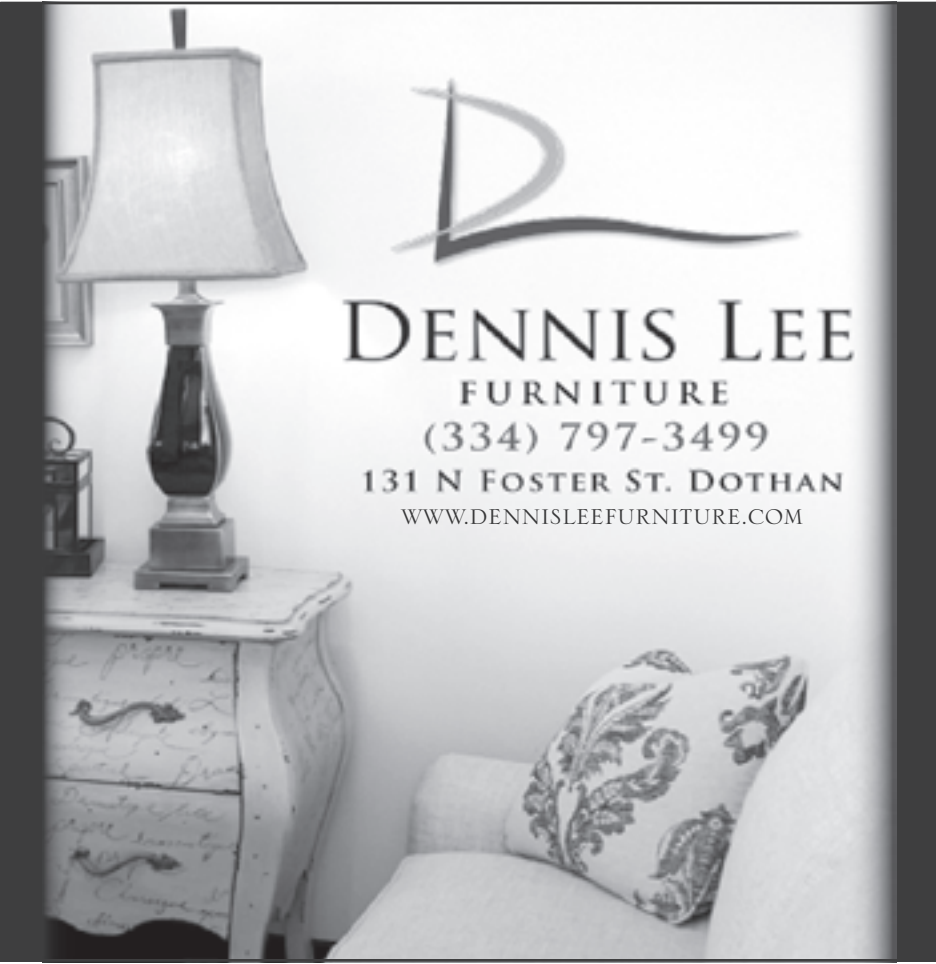
In addition, officials said, emergency funding that supports commanders on the

ground and intelligence activities remains unavailable, and service leaders reported that they are further curtailing training for later deploying units – an activity that already had been reduced due to sequestration spending cuts.

Hagel assured the service leaders that he would work closely with them to address these challenges, and support the service members and Families affected by these disruptions.

He also expressed his continued concern for the morale and welfare of DOD's civilian employees, who have endured unprecedented uncertainty this year and suffered losses in pay, they added.

The secretary will continue to receive regular updates and review authorities to expend funds during this lapse in appropriations, the statement said.



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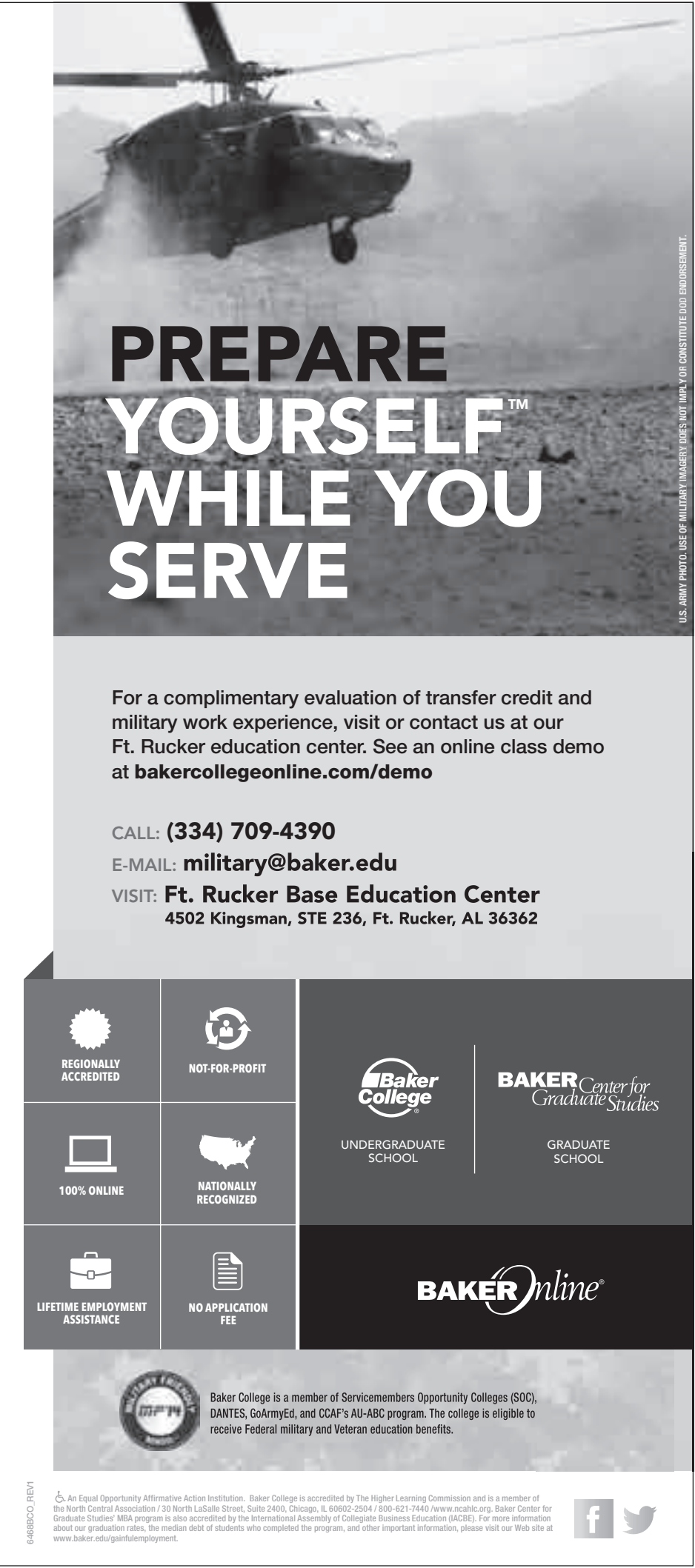
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Travel funds for education courses suspended

By Army Medicine
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – Funding of temporary duty has been cancelled during the government shutdown for Soldiers and Army civilians scheduled for professional military education or leader-development courses.

Any temporary duty travel to schools and educational facilities that began prior to the partial government shutdown, Oct. 1, should be terminated and personnel should return to their permanent duty stations, according

to All Army Activities message 251/2013, dated Oct. 2.

The TDY cancellations are a result of “the absence of available appropriations,” according to the ALARACT. The absence of funds is due to lack of congressional approval of a fiscal year 2014 budget or continuing resolution.

Army personnel already on permanent change of station orders at a university or senior-service college will be allowed to remain in place, according to the ALARACT.

Initial military training such

as basic combat training and advanced individual training is in the “excepted” category and will not be affected, according to the message. Training for the reclassification of military occupational specialties is also excepted.

TDY training conferences are suspended, however, if not exempted by the secretary of the Army. Commanders may authorize exceptions for no-cost, local conferences that “are clearly in the best interests of the government,” according to the guidance.

TDY for training and educa-

tion that is in direct support of operations or actions involving national security or safety may be authorized by the secretary of Defense, secretary of the Army or a combatant commander.

Requests for exceptions for TDY travel for training and education that is mission-critical should be submitted to the deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7, according to ALARACT 253/2013, dated Oct. 3. Points of contact are available via phone at (703) 697-5030, or via email at usarmy.pentagon.hqda.mbx.aoc-team-chief-armyg3@mail.mil.

Information in the ALARACTS remains in effect until appropriations are available, officials said. Once funding is restored, they said personnel should check with their commands about scheduling training.

ALARACT 253/2013 concludes: “Commanders and supervisors are reminded of the tremendous hardship their employees and their Families may be experiencing as a result of the government shutdown and furlough. Commanders and supervisors at all levels should attempt to reach out to their civilian em-

Scout: Big project benefits community in big way

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“When you get into Boy Scouts, it’s all led by the kids,” he continued. “The adults are there to advise and keep them pointed in the right direction, but the boys are the ones that call the shots. There aren’t too many organizations that you get that kind of opportunity.”

