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## Post EMS receives Army-wide recognition

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Environmental Management Branch achieved runner-up status for a Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Environmental Quality, non-industrial installation, for fiscal year

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The installation's Environmental Management Service got glowing reviews for the Environmental Performance Assessment System during an audit conducted by the Army Environmental Command and the Public Health Command, according to Melissa Lowlavar, Environmental Management Branch chief and EMS management representative.

"Based on the category, we determine what we have done in that particular fiscal year that we feel is worthy enough to put in for an award," she said. Fort Rucker was recognized for the way the installation presented its EMS.

"I think that Fort Rucker has done a very good job with its EMS implementation," said Jim Wood, EMS lead auditor "I think that the audit results documented that effort."

The implementation of EMS, with its communication and awareness efforts, included a website containing the details about the environmental programs that provides access to awareness tools. according to the management representa-

"It's an Army requirement to have an EMS," said Lowlavar, "but the way we have it working, we actually had environmental officers and environmental points of contact all over the installation. We have Soldiers, civilians and contractors working and using the EMS so that it's functional."

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Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works brought many alternative energy options on post for its first annual Energy Expo last year, the most popular of which was the all-electric Tesla Roadster.



WO1 Christopher Nicholas shows his son, Joshua, how trombone players play while watching the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band perform during the Music Under the Alabama Stars event at Howze Field in August. The popular concert series returns March

## **Evening concert series returns**

By Angela Williams

Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker community will again have the chance to enjoy Music Under the Alabama Field to enjoy the Alabama eve-Stars as the monthly outdoor nings and the music performed the surrounding area. "It started ert series featuring the 98th begin March 23, and continue the information will be posted on

through August and possibly on

into September. Families are invited to bring coolers, picnic baskets, lawn chairs and even pets to Howze by the band and other Army Silver Wings Band, will groups. As details are finalized,

the band's facebook page, said Staff Sgt. Matthew Shuck, senior

operations NCO. The summer concert series started last year with a few concerts on post, and several more in out very small, but it was

## Post seeks to improve foreign student sponsorship program

**By Nathan Pfau** Army Flier Staff Writer

stallation.

Fort Rucker is looking to get more involvement from Soldiers and Families, civilian and military, to expand its foreign student sponsorship program in which international military students are taught about American culture while they go through their training on the in-

The sponsorship program is designed to allow American Soldiers, civilians or Families the opportunity to take on the responsibility of sponsoring an international military student in order to teach them about what life is like here in the U.S. as opposed to what is portrayed in the media, according to Joseph R. Fernandez, Field Studies program manager for the International Military Student Of-

"The mission of the International Military Student Office is to first train these foreign military [Soldiers] in [military training]," said Fernandez. "Along with their normal training, it's mandated by the Department of the State and the Department of Defense that we also train them in American culture, customs and institutions."

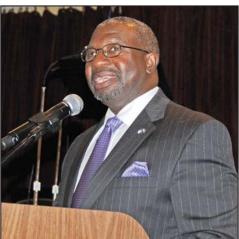
The IMSO works with the foreign military students to get them more acclimated to life here in the U.S. and help them broaden their horizons about misconceptions that many international students have when coming to train on Fort

Rucker, according to the program manager. The IMSO will conduct field trips with the foreign military students to areas outside of Fort Rucker such as civil rights historic sites in order to show and discuss some of American history.

"That's where the sponsorship program comes in," he said. "Our trips are large groups, and American [culture] and values can be transmitted more easily and effectively on a more personal basis."

A lot of international students have a very sheltered view of how they see Americans since it seems that American Soldiers are willing to spend so much time away from their Families to serve overseas,

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Retired Army Chaplain (Col.) Clarke L. McGriff addresses attendees at the Fort Rucker National Prayer Breakfast at The Landing Feb. 16. In keeping with the event theme, "Hidden Resources," McGriff cited prayer as a powerful way to find refuge in God from the many

## More than 360 people turn out for Prayer Breakfast

By Nancy Rasmussen Fort Rucker Public Affairs

The world is a noisy place that distracts people. Prayer is a powerful resource that turns people to and tunes them toward the things of God.