Scott said this project is one of biggest projects he and his Family have been a part of when it comes to Eagle projects, and he’s happy to see the progress of the land change throughout the years and be turned into some-

thing that the community can use once again.

“I graduated flight school 20 years ago (here at Fort Rucker) and I remember when this was a 3-par golf course,” he said. “When you have something like this that’s gone unused for so many years, its great to be able to reclaim it.

“I think the biggest thing for this to be successful is that people need to know that it’s here and they need to use it,” he continued. “It’s not going to be perfect at first ... but ideally, you want something that will make an impact and help others.”



Nathan Pool, Boy Scout from Enterprise Troop 77, surveys the land and plots out the walking trails for his Eagle Scout service project on Fort Rucker behind The Landing. Pool has already begun steps in turning the land into a nature trail for walking, hiking, biking and other activities.

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Run: Soldiers seem to inspire holiday gift donations

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this run as an opportunity to spread the word about Operation Santa throughout the different units on the installation and kick off the collection period.

“There are programs and initiatives, like Operation Santa, that organizations provide for the betterment of the community that many people are not aware of,” he said. “I saw the NCO run as an opportunity to get the word out about this fantastic program to a large audience and give them the opportunity to contribute to the effort.”

The run began at 5:30 a.m., and although it wasn’t mandatory for Soldiers to bring a gift to donate, nearly every Sol-

dier showed up with a gift in hand to be donated to those in need. Soldiers of the Fort Rucker SAMC were also on hand to gather the toys and set up the workshop that the toys will be stored in throughout the operation, and contribute anything they can to help the cause.

“I just want to be able to assist Families that are in need,” said 1st Sgt. Crystal Figgs, E Company, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment and SAMC member. “There are so many people around this time of year who need help and assistance, and it’s just so nice to be able to give back to the community.”

Although Operation Santa is a program to benefit Families around the holiday season, it’s been in the works for months, ac-

cording to Lindner.

Santa’s Workshop was converted from an old World War II building that was slated for demolition, but the SAMC saw it as an opportunity to make a change.

“When we got (to the building), it was overgrown and just overall in a bad state,” said Lindner. “We’ve spent the last couple of months cleaning it up and doing all the yard work ... and we’ve been decorating it to get it ready in time for the run and to kick off (the collection period).”

People can donate to Operation Santa through the beginning of December at different locations, such as the post exchange, Bldg. 5700, the NCO Academy and Lyster Army Health Clinic.

The donated toys must be new, un-

wrapped toys valued from \$15-25 for ages 2-17, but no stuffed animals.

Units and organizations that wish to collect gifts internally can arrange special drop off times by contacting Lindner at Jeremy.r.lindner.mil@mail.mil, or Sgt. Meghann Kobe at meghann.a.kobe.mil@mail.mil.

“Fort Rucker is a phenomenal place to live and work ... and there are competent and committed Soldiers and civilians on this post that make this the fantastic place it is,” said Thomson. “There is a wonderful sense of community, both on Fort Rucker and throughout the surrounding Wiregrass region, and Operation Santa is just another program that fosters that spirit with our community.”

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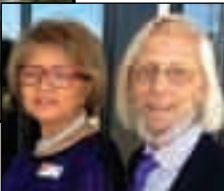
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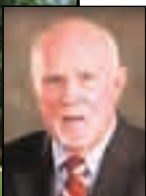
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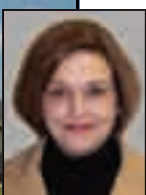
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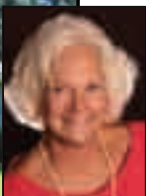
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‘TASTE OF PEANUT’ COMING TO FALL FEST

For those who have a talent for creating peanut cakes, cookies and candy, the first “Taste of Peanut” is coming to the Boll Weevil Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 19.

The peanut baking contest in downtown Enterprise begins at 9 a.m. in the foyer of Butner’s Tavern on East College Street, and will last until noon.

According to Daniel Edwards of DaySpring Hospice, “all entries will be numbered and the judges will not know who cooked the items. They’ll have a taste testing and name the winners.”

Prizes will be given in four categories of cakes, cookies, candy and a miscellaneous category.

“Recipes must also be turned in with the finished product,” Edwards said. “We’re looking forward to the entries and anyone can enter for free during the hours allotted. We are real excited about seeing all of the products that can be made with peanuts.”

For children, a Wizard of Oz meet and greet and photo session is planned during the fall festival with some of the characters, sponsored by Century 21, said Maggie Haas.

“Children can come to the Rawls Warehouse at 201 N. Main Street and have a free photo taken with Wizard of Oz characters between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

“After meeting some of the characters, children can travel down the Yellow Brick Road for a chance to win a cupcake,” she added.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, downtown Enterprise will be filled with entertainment of bands and performances in two performing areas at the festival this year.

A Main Stage area will be located next to the Boll Weevil Monument with the band, Flashback, starting at 9 a.m. Groups, Country Road 440, Tori Whittaker and Haven Peak are performing during the festival with another stage area located beside the former Yancey Parker’s. The Masterworks Choir of Enterprise, Titan Magic, Wiregrass Cheer and Dance and Center Stage Dance Studio will be performing on the second stage area. Other groups, such as Shift Youth Ministry from the Refuge Church will also be performing during the day.

According to Charlene Goolsby, the children’s Halloween Costume Contest registration starts at 9 a.m. with the contest beginning at 10 a.m. at the Boll Weevil Monument.

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Sappers practice air assault ops

By Staff Sgt. David Chapman
5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. – The sound of a helicopter cuts through the clouds and rain as Soldiers lie in wait for the choppers arrival. This is the ride that a group of combat engineers had been waiting for, the one that will deliver them to their objective where the real work begins.

Soldiers of the 571st Sapper Company had the opportunity to conduct an air insertion and extraction as part of their pre-deployment training on Joint Base Lewis-McChord Sept. 23.

With air support provided by the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, the combat engineers air assaulted into the Leschi Town training area on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, for part of their combat engineer training.

“We are conducting this training to ready ourselves for any mission we get handed in Afghanistan,” said Capt. James Perkins, 571st Sapper Company

commander. “We want to be versatile and not just train for route clearance. It is better for us to be trained in other combat skills rather than concentrate on one specifically.”

For one newly arriving senior NCO, conducting an air assault mission was a new experience.

“In my career I have never done any air assault training like this as part of engineer training,” said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Hastings. “This will definitely give our newer Soldiers confidence and teach them to work productively within their teams and squads.”

The helicopter ride would be the only time the Sappers could relax during the training event. Following the 20-minute transport, the 571st would spend three days of non-stop moving and patrolling.

“The training will be very demanding, both physically and mentally,” said Hastings, a Chicago native. “This will

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DAVID CHAPMAN

Cpl. Adrian Vaca, combat engineer, 571st Sapper Company, shouts over the sound of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter as his squad loads onboard during training at the Leschi Town training area on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Sept. 23. The Soldiers were inserted and extracted near the mock city where they cleared houses and confronted simulated enemy forces.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DAVID CHAPMAN

SLING LOAD

Soldiers from B Co., 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, move to a safe position as a CH-47 Chinook airlifts a Humvee during sling load operations Sept. 26 at Camp Humphreys, Korea.

Dustoff lifts patient care higher

By Sgt. Margaret Taylor
129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – When the Vietnam War was well under way, and U.S. combat involvement was still in early stages, helicopter pilots ferried the wounded from the battlefield. In 1963, the U.S. Army 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance) commander started using the radio call sign Dustoff for his medical evacuation chopper.

The name arose, in part, because of the clouds of dust that would billow up when the helicopters took off or landed.

All medevac choppers assumed the “Dust-off” call sign; it lasted throughout the war and is still in use today.

The medevac platoon at Forward Operating Base Fenty, Nangarhar Province, is comprised of Soldiers from the Michigan and New Hampshire National Guard, and continues the Dust-off tradition of providing timely aid to injured service members on or off the battlefield.

Meeting the demands of the medevac profession requires constant training. Because of this, U.S. Soldiers from the medevac platoon Dustoff, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Dragon, conducted hoist exercises on a mountaintop near FOB Fenty Sept. 16.

A hoist allows medevac crews to raise and lower personnel and supplies by cable into areas too dangerous for the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to land. Given the steep mountains covering much of Afghanistan, mastering the use of hoist equipment is a necessity.

“We pick up anyone who’s injured or wounded from the battlefield,” said Capt. James Balloch, of Glastonbury, Conn., who is the forward support medevac platoon leader. “It’s all about bringing them to a higher level of care.”

At one time, casualties traveled from the



PHOTO BY SGT. MARGARET TAYLOR

Sgt. Brandon Coburn, a medic assigned to the medevac platoon Dustoff, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Dragon, is hoisted back into a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during a training exercise near Forward Operating Base Fenty, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, Sept. 16.

battlefield to aid stations by either ground or air – now medevac choppers bear the brunt of the work.

“Instead of having to wait around for an ambulance to bounce along the road – they’re not that fast [and] not an optimal solution when time is really critical – we do most of our patient transport now by helicopter,” said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Boeddiker, of Claremont, N.H., a Dustoff flight medic. “We’ve seen great improvements in patient outcomes because of it.”

These improved patient outcomes spring from the reaction speed of the Dustoff crews as well as the quality of care patients receive in flight.

Medevac crews have a 15-minute reaction time window, said Staff Sgt. Steven Schenk,

of Livonia, Mich., the Dustoff flight medic NCO in charge. In other words, as soon as the MedEvac request comes in to Dustoff’s command group, the crew on call has 15 minutes to be ready to liftoff.

“It’s the whole firefighter mentality,” Boeddiker said.

From Fenty, the medevac teams can be at the casualty pick-up site within minutes, landing or descending on hoists to take over patient care. Once the patient or patients are secured, Dustoff medics or flight surgeons work to stabilize them, or keep them stable, while en route to a medical treatment facility.

Tending to patients in the back of a Black Hawk presents many challenges.

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Army develops lightweight ballistic protection for aircraft

By Heather R. Smith
Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center

REDSTONE ARSENAL – Army tactics and training are constantly changing to meet the threat on the battlefield, and one such example is the attack helicopter.

Originally, the AH-1 Cobras were designed to arrive on station quickly, eliminate the threat and move on to the next target. But in today’s battlefield, attack helicopters like the AH-64 Apache provide air support to ground convoys, and often hover over convoys to eliminate any threats.

These combat operations result in increased exposure to enemy ground fire and increased need for ballistic protection systems, and the Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center’s Prototype Integration Facility has developed that expertise.

Ballistic Protection Systems typically consist of materials and techniques used to shelter personnel and materiel against projectiles. Jeff Carr, PIF program management supervisor, said thick, heavy, dense material has historically been used for armor, so a major challenge for Aviation is to provide ballistic protection in the lightest, most compact means possible.

The PIF has a history of installing traditional armor on ground vehicles, including the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System. Although steel armor is a very effective BPS, it is extremely heavy. The cab armor on the HIMARS weighs about 2,500 pounds.

Carr said changes in how the Army fights have challenged the Army to effectively employ lighter-weight armor systems in aircraft while maintaining or increasing the ability to withstand advanced ground fire. Advances in lightweight composites have allowed the Army to begin the integration of new lighter weight BPSs.

The PIF designed and integrated a BPS for a tactical variant of the Bell 407 aircraft. The Iraqi Armed 407 was an aircraft produced by

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be tough and we never know what is coming next. We will just move from one objective to another. But they will come together and by the end we will be better and build cohesion.”

Perkins said the sapper company is experiencing some

growing pains as they lose veteran Soldiers and gain new arrivals to the unit. However the training teaches newer Soldiers tactics and techniques, while refreshing the skills of the veterans.

“My NCOs are definitely going to get these guys ready for deployment,” said Perkins. “But including the air element into the training made it vital training for the

leadership as well. The planning and the execution is all part of the training.”

“This was my first time on a military helicopter and it was awesome,” added Pfc. Joshua Stump. “I have only been with the unit for three months, but with all the training we have been doing, I definitely feel like I’ll be able to perform my job to the fullest downrange.”

Ballistic: New protection reduces weight by 500 pounds

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the PIF and commissioned by the Department of State for the Iraqi government. This effort was particularly challenging because of space constraints associated with the small commercial-to-military-converted aircraft. The installed system provides protection for the cockpit floor and crew seats.

Lightweight ballistic armor is also being designed, qualified, fabricated and installed by the PIF on the CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Black Hawk aircraft.

The current Chinook BPS system offers protection against small arms fire and weighs 3,500 pounds. The PIF was able to take advantage of advances in light-weight composite material and to reduce the weight of the original BPS by 2,000 pounds. The new BPS offers additional protection to both the pilot and cargo areas. Also integrated into the CH-47D/F is a floor kit, a passenger vertical kit, and a Multi-Impact Transparent Armor System for windows, which allows normal operations while reducing ballistic intrusion.

The PIF-enhanced BPS for the Black Hawk will reduce the weight of the current BPS system by 500 pounds. The PIF will also deliver a Technical Data Package to the UH-60 Program Management Office, which will allow industry to compete for future BPS acquisitions.

“The PIF continues to design, develop, and install new and improved ballistic protection on Aviation and ground systems,” Carr said. “Their design capabilities, machine shop and advanced composites lab provide an extraordinary capability to create custom formed material BPS.”



ARMY PHOTO

The Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center Prototype Integration Facility designed, qualified, fabricated and installed a prototype of an enhanced Ballistic Protection System for the cabin of the UH-60 Black Hawk aircraft.

Care: Crews train to overcome battlefield interference

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In addition to very limited space and supplies, patient monitoring equipment is often affected by chopper vibrations, said Boeddiker. Flight medics can’t communicate with casualties about their injuries – it’s too loud.

“Every possible distractor that you can throw into the situation is there,” Boeddiker said. “It’s a very challenging environment to provide care in.”

Even so, Dustoff crews are determined to provide the best care they can. This means constant training, whether in the classroom or in the field.

Schenk, who has been a civilian paramedic, said the level of care he and his flight medics provide exceeds the standard of the wider medic field. While most Army medics have the training and experience equivalent to civilian emergency medical technicians, medevac care requires more knowledge, more training.

“The critical care platform we provide is an advanced stage,” Schenk said. “It’s like a mobile intensive care unit.”

The combination of knowledge and training allows these medevac crews to walk in step with the Dustoff tradition – airlifting casualties to a higher level of care.

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Landing Zone

Renovations take diners back to the future

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

It has been more than 20 years since Aviator's Landing was transformed into The Landing Zone restaurant for all ranks, but this time around, instead of updating who is allowed in the restaurant, it expanded its menu and atmosphere.

The renovations lasted two months, and through the ups and downs of the project Tim Carter, The Landing Zone programs manager, said he couldn't be happier with how everything turned out.

"The space looks like it was designed for something like this," he said. "It's Aviation all over. Everywhere you look is a reminder of this Branch; there is even rust on the hangar doors."

The dining areas are now separated by hangar doors, which allow for private parties to book the back area for hails and farewells or promotion parties, while allowing the front area to be smaller and provide a more intimate dining ambience.

"The design is more rustic and nostalgic with a décor that features Aviation history through the years," said Frank Zerbinos, business operations officer. "It will be a place to take Families and friends to embrace the history."

Carter agreed and added that the restaurant has a better feel, because when the hangar doors are closed it makes the space feel more "homey."

Tables were covered in butchers block paper as people dug into hamburgers, nachos and salads once the kitchen opened up after the ceremony.

There are a few new things



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Maj. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and Col. Stuart J. McRae, garrison commander, along with special guest Ed Woody and the Fort Rucker team who handled all of the renovations, cut the ribbon of The Landing Zone during a re-opening ceremony Oct. 4.

on the menu, such as barbeque and jumbo spud sections in the lunch menu, and hand-cut steaks and platters for dinner.

"We have come up with unique sandwiches for lunch and dinner, so people will have more options," said Carter. "But in all, we just wanted to update the facility, and offer a different atmosphere and make the restaurant more flexible."

Janice Erdlitz, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director,

was one of The Landing's first customers, and said the menu's updated macaroni and cheese dish is her favorite.

"I am really satisfied with how it looks now. Its atmosphere is so much better than it was before. It is a beautiful transformation; it brings it back to the old Camp Rucker feel," she said, adding that the food was absolutely delicious, too.

This renovation was just an update to the space, as five years ago it had a major over-

haul with walls coming down.

"We did more of a facelift with new flooring, wall coverings, equipment, seating and such," said Carter. "It was nothing structural; everything was just replaced and redone. It was an empty shell while we were updating, though."

The bar is in the same position, but that is the only thing that did not change about the space.

The renovation was funded by private business money,

non-appropriated fund money, and the entire staff was placed at other installation positions during the renovation, said Carter, so no one lost their jobs.

Col. Stuart J. McRae, garrison commander, said that it was really exciting to see what started as an idea about a year ago finally come to fruition.

"This exceeds expectations. We want to continue to have a vibrant operation inside The Landing Zone," he said.

Federal Impact Aid helps local schools

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

Many children of Fort Rucker military members attend local schools, but their parents may not be responsible for paying into the local tax bases that fuel the education system.

Federal Impact Aid provides federal aid to public schools due to lost property tax revenue from enrollment of federally connected children, said Kim Kozel, Youth Education Support Services school liaison officer.