Thus was the overarching message from retired Army Chaplain (Col.) Clarke L. McGriff at the Feb. 16 early morning Fort Rucker National Prayer Breakfast at The

Citing the words of Psalm 46, McGriff reminded the congregation of more than 360 that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in (times of) trouble."

Blessing our Soldiers and Families with his constant love, McGriff said, God is constantly available to bless those who encounter the wars raging against homes, Families and even the workplace. "We only need to take courage and call on Him as a refuge from the constant noise and distractions of the world.

"God is with us today, and we need not fear," McGriff said.

In addition to McGriff, the prayer breakfast program included opening remarks by Col. James A. Muskopf, garrison commander; scripture reading by Rabbi Lynne Goldsmith from Dothan: scripture reading and special prayers by Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Milton Johnson, (Capt.) Paul Cartmill, (Capt.) Tim Gresham and (Col.) Dennis Newton; praise music from the PB&J Band; and prelude music by the 98th Army Band Piano-Sax duo.

Following McGriff's comments, Mai, Gen, Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, expressed his gratitude for program participants, the chaplains' office, attendees, and Soldiers and Families.

Muskopf's welcoming remarks traced the history of the National Prayer Breakfast, which began in 1953 after members of House and Senate prayer groups approached President Dwight D. Eisenhower about the idea. Eisenhower said that the "gathering was to formally seek divine guidance for the national leadership and to proclaim their dependence on and faith in God." The original name of President's Prayer Breakfast was changed in 1970.

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## PERSPECTIVE

## DOD spotlights value of financial fitness

By Elaine Sanchez

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Citing the potentially devastating impact of financial issues on career and home life, officials are encouraging troops and their Families to build financial fitness by kick-starting a savings plan and reducing their debt.

"When Families are financially fit, they are more successful in their life," said Barbara Thompson, director of the Pentagon's office of Family policy, children and youth. "Money isn't everything, but it does impact relationships and job performance.

Defense Department officials are putting the spotlight on financial readiness - particularly the importance of saving this week as part of a larger, national emphasis on financial well-being. Military Saves Week, part of America Saves Week, is an annual event intended to help people become better financial planners. This year's campaign slogan, "Set a goal, make a plan, save automatically," promotes the long-term benefits of saving even a little each month.

Throughout the week, military installations around the world will sponsor financial fairs, luncheons, speakers and seminars, and will work with on-base financial institutions, military exchanges, commissaries and nonprofit organizations to build awareness of the importance of financial

Fort Rucker is doing its part to help the Soldiers and Family members of the

local community in their efforts to save, according to Mike Burden, ACS Financial Readiness program manager.

Tables will be set up in the atrium of the Soldier Service Center Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to educate people on the nationwide program and what is offered here on the installation for them.

"It offers us an opportunity to educate service members and Families, including spouses and youth, about good financial management," Thompson said.

As a start, Thompson suggested people have at least \$500 set aside for unexpected emergencies, whether it's a military-related moving expense or a tire change. If people have something saved, they can avoid the temptation of borrowing from a predatory lender or other financial resource that may have a high interest rate and other unattractive terms, she explained.

"Unexpected expenses really tap into your short-term investments and your short-term savings plan," she added.

#### The America Saves website offers some other savings strategies:

- · Pay off consumer debt with doubledigit interest rates. It can take years to pay off a loan if people stick to the minimum balance due. For example, it would take someone with a \$3,000 credit card balance at 19.8 percent interest nearly 40 years to pay off the balance if they stick to the minimum balance due. The interest charges alone would total more than \$10,000.
- Participate in a work-related retirement program, such as a 401K or the

military's Thrift Savings Plan.

- Save monthly through an automatic transfer from checking to savings. What people don't see, they don't miss.
- Buy a home and pay off the mortgage before retirement.

By doing so, people can reduce their housing expenses and have an asset that can be borrowed on in an emergency or converted into cash upon the sale of a

Thompson noted a disturbing trend of young troops entering the service with already accumulated debt. "We want to make sure ... it's not overshadowing their entire career."

A bad credit report can lead to a lost security clearance, which may bar troops from doing their jobs, and financial issues can take their toll on a service member already dealing with the stressors of deployments. Thompson cited financial issues as a major factor in suicide.

Thompson pointed to the Thrift Savings Plan as one of the "most powerful savings tools" at service members' disposal. She encouraged troops who aren't already contributing to their Thrift Savings Plan to

Even if service members plan to separate after four years, they should contribute, she advised, since the funds easily can be rolled over to a 401K plan at their new job. People also can explore savings bonds and saver accounts sponsored by credit unions and on-base banks, she added.

It's never too early to start, Thompson noted. Even preschoolers can learn

the benefits of saving. Parents can teach children how to manage money by having them put a part of their allowance away for savings, part for charity and keeping some money to spend.

Thompson urged people to visit http:// saveandinvest.org, which offers people of all ages information on how to make wise financial decisions.

People can take steps toward financial fitness today by taking the "Saver Pledge" on the Military Saves website, located at http://militarysaves.org, or by talking with a personal financial manager. These accredited counselors are located in Familv centers around the world and are attached to joint Family support assistance program teams. They can help people with budgeting, managing debt, setting financial goals and navigating resources, Thompson said.

Additionally, the Defense Department's Military OneSource consultants can provide telephonic counseling or refer people to a counselor in a community. People can contact a consultant at 1-800-342-9647 or online at http://www.militaryonesource.

Thompson cited the importance of starting healthy financial habits at a young

"You can't start saving when you're 50," she said. "You need to start saving when you're 15. Start to think about what you want to do with your life. You want to have a comfortable quality of life and you can't do that if you haven't saved all the way through your career.'



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## Art exhibit features work of military spouse duo

By Angela Williams Army Flier Staff Writer

For Annastasha Larsen and Marie Martelly, this show is personal.

Every piece of art tells a story. Larsen's work tells of places she has lived and how many times she has moved. Martelly's art combines everything from elements of her childhood to a literal representation of a training plane her husband was flying when she painted the canvas.

The work of the two Fort Rucker Air Force spouses is on display at the Ann Rudd Art Center in Ozark. The show, entitled "Pieces," runs now through March 10. The public is invited to a reception, including live music by local group Holly and Brantley, at the gallery Saturday from 7-9 p.m.

Larsen has a bachelor's in studio art from Brigham Young University. Her specialty is painting, but for the Ozark show, she experimented with sculpture and mixed media pieces.

Martelly completed two years at the U.S. Air Force Academy, but then transferred to McGill University in Montreal where she completed a degree in art history. Her art is based on small collages she creates and then paints on a much larger scale.

"This exhibit is a feast for the eyes offering bold color, thought provoking assemblages and a touch of whimsy," Carol Luckfield, president of the Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities, said. "We are pleased that we have the opportunity to connect with military spouses who are willing to share their artistic talent through exhibitions and volunteer work in our gallery,'

Though Larsen and Martelly each have a lifetime of experiences and inspiration to draw from, they both say their time as military spouses has influenced their work.

Larsen's love for art began as a child. She did arts and crafts projects with her mom in California.



Annastasha Larsen, left, and Marie Martelly stand in front of one of the pieces on display at the Ann Rudd Art Gallery in Ozark.

She started taking art classes in high school and continued through college. Since that time, she has lived in Utah, Mississippi and Alabama. She and her husband are expecting moves to North Carolina and then to New Mexico.

At each new place, Larsen finds new inspiration. At her home in California, it was wildfires. In Alabama, she has been drawn to the clouds, farmland and old buildings. "You just can't recreate that look," she said.

One of her favorite pieces in the show features the "look" she was talking about. At the last place she and her husband were stationed, she often wandered through a field behind their house where some older buildings had been torn down. As she walked, she collected pieces of the remaining weathered wood flooring and eventually put the pieces together for the show in

The finished piece reminds her of time and aging and a place she once called home.

"I feel like this series really developed because I'm a military wife. It's about home and it's about Family and what that means to me. I don't think I thought of that very much until I was away from my Family and moving all the time. It's experiencing these different places and figuring out what makes my house a home,"

In Martelly's time as an Air Force spouse, she hasn't lived anywhere longer than eight months. For her, it's a challenge to start fresh at each new place.