According to the New America Foundation website, the Impact Aid Program is designed to directly compensate local school districts for local revenue lost due to the presence of federally owned, and therefore tax-exempt, property, and costs incurred due to "federally connected" students, such as the children of armed services personnel working at a nearby military base.

Unlike most other forms of educational assistance, impact aid disburses roughly \$1.2 billion annually in unrestricted federal funds directly to local school districts rather than through state agencies.

"It has been in existence since 1940," Kozel said. "When military bases are located within the boundaries of school districts, the impact aid money makes up for lost tax revenues."

It is important for parents and teachers to fill out the forms with complete information because it could mean the difference of hundreds of dollars to the school district revenue, she added.

"If necessary information is missing and can't be validated, the school could land in financial trouble," said Kozel. "If the information is incomplete, it could mean that the card will not be counted and schools will miss revenue for incomplete cards."

The school liaison officer said local school districts strive to provide exceptional education opportunities for all the children enrolled. This benefits Fort Rucker because the installation does not have a middle school or a high school and all military Family members in seventh grade and above attend school off post.

"Through the bond with Fort Rucker, the schools are financially more able to provide excellent education initiatives through the Federal Impact Aid program," she said.

The school districts send home forms with students whose parents are either military or DA civilians, which



COURTESY PHOTO

Dana Marta, parent, helps students Adrian Cunningham, Madison McPherson and Conner Cook make apple pattern hats Sept. 25 at the Fort Rucker Primary School. Because many military children receive middle and high school education off post in the local communities, federal aid is distributed through Federal Impact Aid, which provides monies to public schools due to lost property tax revenue from enrollment of federally connected children.

are then filled out at home and sent back to the school by the designated date in order to be counted for the school year.

"Schools strive to provide all students with the best educational opportunities and in order to do so they require substantial revenue to fund programs," said Kozel. "The impact aid revenue goes into the general fund of the school district, which can be used at the discretion of the superintendent and school board."

The aid is unfenced money, which means it can be used for any purpose to include teacher salaries, supplies or educational programs.

"Every penny counts for the school districts to be able to provide educational programs of the highest quality possible," said Kozel.

Schools submit student counts based on the informa-

tion from the cards received, and weighted formulas calculate the amount the district will receive for each child.

The program is based on funding formulas, which provide different amounts of money to school districts depending on different variables, she continued.

"The variables depend on: military living on post, military living off post or civilians working on post," she said.

Enterprise schools have received over \$1 million dollars in impact aid in years past, said Kozel, but Davenport and Ozark schools also receive aid.

Unfortunately, the federal fiscal uncertainty could negatively impact the funds available for impact aid this year and next, said Kozel.

For more information, call 255-9812.

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Peanut Festival tickets

Peanut Festival tickets are being sold at Leisure Travel Services located at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 130 until Oct. 28. The 70th annual National Peanut Festival will be held Nov. 1-10 at the Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan. Prices are: general admission, \$7; ride strips (22 tickets per strip), \$12; mega pass (gate admission and armband for one night), \$25.

For more information, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

October EDGE! Programs

This month’s EDGE! activities include indoor swimming, wood burning, personalized pillow making, bowling and popcorn balls. EDGE! events cost \$5 per hour for children 6-10 years old and are free for children 11-18 years old. Activities occur every weekday from 4-5 p.m. A valid child, youth and schools registration is required for participation. Enrollment for all EDGE! activities is located at parent central services in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, or online at webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/ruckercyms.html.

For more information, call 255-0666 or 379-1363.

Batting Cages’ new hours

The youth sports batting cages hours have changed to Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$1 per token and the group rate is \$20 for unlimited pitches for one hour. For group rates, there must be a minimum of five people. People should schedule an appointment with the youth sports and fitness department.

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

Purple Day

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and to help raise awareness the Purple Day campaign is ongoing as people wear purple on Fridays in October as a communitywide effort to recognize the collective responsibility to prevent all forms of domestic violence.

For more, call 255-9641.

Chili night

Child, youth and schools services will hold its chili night Friday from 6-10 p.m. at the youth center, Bldg. 2800. The chili-tasting event is open and free to all registered CYSS middle school and teen youth, Family members and friends.

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

Newcomer’s Welcome

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

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

Frite Nite

The Fort Rucker Riding Stables hosts Frite Nite Oct. 18-19 from 7-11 p.m., featuring the Haunted Trail and Barn of Screams. Tickets will be on sale for \$12 per person per night and can be purchased at Leisure Travel Services or the stables, and at the door the night of the event -- only cash will be accepted the night of the event. Concessions will be available at the event for an additional cost. There will be strobe lights and fog machines present, and the event is not recommended for people that have seizures, asthma and anyone younger



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AFAP rescheduled

The Fort Rucker Army Family Action Plan Conference has been rescheduled to Nov. 13-14 because of the government shutdown. AFAP will be in session Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Wings Chapel and Nov. 14 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Wings Chapel. The Teen AFAP will take place Nov. 6 from 5-8 p.m. at The Commons.

than 12. Children younger than 12 require parental supervision. This event is designed for older children and adults.

For more information, call 598-3384.

Children’s Fall Festival

The Fort Rucker Riding Stables will host the Children’s Fall Festival Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be pony and horse rides, a bouncy house, train rides, carnival games and more. Children are welcome to wear Halloween costumes and enter into the costume contest. Food and beverages will also be available. Only cash will be accepted at the event. Cost is \$1 per ticket, with the price for each activity ranging from one to four tickets. This event is designed for children ages 12 and younger.

For more information, call 598-3384.

Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host an Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market Oct. 19 from 8-11 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields. The event provides the community the opportunity to buy and sell used household items, clothes, electronics and more in a consolidated fashion. Limited tables are available for rent. Cost for selling space for military, retirees, civilians employees and Family members is \$20 for 15’ x 20’, \$30 for 30’ x 20’ and \$10 per table rental. Cost for selling space for general public is \$30 for 15’ x 20’ and \$40 for 30’ x 20’. Registration for booth space is due by Oct. 16. No commercial vendors are allowed.

For more information or to register, call 255-1749.

Family member resilience training

Army Community Service hosts its free Family member resilience training Oct. 21-22 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The deadline to register is Oct. 17. The Army recognizes the increased sacrifices that Family members make on a daily basis, so it designed its Family member resilience classes to provide the thinking skills and coping strategies Families need to meet and overcome life’s challenges. The classes focus on strengthening relationships, effective thinking strategies, building confidence and increasing people’s general well being.

For registration and childcare information, call 255-2382 or 255-3735.

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Protecting babies from SIDS

By Maj. Lakisha Flagg
U.S. Army Public Health Command

The birth of a child is a miraculous moment. It is a time that is filled with hope as new parents, Family members and friends anticipate the many years of joy and happiness that normally accompany the arrival of a newborn.

Unfortunately, about 4,000 of these babies die every year in the United States, and the cause of death for these children is often not obvious or immediately known. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is responsible for nearly half of these deaths.

SIDS is the leading cause of all deaths among infants under a year old, and it often occurs when babies are between 2 and 4 months old. Some people call SIDS crib death because many babies who die of SIDS are found in their cribs.

Many years ago, the American Academy of Pediatrics identified sleep position as a contributing factor in SIDS deaths, and in 1994 the organization began its popular “Back to Sleep” campaign, which encouraged parents and caregivers to place infants on their backs when putting them down to sleep.

The organization admonished parents and caregivers to reserve “Tummy Time” for times when infants are awake and closely watched by caretakers. “Back to Sleep” positioning was found to be the most effective action that parents and caretakers could take to reduce the risk of SIDS for children in their care. Because of the campaign, the rate of SIDS deaths in the United States decreased by more than 50 percent.

Since that time, several other factors that contribute to SIDS have been identified.

These factors include physical entrapment in bedding and furniture, suffocation and choking. In response to these newly identified risk factors, the AAP has launched a new SIDS prevention campaign called “Safe Sleep for All Babies.”

This campaign encourages caretakers to continue placing infants in the proper sleep position and advises them to also ensure that their child has a safe sleeping environment by removing all choking and strangulation hazards from infants’ sleep areas. These specific risk-reduction strategies to prevent SIDS include:

- placing infants in a crib or bassinet, in

the same room as the parents;

- avoiding co-sleeping and placing infants in the same bed as adults or other children;
- placing babies on their backs to sleep, even for short naps;
- reserving “Tummy Time” (laying infants on their belly) for when they are awake and someone is watching;
- using a firm sleep surface, such as a crib mattress covered with a fitted sheet;
- keeping soft objects like pillows, quilts, bumper pads and stuffed animals out of the crib until infants are

older than 12 months;

- keeping soft objects and loose bedding away from sleep area;
- making sure babies don’t get too hot and keeping the room at a comfortable temperature for an adult;
- avoiding the use of cribs that are broken, that have missing parts or that have drop-side rails; and
- keeping infants away from tobacco smoke and places where people smoke.