"It's hard to get rooted into an art community when you're there such a short period of time," she said. "I'm excited to get to stay in one place for three years and maybe have a bit more time to work my way into a community. But that's also what's so exciting. Every new place you go will have different opportunities and different art communities and different people.'

Martelly is looking forward to seeing how each viewer interprets the images she created. While she doesn't start a project with a theme in mind, a theme usually emerges as she works. But, she points out, the collages will mean something different to every single person who looks at them.

Many of the images she uses, such as cows and pennies, will be familiar to most viewers. But one image in particular may stand out to the Aviation community. Martelly started a painting a collage that included an image of an airplane, but as she painted she substituted a T-6 training plane because it's what her husband was flying at the time.

"It reminded me of everything we went through during that part of pilot training," she said.

Martelly showed the painting, called "Imagine," at an art gallery in Del Ray, Texas. She remembers many of her Air Force friends commenting on the piece because they immediately recognized the image.

"They all related to that," she

Larsen and Martelly have no definite plans to continue working together, but the Air Force helicopter community is small and the two are open to working together again if they are the same base. Both artists are certain they will continue to pursue their careers in art.

For more information about the artists and the gallery, visit www.



# King

Fort Rucker Elementary School student Aden Rothmeyer won the Dale County Spelling Bee. Aden earned the opportunity to represent FRES in the Dale County Spelling Bee after claiming first place at the school-sponsored spelling bee. Judges for the Dale County Spelling Bee were Justin Mitchell, deputy garrison commander, Kim Kozol, FRES liaison, and Debbie Patton, a retired school administrator and educator. The official word caller was Leslie Soffe, registered nurse and co-drama club instructor. Aden will now participate in the Alabama State Spelling Bee March 10 in Birmingham.

## News Briefs

### **AER kickoff**

Army Community Service hosts the 2012 Army Emergency Relief Campaign kickoff Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. For more information, call

### Military personnel closure

The Fort Rucker Military Personnel Division, which includes the reassignment branch, electronic military personnel office, personnel management branch, personnel services branch, casualty operations, the in- and out-processing desk and the retirement services officer, will be closed March 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the retirement and farewell in honor of Gail H. Braley, Fort Rucker adjutant general. There will also be limited assistance in the ID

For more information, call 255-1809

### **CFC** participants

Charitable agencies and federations interested in participating in the 2012 Heart of Alabama Combined Federal Campaign must submit an application between now and Wednesday. Applications and related documents can be downloaded at www.heartofalabamacfc.org. Approved

agencies will participate in the CFC's Fall 2012 campaign. For more, call 255-9261 or send email to ruck.cfc@conus.army.mil.

### Speeding leads to suspension

A new regulation is in place for all motor vehicle operators driving on Fort Rucker, according to Directorate of Public Safety officials. Driving privileges will be suspended for all motor vehicle operators cited for speeding 20 mph in excess of the posted speed limit. Suspended driving shall not exceed three months for each offense for those cited.

# Congress hears budget will avoid 'hollow force'

major theater operations,

if required, but "there

would be risks if those

operations were extend-

ed." He said the Army,

which has been planning

this budget for months,

built in "reversibility" so

that personnel and equipment could be ramped up

if the security situation

The chief and secretary

promised there would not

be a TF Smith repeat on

required it.

their watch.

**By David Vergun** Army News Service

#### WASHINGTON

"We have to avoid another Task Force Smith as we move forward" with these budget discussions, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno told lawmakers Friday.

Task Force Smith was a small Army force rushed to Korea in 1950 to keep South Korea from being overrun by forces from the North. The enemy outnumbered the Americans 10 to one. This followed a post-World War II drawdown of U.S. forces and equipment, and was used as an analogy by House Armed Services Committee chairman Howard McKeon, ranking member Adam Smith and other representatives to current proposed Army budget cuts.

The House Armed Services hearing today was a fiscal year 2013 National Defense Authorization budget request from the Department of the Army. The Army requested \$184.6 billion in this year's budget – about \$18 billion less than what the Army received in fiscal 2012. Of that, about \$134.6 billion is part of the "base" request, for the generating force. An additional \$50 billion is to support overseas contingency operations, such as the war in Afghanistan.

To avoid a "hollow force," similar to the post World War II one as McKeon termed it, Odierno said the "Army would need the length of the ramp to be five years to enable us to keep our best, combat-tested NCOs and officers." The ramp he spoke of would allow incremental cuts and time to assess their impacts.

Congressmen voiced concerns over a wide range of cuts, from veterans health care to weapons and systems programs.

"The budget supports modernization, training, Soldiers and Families and enables the Army to remain the most lethal force in the world," Army Secretary John McHugh told them. He added that "This budget reflects hard decisions and a new defense strategy which emphasizes a smaller, more agile land force."

He noted that Soldiers are engaged in 150 countries in humanitarian and combat roles and "at home helping with rescue and recovery efforts dealing with wildfires, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes." He said he expected those missions to continue.

Odierno added that the budget would support two

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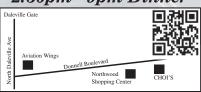
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## **EMS:** 'Our main goal is to help the Soldier'

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The EMSMR is part of the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, which allows a deeper understanding of what is required for effective EMS implementation, according to the branch chief.

The EMS implementation team, which is composed of personnel from various installation organizations, is utilized by the management representative in means environmental policy is to order to integrate the EMS into the installation.

"It's not just me," said Lowlavar. "I am the EMSMR but I can't do it by myself. If you don't have all the key players like the Soldiers, civilians and contractors working together, nothing will happen.'

The mission of DPW-ENRD is to sustain Fort Rucker's quality of life, which it does through its mission statement, E=pc2, which prevent pollution, comply with laws and continually improve.

"Our basic job is to protect the installation against any environmental fines from hazards and such," she said. "Our main goal is to help the Soldier. We have to make sure that [anything environmentally relevant] is taken care of so pilots can fly. We have to make sure there are no sinkholes in the airfields and we're the ones that get any hazardous

waste, generated by aircraft, off think are significant and need to the installation."

EMS was implemented by DPW-ENRD in order to manage the eight significant environmental aspects, which include: air emissions, energy use and conservation, hazardous waste generation, natural resources alteration, noise generation, pollution prevention, solid waste generation and spills to water and soil.

"These aspects are everything that we do through EMS that we take care of for Fort Rucker,' said Lowlavar.

The tireless efforts by the EMS team to implement the Fort Rucker EMS installation-wide, is the reason for receiving the recognition, said the management representative.

"We have earned this recognition through much hard work and consistent implementation of [our mission statement] by everyone at Fort Rucker," she said.

## **Post:** Program broadens horizon of student, sponsor

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according to Fernandez. Many people that see American Soldiers overseas never get to see the American Families and friends or any of American society or culture at

"When international Soldiers come here to Fort Rucker to train, all they usually see are the people that they work with while they are training," he said. "This program simply brings them into a [more social] or Family-type atmosphere."

Monthly social events are held at Divots restaurant at the Silver Wings Golf Course, which is a time for the new international military students to be introduced, but, according to Fernandez, it's not enough.

"The socials were originally for sponsors and to get more involvement, but we had too few sponsors and it's mostly military that attend [the social], so it doesn't show a very broad view of American life," he said.

Social sponsors can convey a different lifestyle other than that of the military life by inviting sponsored students to dinner in their home, inviting them to American sporting events, going to movies, shopping or sightseeing, said Maj. Michael R. Ivy, executive officer of 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment.

"It's a great way for international military students to see the U.S., and meet local people and their Families," he said. "It's a fun way for them to learn about the real U.S., not just what Hollywood portrays in films and TV shows.'

Fort Rucker is behind the curve when it comes to the foreign sponsorship pro-

gram, but together, with IMSO, is hoping to change that in the near future, according to Ivy.