By adopting these simple safety tips, parents and caregivers can reduce the risk of SIDS for infants in their care.



PHOTO BY SARA E. MARTIN

Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Billy, a 5-month-old male tuxedo tabby available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. He is shy around new people but loves to be petted on his terms, once he is comfortable. He plays well with other cats. It costs \$80 to adopt Billy and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, the first round of age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip and spaying. 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, Headquarters 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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Catholic Adult Fellowship
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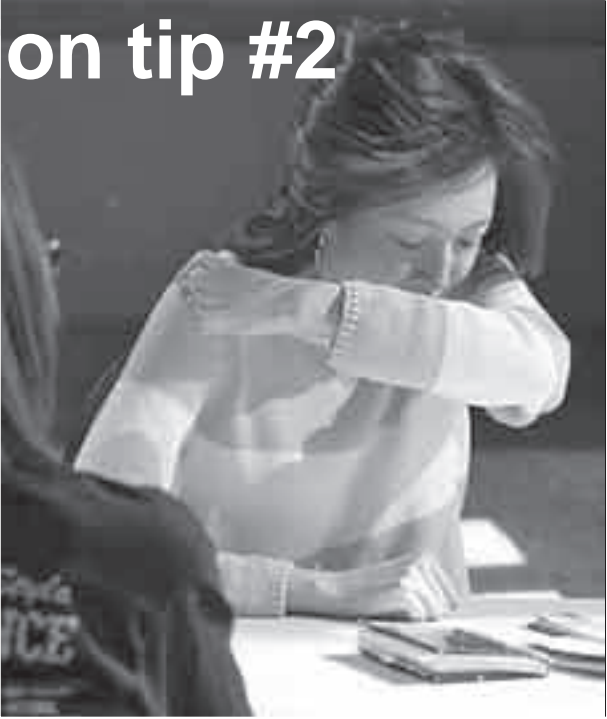
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Wiregrass Heritage Festival at Landmark Park

By Laura Stakelum

Landmark Park Public Relations Director

Landmark Park will celebrate the history of the Wiregrass with the annual Wiregrass Heritage Festival Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Peanut harvesting, the old-fashioned way, will take place throughout the day. Other events include cane grinding, syrup making, antique tractor and engine displays, cooking on a woodstove and other household

chores.

Syrup, warm from the kettle, will be on sale at the event. Tractors will participate in an antique tractor pull and parade. Entry forms for tractors and quilts can be found online at www.landmarkpark.com.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and active military, \$4 for kids and free for park members and children ages 2 and younger.

Concessions will be available, and the Martin Drugstore and Shelley General Store

will be open.

Landmark Park will also host the 5th annual Landmark Park Quilt Show, held in conjunction with Wiregrass Heritage Festival, Oct. 25-27 in the Stokes Activity Barn. The theme for this year's show is "Friendship Tea."

More than 150 quilt submissions are expected at the juried show, as well as a non-juried exhibit of antique and contemporary quilts. A silent auction, quilting demonstrations and sewing related vendors will be

present Oct. 26.

Admission to the show is free with your paid gate admission (\$4 for adults and \$3 for kids on Friday and Sunday; \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and active military, \$4 for kids on Saturday during the festival). Admission is free each day for park members.

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

For more information, contact the park at 794-3452.

WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT, EMAIL JIM HUGHES WITH ALL THE DETAILS AT JHUGHES@ARMYFLIER.COM.

ANDALUSIA

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

DALEVILLE

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

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

DOTHAN

NOW THROUGH OCT. 31 — Dothan Area Botanical Gardens hosts its annual Scarecrows in the Gardens daily. Stroll through the gardens to see all the different scarecrows that have been created by local schools, civic organizations and local artists. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 793-3224 or visit www.dabg.com.

FRIDAY AND OCT. 16-18 — Landmark Parks hosts Harvest Hey Days on its grounds where patrons can visit the pumpkin patch and enjoy many other fall-related activities such as corn pulling and cotton picking 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. New this year is the Kernels of Fun area. Cost is \$7 per person. For more information, visit www.landmarkpark.com.

OCT. 18 — 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.

NOV. 7 — The Farm to Table Dinner will be held at Landmark Park in the barn. The meal will be a fine-dining experience using local ingredients. Cost is \$100 per person with limited seating. Call 794-3452 to reserve a ticket.

NOV. 12-14, 19-21 — People can experience living and working on a Wiregrass farmstead in the early 1900s with hearth cooking, gardening and sewing, wood splitting, fire building and animal care at Landmark Park's Farm Living program. People will be divided into small groups in order to participate in the different workstations. This half-day program will conclude with lunch in the Waddell House. The fee is \$12 per person. For

more information, visit www.landmarkpark.com.

NOVEMBER — November is retired military appreciation month at Landmark Park. Retired military who join Landmark Park during the month of November will receive \$10 off any membership level.

They will also get in free Nov. 9-11, receive a free ice cream cone on Nov. 16 and have a free digitarium planetarium program experience on Nov. 23. For more information, visit www.landmarkpark.com.

NOV. 20-23 — Flagship Performing Arts Program presents Seussical the Musical at 7 p.m., and a special 2 p.m. matinee Nov. 23 at The Flagship Theatre. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students, seniors and active-duty military. For more information, call 699-3524 or visit www.the-flagshiptheatre.com.

ENTERPRISE

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

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters, on County Road 537, every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call Connie Hudson at 406-3077, Randy Black at 393-6499 or Bob Cooper 347-7076, or visit the VFW Post 6683 on Facebook.

ONGOING — Enterprise State Community College holds classes to teach English as a second language at the Fort Rucker campus Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon in Bldg. 4502, Rm. 131.

OCT. 19 — Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County will host its first-ever Heroes for Habitat 5k Run and 1-Mile Fun Run downtown at the Trinity Bank parking lot. Participants are encouraged to dress up as superheroes. Registration and check-in will be at 6:30-7:45 a.m. The 5K Run beings at 8 a.m., and the 1-Mile Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee for individual adult with shirt is \$25, individual adult without shirt is \$20, individual youth with shirt is \$15, four-person team with shirt is \$80 and dog's competition is \$5. Pre-registration forms are available and may be dropped off at the following locations by Saturday: Gifts on the Hill, Anytime Fitness of Enterprise, Pink Poodle Boutique, Just Folk Coffeehouse and Love 2 Run. Walkers are welcome to participate. For more information, email CoffeeCountyHabitatAL@gmail.com or call 475-0616.

OCT. 19 — The Emerging Young Leaders Wiregrass Community Summit

will be held at Enterprise State Community College from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for boys and girls in grades 6-8. Lunch will be provided. Summit seeks to encourage, educate and empower young people in the area. This summit is part of Emerging Young Leaders, which seeks to impact the lives of middle school students by providing opportunities for leadership development, character building, education enrichment, bullying prevention, civic engagement and enhanced academic preparation. Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate in the Parental Involvement Workshops. Students should wear Sunday best attire. Register online by Saturday at www.eylwiregrasscommunitysummit2013.eventbrite.com or by calling 718-3321.

OCT. 26 — The 4th annual Spooky in the Park will be held at the recreational complex on Hwy 167 N. from 5-9 p.m. There will be a costume contest, food, haunted pavilions and more. The Fright Night 5k and Fun Run will be held at the complex at 9:15 p.m. Registration will close at 9 p.m. For more information, call 348-2684.

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 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 99 meets each Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. at New Brockton City Hall. Food and drinks are served followed by regular chapter business. Chapter No. 99 maintains a DAV service office in the New Brockton Police station Each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. All veteran services provided are free. For more information, call 718-5707.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 15 — The New Brockton DAV Chapter No. 99 offers a college scholarship of \$500 to applicants who are the children of a U.S. military veteran who have fallen or been wounded, medically discharged honorably wounded veterans, and/or spouses of fallen Soldiers in the Global War on terrorism. Applicants may be attending college or have been accepted at a certified college or university. Applications and additional information can be picked up at the DAV counselor office at the New Brockton Police Department at 202 South John Street, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon. Deadline for applications is Dec. 15. For more information, call 718-5707.

OZARK

SATURDAY — The Breast Cancer Walk will begin at 8 a.m. to help raise funds and support for breast cancer research and breast health programs by participating in the 3-mile walk. Registration is \$25 at 8 a.m. day of the event at the Super Save parking lot. For more information, call 701-7119.

NOV. 16 — D.A. Smith Middle Alumni and Friends host a 5K Run Walk. Race begins at 8 a.m. There will be a bake sale as well. Early registration ends Nov. 8. For more information, or to register, visit www.das.ozarkcityschools.net.

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.

WIREGRASS AREA

SATURDAY — The 42nd annual Harvest Day Festival in downtown Headland will begin at 10 a.m. The event is free and Family friendly. There will be vendors, arts, crafts, food, live music, inflatables, demonstrations, pony rides, a car show and more. For more information, call 693-3303 or visit www.headlandal.com.