"We're hoping to get the word out and let people around [Fort Rucker] know that the program exists and get them interest-

"We have a constant inflow of international students from all sorts of different countries coming in and many of the students are only on Fort Rucker to train for a short period of time, which has made it hard to set up a good sponsorship program," said Fernandez. "However, there are some that will come for something like the Captain's Career Course that have been here for over six months, and those are the ones we would like to make sure we can get sponsored if they wish."

Many of the international military student's daily routine consists of getting up, going to work and going back to their home on Fort Rucker, according to Fer-

"That's the way a lot of the [international Soldiers] see their time here on Fort Rucker and we want to change that," he

The international military students can ask to be sponsored if they wish, according to Ivy, but it isn't very likely that they will do so.

"That's why we're trying to make that link between the international students and [potential] sponsors," he said. "We want to make their experience here in America more enjoyable."

One of the main goals of the sponsorship program is to get some involvement from people and Families outside of the military, not just Soldiers on Fort Rucker. but also civilians and Families in surrounding communities, according to Fernandez.

"What we would like to see are people in the surrounding community get involved for the long-term," he said. It's difficult for many Soldiers on Fort Rucker to be sponsors because of their busy schedules, but civilians or Family members might have more free time to offer the program.

"Whenever [Soldiers] are not training, they are studying," said Eduardo Pineiro, IMSO program coordinator, "so it's very hard to get particular people to actively participate in the sponsorship program."

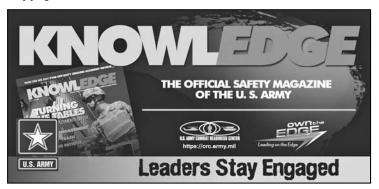
Having been a sponsor himself, Pineiro spoke of the friendships that the sponsorship program can build.

"Lasting friendships are built through this program," he said. "I sponsored a student from Egypt and he still writes me to this day."

"I was also a sponsor for a Moroccan student," said Ivy. "We still write to each other and he sends me birthday cards. We used to go to Mediterranean restaurants and my sponsor student would teach me something about the culture and we would have a blast.

"[Being a sponsor] is a selfless act, but it broadens the horizons of both the sponsor and the student," he said. "It challenges your assumptions and it's an awesome opportunity to break down stereotypes.'

For more information about the sponsorship program or becoming a sponsor,





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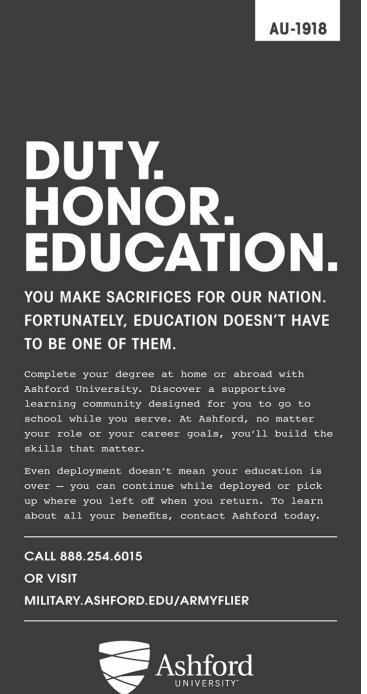
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very well received and we'd like to continue that," said CW4 Jesse Pascua, the band's commander and bandmaster.

This year, there are more concert dates on post and the band is working on a theme for each event. Plans for each concert are still in the works, but Pascua said the April concert will have something for children because April is the Month of the Military Child. The May concert will be related to Memorial Day and the concert in June will celebrate the Army's birthday.

Shuck recalls the streamer ceremony from last year's Army birthday concert. "We had re-enactors from all the wars come and put the campaign ribbons on the flagpole. It was really interesting because you got to see period costumes from all the way back to the Revolutionary War."

He expects this year's June concert to feature something similar. Shuck, who plays guitar, also expects different elements of the band to be featured in various concerts this summer.

The Silver Wings Band is more frequently seen in formal settings such as graduation ceremonies, but they do much more than that. The entire band is composed of about 40 members, but features many smaller groups such as a rock band and a New Orleans style-brass band, he said.

The concert on May 17 will feature one of these groups. The band's jazz ensemble will join with a traveling jazz ensemble from Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C. The group is touring the Southeast and contacted the Silver Wings band about playing for the troops while they were on tour.