OCT. 19 — The Pride of Vernon Band's second annual Car Show and Bandtoberfest will be held from 8 a.m to 3 p.m. ub Wausau, Fla. Family friendly with festivities, vendors, live music, food and homemade goodies. Activities include face painting, inflatables and games.

NOV. 9 — The 12th annual Wiregrass Veterans Day Poker Run to benefit disabled American veterans registration will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. at the River Lounge in Clayhatchee. Kick stands up at 11 a.m. and last bike in at 4 p.m. Recreational vehicle and tent camping, vendors, live band, bonfire, food, refreshments and more will be available Nov. 7-10. Cost for ride is \$20 a rider and \$10 for passengers.

Additional hands can be bought for \$5. There will be a 50/50 drawing, awards for best and worst hand, as well as door prizes and an auction.

Beyond Briefs

Masquerade Gala

The Wright Foundation presents a fundraiser event, The Annual Gala, Oct. 18 from 6-11 p.m. at the Marianna Fla., National Guard Armory. The reception beings at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 a person and are tax deductible. Tickets are available for purchase at the Marianna Chamber of Commerce.

For tickets or more information, call (850) 526-1600.

Fight Against Cancer

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer's 5k non-competitive walk will be held Oct. 26 at Aaron Bessant Park. Registration is at 7 a.m. with the walk beginning 8 a.m. in Panama City Beach.

For more information on these events, call (850) 236-6023 or visit www.baypointwyndham.com

Cemetery Tour

Hauntings abound in Apalachicola Oct. 26 at the Historic Chestnut Street Cemetery on Hwy 98. From 7-9 p.m. local history enthusiasts from the Apalachicola Area Historical Society will don the garb and take on the persona of several of the cemetery's more notable inhabitants to tell their tale of life in Apalachicola more than 100 years ago.

Formoreinformation,visit apalachicolahistoricalsociety.org.

Barkin' on the Bay

Bay Point Marina at Wyndham Resort in conjunction with the Panama City Beach Human Society will host Barkin' on the Bay from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 a person; admission for children is free.

Tickets can be purchased at the entrance of the event. Pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome. Festivities in-

clude a dock diving and Frisbee competition, live music, raffles, trick competitions, various dog demonstrations as well as a pet Halloween contest. There will be a large adopt-a-thon involving multiple rescue organizations. Pet micro chipping and grooming will be available onsite for a small donation. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call (850) 236-6023 or visit www.adoptme.org.

Pirates of the High Seas Fest

Pier Park in Panama City Beach, Fla., hosts the Pirates of the High Seas Fest Friday through Sunday.

The festival is free and includes an ensemble of parades, sword-swinging showdowns, live shows, costume contests, beach ball drops, live music, fun zones, scavenger hunts and fireworks displays. The festival also includes a Run for the Treasure 5k, 10k, fun run and Half Marathon race at Aaron Bessant Park.

For more information, visit www.simon.com/mall.

Soldier, doggy ‘daughter’ reunite on national TV

By **Somer Breeze-Hanson**
*Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Public Affairs*

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. — When Capt. Jessamyn Jempson returned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord this summer after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan, her best friend wasn’t there to greet her.

That’s because a special reunion between the Soldier with the 3rd Explosive Ordnance Battalion, and Emma, a 4-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback, was planned to take place in Los Angeles three days later.

“It was hard to wait,” Jempson said.

Jempson arrived home Aug. 5, and flew to California with her mother with an invitation from Queen Latifah, host of the day-time talk show “The Queen Latifah Show.”

The reunion on TV wasn’t a surprise for Jempson, but rather for Emma, who didn’t know her “mom” was home after more than a year apart.

Jempson appeared on stage dressed in her Army service uniform and talked with Queen Latifah about Dogs on Deployment, a nonprofit organization that assists service members in finding volunteers willing to board their animals while deployed. Through the organization Jempson was linked with Silvia Washington, a Spanaway resident and dog lover, who was Emma’s caretaker for the past year.

As photos of Emma and a recent video clip were displayed during the show, Jempson became emotional. She was ready to see her dog.

“Should I stop doing this and get you to your dog, or what?” Queen Latifah said to Jempson.

“Yes!”

Washington walked Emma onto

the stage, but since Emma had never seen Jempson in her blue service uniform she didn’t recognize her right away.

“I had a feeling that was going to happen,” Jempson said. “I saw her and I was just overwhelmed.”

Once Emma realized it was Jempson, the 80-pound pup jumped on her with excitement and kissed her face, bringing members of the audience to tears.

It was a happy reunion between a service member and her animal, but it also helped advocate responsible pet ownership. After the show aired Sept. 24, Jempson heard from Dogs on Deployment co-founder Alisa Johnson that the organization received 200 responses.

Washington went above the call of duty of foster care for Emma during Jempson’s deployment. She managed a Facebook page for Emma, posting status updates, photos and videos to allow Jempson to stay in touch.

“I think Silvia is the hero,” Jempson said. “She did all the hard work. Alisa and Shawn (Johnson) put the program together, I deployed, but Silvia was the volunteer and that’s what the program is all about.”

Jempson and Washington prepared for the deployment seven months before she deployed. Emma was introduced to Washington’s pack of dogs, and by the time it came to leave, Jempson had peace of mind Emma was comfortable in her surroundings.

Washington has five dogs and encouraged Jempson to find a sister for Emma. While on leave after her deployment, Jempson and Emma traveled to eastern Washington where there was a new litter of Rhodesian Ridgeback puppies. Emma picked out a puppy and the Family brought home 11-week-old Vesper.

“I’m happy to be home with the girls,” Jempson said.



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Capt. Jessamyn Jempson and Emma, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, reunite for the first time in a year, on “The Queen Latifah Show.”

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Military suicide risk factors mirror society's

By Dana Crudo
Military Health System

WASHINGTON — A recent study by military researchers showed that the risk factors associated with suicides in the military are the same as those among civilians.

Included in these factors, researchers said, are financial and relationship problems.

“There is almost always a relationship problem or financial problem,” Navy Adm. William H. McRaven, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, said during his appearance at the 2013 Warrior Resilience Conference in August.

Dr. William Brim, director of the Center for Deployed Psychology, told the conference the study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, “points to the fact that it is not necessarily combat

that is driving suicide ... it is everyday stress.”

In the 2011 Department of Defense Health Related Behaviors Survey of Active Duty Military Personnel, service members most frequently cited problems with money as a source of stress.

The department provides education, support and resources to help deal with financial woes and other common life stressors that contribute to suicides.

Credit unions and banks on military installations offer workshops on budgeting, and personal financial management counselors also are available. Visitors to the Defense Department’s Military Installations website, for example, can select “Personal Financial Management Services” at the site to locate a counselor.

In addition, the Military OneSource website offers financial counselors, both in person and online, to assist

with establishing a budget and reducing debt. The site also lists other department programs that focus on personal financial management.

“We want to make sure people know [their finances] are under their control,” especially with the help that the military offers, Barbara Thompson, director of the Defense Department’s office of Family policy and children and youth, told the American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel.

The department also has military Family life consultants to help service members and their Families tackle financial problems and other common stressors, including relationship issues that can increase the risk for suicide.

“Military Family life

consultants embedded at installations provide life coaching and counseling to help people overcome [the] challenges faced in the military lifestyle,” Thompson told the conference attendees.

Licensed consultants are available to help military Families cope with the issues of daily life, including:

- relationship issues;
- personal financial management;
- stress related to military life;
- loss or grief;
- parenting;
- decision making;
- adjustment and transition;
- anger management;
- conflict resolution; and
- anxiety, sadness or other common emotional issues.

Consultants also can provide referrals for treatment for mental health issues and substance abuse.

Military Family life consultants see individuals, couples and Families, both on and off military installations, and often take walk-in appointments. The assistance is free, anonymous and confidential – no files or records are kept, Thompson said.

“This is one way to get help without having to report it to the chain of command,” she added.

Military Family life consultant programs vary by location. They usually can be accessed through the Army Community Service, Marine Corps Community Services, Navy Fleet and Family Support Centers, or Airman and Family Readiness Centers. Military OneSource also has counselors available in person, by phone and online. Counselors for the Military Crisis Line are also available via online chat and texting.

Fort Rucker’s ACS can be reached at 255-3817.



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SOFTBALL
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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

A Captain's Career Course Triple C player runs the ball during an intramural football game at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility Tuesday with a player for the Guardians not far behind. The Guardians beat Triple C, 12-7.

Guardians flag down Triple C

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The 158th Airfield Operations Battalion Guardians went head-to-head with A Company Captains Career Course Triple C during an intramural football game as the season gets into full swing.

The Guardians took on Triple C in a tight game that had spectators on their toes Tuesday, but the Guardians came out on top-beating Triple C, 12-7.