"They're patriotic Americans and they wanted to play for the troops. We just happened to be able to work something out," Shuck said.

Shuck has been with the Army for almost nine years and he's still surprised some people don't know about the band, especially with how full the schedule stays. Just the group that plays for graduations can sometimes provide music for nine ceremonies a week.

"We're logistically moving everybody everywhere and making sure everybody gets everywhere they need to go," he said. "But, it's great. People get a chance to play music and we get a chance to serve – to do what we can to add to the better fight."

"It's our little niche market that we can give back to the community," he said.

Pascua also commends the work of the Army musicians. Often, band members

don't finish playing for special events until late in the evening, but they're back early the next morning for physical training. He says everyone in the band is a musician, but they all "wear the Army green," so they have much the same administration and supply work as other Soldiers.

He says the concerts are a way to thank the community for their support of the military here. He encourages people to come to the concerts and hear the band because they're "more than people see on the parade field."

So far, the scheduled concert dates are March 23, April 20 (in Daleville), May 18 and June 15. There will be no official concert in July due to 4th of July activities, but the concerts will begin again in August.

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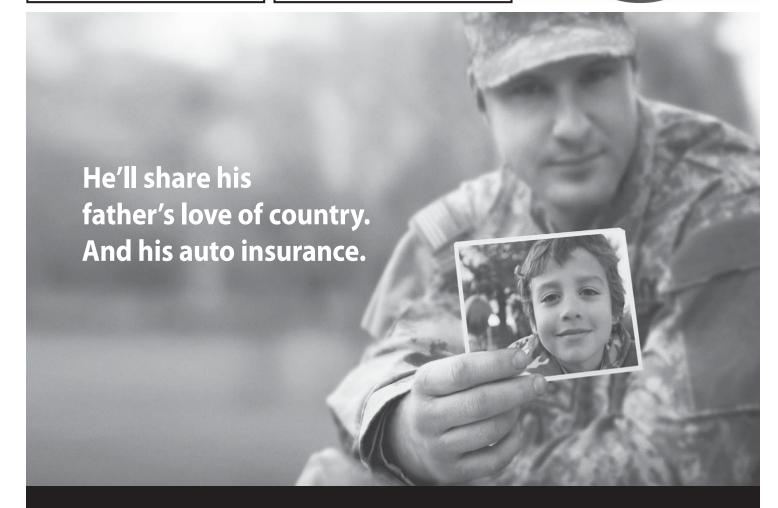
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## Air Assault Course has new home at Fort Hood

By Rachel Parks III Corps and Fort Hood Public Affairs

FORT HOOD, Texas — The U.S. Army Air Assault Course is coming to Fort Hood. The 10-day course, which trains and tests Soldiers in air assault combat operations, sling load and rigging operations, and rappelling from a helicopter, will now have a permanent place at the installation.

In October, 250 Fort Hood Soldiers took part in an Air Assault Course with a mobile training team from Fort Benning, Ga.

Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur L. Coleman Jr., III Corps and Fort Hood sergeant major, said plans have been in the works to bring an Air Assault Course to Fort Hood for some time.

"We've been working on this for the last 18 months," he said, noting that the process began with then-Lt. Gen. Bob Cone, the former III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general, and continued with Lt. Gen. Don Campbell Jr., the current commanding general.

"I am very thankful that we have a chain of command here that has a vision for training," Coleman said.

The training is rigorous, competitive and prestigious, he add-

"It will allow Soldiers to have a skill set, and that skill set will pay big dividends inside the unit because of the ability to do air assault operations and sling load operations; this Soldier will go back



Sgt. Frank Rosalin, B Co., Warrior Training Center, Fort Benning, Ga., gives a student at Fort Hood's new Air Assault Course the final "go" before his 80-foot rappel to the ground at Fort Hood, Texas, Oct. 27.

to his or her unit with the type of skills that will propel that unit in a way that it hasn't been propelled before," Coleman said.

The class will be held monthly at Fort Hood, with scheduled summer and winter breaks, according to Sgt. Maj. Edward Lewis, the III Corps and Fort Hood G3 sergeant major. He said each class will in- several units." clude anywhere from 50 to 100 Soldiers.