“Tonight was a good win. We played a solid team and it was a slower pace from what we’re used to so we had to change it up a bit,” said Sgt. Gerrick Smith, captain of the Guardians. “We’re 4-1 now and we’re feeling comfortable with our record.”

The Guardians started off slow but switched up their strategy to ultimately come

out on top.
“We just started running the ball and getting possession on our side of the clock,” said Smith. “Our defense is fast and our defense is where we win our games, plus we’ve got big receivers and good hands.”

The game started as Triple C took possession during the kick off for a short return of 10 yards. The Guardian’s defense started off playing hard but couldn’t stop their opponent’s 20-yard pass on their first play for a first down at 158th AOB’s 40-yard line.

The Captains Career Course players started off on fire throwing pass after pass to get closer to the goal line and managed to get within 9 yards of the goal for 1st and goal.

The Guardians defense went to work and managed to hold A Co. near the goal line and take them to a 4th down only three yards from the end zone. Triple C decided to go for the

touchdown, but the Guardians defense was able to rush the opposing quarterback and forced him to throw the ball away for the turnover.

The Guardians took their first possession at their 3-yard line and were able to push down field, but not very far as their opponents held them back at every turn. Favor wasn’t on their side as the 158th AOB threw an interception on their 3rd down to give the ball back to their opponents only 20 yards from the goal line.

Despite the unfortunate pass, the Guardians played to their strength and let their defense go to work to force another turnover.

As hard as they pushed offensively, however, Triple C was there to make sure they didn’t make any headway and forced a punt on the Guardian’s 20-yard line.

Triple C received and managed a 30-yard return and with only five minutes remain-

ing in the half, both teams seemed evenly matched, as neither was able to get on the scoreboard.

A Co. seemed to have the superior offense with their passing during the first half, but they were still unable to get past their opponent’s defense, and with two minutes remaining in the half, time was running out.

The Guardians managed to force a turnover at their 40-yard line and started to push downfield and managed to get past the 50-yard line for the first time in the game. A quarterback sack set them back briefly, but they came back with a 40-yard bomb with just 20 seconds left in the half for the first touchdown of the game.

Triple C had only seconds to try to even the score, but couldn’t manage to get past the 158th AOB and the half ended, 6-0.

The Guardians had the advantage going into the second half as they took possession and kept their momentum going, powering past their opponent’s defense and pushing toward the opposing goal line only minutes into the half.

With a swift 20-yard pass, the Guardians managed their second touchdown to lengthen their lead, 12-0, and put more pressure on the A Co. team.

As Triple C received, they had their work cut out for them and they slowly managed to make their way downfield but needed to pick up the pace if they were going to get back in the game.

They seemed to do just that as they threw pass after pass to get by their opponents at every turn, and even managed a quarterback sneak to score their first touchdown and extra point to get on the scoreboard.

A Co.’s defense managed to hold the Guardians back long enough to force a turnover with just two minutes remaining in the game, and things were looking up for the captains, but time wasn’t on their side.

It seems fate wasn’t either as Triple C threw an interception with just two seconds remaining, ending the game 12-7.

“I think we’re going to go all the way,” said Smith. “I think we’ll be seeing Bama Bombers in the championship this year.”



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Practice makes perfect

Master Sgt. Tom Reid bowls a practice run at Rucker Lanes during intramural bowling league games Tuesday. Reid bowled his first perfect game Oct. 2, scoring a 300 and completing his 800 series at the same time, which means the total score of the three games he bowled during the league came to more than 800. Reid said he felt a lot of pressure on his last bowl for the 300, but felt a big sigh of relief after seeing the final strike for the perfect game. Rucker Lanes only sees about two perfect games a year, according to Ron Cook, Rucker Lanes business manager.

PIGSKIN PICKS



	Green Bay vs. Baltimore	Philadelphia vs. Tampa Bay	Carolina vs. Minnesota	Oakland vs. Kansas City	New Orleans vs. New England	Washington vs. Dallas	Indianapolis vs. San Diego
 Jim Hughes <i>Public Affairs</i> (22-13)							
 Brian Jackson <i>DFMWR</i> (20-15)							
 John McGee <i>CDID</i> (27-8)							
 Capt. Mike Simmons <i>Directorate of Public Safety</i> (22-13)							
 Sharon Storti <i>Network Enterprise Center</i> (22-13)							

DOWN TIME



TRIVIA

1. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a stade, an early Greek measurement?
2. MOVIES: What movie featured the Bing Crosby song "Swinging on a Star"?
3. AD SLOGANS: What car-rental company's slogan was "We try harder"?
4. GAMES: In parcheesi, what number do you have to roll to move a piece to its starting position?
5. TELEVISION: What TV series showed network television's first interracial kiss?
6. MEDICAL: What ancient food has been traditionally used as an ointment for wounds?
7. COMICS: What breed of dog is Charlie Brown's Snoopy?
8. MUSIC: What was the name of the pop band that had a 1990s hit with "Hold My Hand"?
9. BIBLE: How old was David when he became king of Israel?
10. LITERATURE: What was pseudonym of author Karen Blixen?

See Page D4 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Microwave brand
- 6 Ekocution pro
- 12 Where to trade used articles
- 20 Actresses Rue and Ramirez
- 21 Kid-kt "pest"
- 22 Slim cigar
- 23 He acquired 1,093 U.S. patents
- 25 Drastic measures
- 26 Fashionable Giorgio
- 27 Bouncers' requests
- 28 Tree for a bark beetle
- 29 — accompli (thing done)
- 30 Wiped out
- 31 Unlawfully loud sound
- 37 Boss — ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)
- 39 Creature catchers
- 40 "Milk" Oscar winner Penn
- 41 Entreat
- 44 Waitress at Mel's Diner

DOWN

- 46 Boise-to-Phoenix dir.
- 47 German "a"
- 48 Post-opposite
- 51 Moo shu and fu yung, e.g.
- 55 Little — (small fry)
- 56 Lab rodent
- 57 Giving sort
- 58 Hebrides isle
- 59 Global financial org.
- 60 "— la vie"
- 61 Top-billing sharers
- 63 Pants folds
- 67 Kansas city
- 69 Area with lots of lofts
- 72 Nor'easters, e.g.
- 74 Eyeballer
- 75 Joy, for one
- 78 With 109-Down, military confers
- 79 "Coran" ailer
- 81 Be on a slant
- 83 New, to Juan
- 84 Poolroom catches
- 85 Big beagle feature
- 86 Judge's rejection
- 90 He's a real doll
- 91 Lilted song syllable
- 92 Rainbow part
- 93 Cameron of "In Her Shoes"
- 94 Three, in Bari
- 95 Killer serves
- 96 Perfect
- 99 Individuals
- 101 It's often given by business suppliers for bulk ordering
- 106 Melville whaler
- 110 Baldwin of "The Edge"
- 111 Suffix with salt
- 112 Catering vessel
- 113 91-Across follower, perhaps
- 115 Opened, as an envelope
- 118 They're hidden in this puzzle's six longest answers
- 121 Revealed
- 122 Meets with old classmates
- 123 Unsensible
- 124 When required
- 125 Is napping
- 126 Big parties
- 33 Bit of pepper
- 34 "— dixit"
- 35 Notifi again
- 36 Makes taboo
- 38 Kind of pitch
- 41 Electrically flexible
- 42 "Scat!"
- 43 Sisters and aunts, e.g.
- 45 Hoopia
- 48 Most beautiful
- 49 Skin problem
- 50 Disk attachment?
- 52 Document validator
- 53 Enter via keyboard
- 54 Zesty dip
- 59 Mag. edition
- 60 Sticking plant
- 62 Pull-off place
- 64 At any time, to a bard
- 65 One-named singer of "Someone Like You"
- 66 Fatigued
- 68 Treat as a celebrity
- 70 Old spy gp.
- 71 Tight feeling
- 72 Bag buys: Abbr.
- 73 Provable
- 76 Completed
- 77 Lymph bump
- 80 Lingerie top
- 82 Give support
- 85 Scratch with acid
- 86 Rebuke
- 87 Autobahn auto
- 88 Eyeballs
- 89 Mickey of the diamond
- 95 Consent (to)
- 97 Contact lens brand
- 98 Yarnell of Shields and Yarnell
- 100 Briny
- 101 Zahn of TV
- 102 Lower arm bones
- 103 Pine product
- 104 Completed
- 105 Diplomat in NYC, maybe
- 107 Lit into
- 108 Conur d'—, Idaho
- 109 See 78-Across
- 114 "Yeah, right!"
- 116 "Honest" guy
- 117 Tyke
- 118 Monopoly
- 119 Electric —
- 120 Mil. draft org.

See Page D4 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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See Page D4 for this week's answers.

KID's CORNER

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

CHECK ODDS: It is possible to insert the missing odd numbers from 1-15 in circles of the diagram. Right to each three-number line across, down and diagonally will add to exactly 30.

Numbers 3, 5 and 7 remain in place. Just one number is to appear in each square. Remember, an odd number three times is to be 30. Are you ready for this challenge? You have just met our new to school!

ANALOGICAL WORD SQUARE

ANA is defined as a collection of unrelated, non-sequential, etc. It happens to appear both across and down in the word square above among three of the five words defined below. Let's see how quickly you can find them. Challenge: Find the missing words. Time limit: 2 minutes. No cheating!

IN (RIGHT) may there. River, who's your friend? Complete the picture by coloring numbered 1-5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Wishing Well

LOCATE CALL: Hello, there, we're at the game. Apply colors to numbers. Color: 1-Red, 2-Blue, 3-Green, 4-Yellow, 5-Orange, 6-Pink, 7-Gray, 8-Purple, 9-Black. Color of your choice.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE: 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words.

LAWMAKER

THEN score 7 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 10 points.

Wishing Well

6	7	6	8	6	4	2	8	4	8	5	6	4
B	A	E	C	T	D	B	A	A	R	H	O	R
8	4	5	2	8	7	8	2	4	2	6	7	5
E	I	A	E	F	F	O	L	N	I	L	A	S
3	4	8	4	2	3	5	7	5	2	5	8	2
B	G	R	T	E	O	T	S	E	V	N	Y	E
3	8	3	2	4	6	4	2	5	6	2	7	8
S	O	S	I	H	E	O	N	D	R	Y	T	U
2	8	7	5	7	8	3	8	5	4	7	8	5
O	R	S	E	T	S	S	E	C	U	A	L	I
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A	G	Y	R	H	U	T	R	S	T	S	I	E
8	6	2	5	6	3	5	3	5	3	6	2	3
F	A	L	O	N	S	N	Y	S	E	T	F	S

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six different ways to drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with these hints.

Answers to HOCUS-FOCUS: 1. Drawing of a cat. 2. Drawing of a cat. 3. Drawing of a cat. 4. Drawing of a cat. 5. Drawing of a cat. 6. Drawing of a cat.

U.S. athletes shine at para-track championships

By Tim Hippias
IMCOM Public Affairs

WARENDORF, Germany — Five U.S. military athletes, including three from the Army World Class Athlete Program, combined to win 10 gold and two silver medals Sept. 14-15 at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire's 2013 World Para-Track and Field Championships.

Marine Corps Cpl. Ivan Sears, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, led Team USA by winning gold medals in the men's wheelchair 100 meters (17.25 seconds), 200 meters (30.99), 1500 meters (4 minutes, 29.03 seconds) and sitting shot put (6.60 meters).

Sears lost his legs to an improvised explosive device while deployed in Afghanistan. While recovering at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he learned to use prosthetics and turned to sports for self-inspiration.

Spc. Elizabeth Wasil, a swimmer in the U.S. Army World Class Para-Athlete Program stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., struck gold on the track in the women's wheelchair 100 (25.58), 200 (48.48) and 1500 (7:28.47).

Wasil bounced back from triple surgery for bilateral hip injuries sustained in Iraq by plunging into a pool and learning to swim competitively at Fort Sam Houston. She quickly stroked her way into the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, which provides Soldiers an opportunity to train full time for Olympic sports.

In Warendorf, Wasil competed in wheelchair racing alongside the men to capture the women's division as the third-place overall finisher in each of her events.

Sgt. Robert Brown, a runner in



GERMAN MILITARY SPORTS

Sgt. Rob Brown (far right) of the U.S. Army World Class Para-Athlete Program and Sgt. Ryan McIntosh (left), both of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas, sprint to a 1-2 finish in the men's below knee amputee 100 meters at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire's 2013 World Para-Track and Field Championships in Warendorf, Germany.

the U.S. Army World Class Para-Athlete Program stationed at Chula Vista, Calif., struck gold in the men's below knee amputee 100 (12.39) and 200 (25.75).

A former hurdler at Virginia Military Institute, Brown became a below-the-knee amputee in 2006 after losing his right leg during a battle in Ramadi, Iraq. Told by doctors that he would never run again, Brown walked with a cane for two years before taking up kayaking. Eventually, he made it back to the track on a prosthetic leg.

Sgt. Ryan McIntosh, a runner from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston who is scheduled to report Nov. 1 to WCAP, won

silver medals in the men's below knee amputee 100 (12.74) and 200 (26.64).

McIntosh stepped on a pressure-plate land mine while performing an orchard-clearing mission in the Arghandab River valley of Afghanistan in December 2010, resulting in below-the-knee amputation of his right leg.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Perio of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., won the men's upper body impairment standing shot put with a toss of 12 meters.

The 2013 CISM Open Integrative Track and Field Championships combined the CISM Open European Military Championships

with the CISM World Para-Track and Field Military Championships at the German Sports School.

"Joint competitions will be held for Soldiers with and without disabilities, making the event a kind of military Paralympics integrated into the European championships," Warendorf Mayor Jochen Walter said in welcoming 188 military athletes from 16 nations.

Brazilian Navy Capt. Luiz Serrano, director of the CISM Para-Sport Project, was the official CISM representative for the championships.

"CISM now has a unique and exciting opportunity to expand its role in developing the military ath-

letes of its 133 member nations," Serrano said. "Not only providing a venue of competition for our able-bodied athletes, but in implementing a project for our injured warriors."

Joined by seven other nations and 34 wounded warriors, Team USA's performance was a testament to the development of sport within the wounded warrior programs that incorporate sport during the recovery phase.

CISM officials plan to expand by integrating Para events into more of their sports championships, along with the Military World Games, which serve as a mini-Olympics for the military.

PIGSKIN PICKS



Eastern Michigan vs. Army

Texas vs. Oklahoma

South Carolina vs. Arkansas

Oregon State vs. WSU

Navy vs. Duke

Florida vs. Louisiana State

Nebraska vs. Purdue

David C. Agan Jr. PAO (30-12)														
Kent Anger, DPTMS (32-10)														
Wes Hamilton, NEC (31-11)														
Alex Tressler, 1-11th AVN (28-14)														
Tish Williamson, USAACE (27-15)														

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt

The annual Fort Rucker Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt runs now through Saturday. Proceeds from the hunt will be used to purchase new, specialized recreational equipment to enhance the quality of life of wounded warriors and the local community. The hunt also raises awareness of the handicap-accessible recreational equipment available at Fort Rucker through the outdoor recreation program.

The fall hunt offers hog and coyote hunting for those who register to be a part of the week-long hunt. The week-long hunt will end Saturday at 10 a.m. when all participants will meet back at Lake Tholocco's West Beach for door prize giveaways, lunch, and the announcement of winners and sponsor recognition. Cost to participate in the hunt is \$25 with no cost to wounded warriors. People who would like to assist a wounded warrior during the hunt should call ODR at 255-4305. The hunt is open to the public.

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Video Game Spotlight >>>

‘Beyond’ offers short, compelling story

By Jim Van Slyke
Contributing Writer

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

As the line between blockbuster movies and big time video games gets blurrier and blurrier, gamers can look forward to games like “Beyond: Two Souls” that put the person holding the controller deep in the story. This isn’t a game that someone with a heart will be able to distance themselves from while they play it. It’s full of action, but it’s quite the emotional manipulator, too. That’s a good thing.

“Beyond: Two Souls” comes to us from the makers of “Heavy Rain,” another game that pulled at our heartstrings. The new game is being called a “psychological action thriller” and that’s an accurate description. Gamers become Jodie Holmes, a girl who possesses extraordinary powers through a psychic link with an unseen entity. The voice for Jodie is done by the actress Ellen Page.



Publisher
Sony
Rated
Everyone
Systems
PS3
Cost
\$60
Overall
3 out of 4

The gamer makes the major decisions in Jodie’s life as she grows up in this immersive thriller. Her powers and the gamer’s decisions end up taking her all over the globe. Actor Willem Defoe plays a researcher and friend of Jodie.

The connection between Jodie and her invisible friend, Aiden, is the core of the game. Their interaction drives the game’s major events. Aiden can be unpredictable with his powers, but it’s truly up to the gamer how they are used. Each decision carries a consequence.

“Beyond: Two Souls” looks and sounds fantastic. There is very little here to pull gamers back to reality. The only major complaint is that the trip is too short – “Beyond: Two Souls” can be completed in just 10 hours. Gamers can go back and see

how difference decisions impact the narrative, but other than that there are no reasons to play through “Beyond: Two Souls” twice.

The game is incredibly ambitious and quite an achievement. Don’t be afraid to go “Beyond.”



COURTESY SCREENSHOT

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

TRIVIA

Answers

- About 600 feet, or the length of a stadium
- “Going My Way”
- Avis Rent A Car
- Five
- “Star Trek”
- Honey
- Beagle
- Hootie and the Blowfish
- About 30 years old
- Isak Dinesen (“Out of Africa”)

Super Crossword

Answers

A	M	A	N	A		O	R	A	T	O	R		S	W	A	P	S	H	O	P	
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