"Soldiers will be trained in Air enduring core Soldier task," he said. "The training conducted at the course is nested in the Mission Essential Task List, or METL of

Lewis added that discipline, attention to detail and superior standards are also integral parts of the Mobile Operations, which is an course, and all those values will benefit the individual Soldiers in the training, as well as the units they return to.

Fort Hood will join Fort Ben-

ning, Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Campbell, Kv., and Hawaii as an installation with a permanent, accredited course. Although Lewis said he has heard that the Great Place was home to an Air Assault

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Maj. Gen. Tim McHale shares his insights on Army Aviation and the people who have supported Aviation success during the 38th annual Joseph P. Cribbins Aviation Product Symposium hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America, at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Ala.

## Aviation provides decisive edge

**By Kari Hawkins** Redstone Arsenal

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. — Army Aviation is flying high because of the Soldiers on the ground and the civilians who support the pro-

In both Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom, Army Aviation has given U.S. troops the decisive edge against the enemy, said an officer who has spent 46 of the last 52 months in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Army Aviation is the most versatile and capable force in the fight," said Maj. Gen. Tim McHale, now serving as a special assistant to the vice chief of staff of the Army.

"Soldiers and commanders have trust in Army Aviation," he said. "They have confidence and they want more of it. Ground commanders want the Apache flying over their Soldiers, ready to do the tough destruction on the enemy in close combat quarters. They want the Kiowa. They want

McHale shared his insights on Army Aviation with Soldiers, Army civilians and industry leaders during the Army Aviation Association of America's 38th annual Joseph P. Cribbins Aviation Product Symposium hosted by the association's Tennessee Valley Chapter at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Ala., Thursday. The

symposium's theme was "Enabling the Future while Performing Today."

He thanked the civilians, contractors and industry leaders in the audience who work for Army Aviation every day "thinking out of the box and making things happen."

He talked about a group of 14 Aviation Soldiers from the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade who in May received the German Gold Cross of Honor, the highest German medal for bravery associated with performing outstanding deeds at the risk of one's own life. Only four other German soldiers have received it and no other foreign troops have received the award from Germany. The U.S. Soldiers were recognized for actions taken in Mazari-Sharif, Afghanistan, to rescue 11 German soldiers who had come under attack by insurgents during a dismounted patrol.

"It was the Apache who fought off the insurgents and it was the medevac that came in multiple times under fire, and picked up the dead and wounded," McHale said. "When I met this crew, they were all very humble. It wasn't about them. It was about the troops. There are hundreds of stories like that from over 10 years of fighting, 18 years of war combined. You can depend on Aviation combat leaders in action.

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## DRIC website helps Soldiers maintain dental readiness

DENTAL READINESS INFORMATION CENTER

By Shannon Carabajal Army Medicine

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas - A new comprehensive website is helping Soldiers maintain their dental readiness.

The information site, the Dental Readiness Information Center contains upto-date information on dental readiness requirements, available resources for examinations and treatment, and procedures to update a Soldier or unit's dental readiness status. Soldiers can access the website from anywhere via smartphone or by any other internet connection device.

According to Col. Mark Bodenheim, a consultant with the U.S. Army Dental Command, the website is a great way for Soldiers to stay up to date on dental readiness requirements.

"Various dental readiness entitlements and programs have been initiated during the last ten years. These programs can be confusing to the individual Soldier and their command. The DRIC organizes the various

programs into a logical sequence dependent upon the Soldier's active duty status and Army component," he said.

"The DRIC also tells Soldiers the current deployment dental readiness requirements; what program they are eligible to access; and upon accessing the program, how their dental readiness status will be updated in the Medical Protection System database,' he added

Created by the DENCOM, the website is available to any Soldier - active, Reserve, or National Guard — and supports the U.S. Army Medical Command's Soldier Medical Readiness Campaign Plan.

"With today's high tech Army, each Sol-

dier is critical to mission success. Dental studies indicate that a Soldier who is not dental ready prior to deployment has a greater than 75 percent chance of a dental emergency within the next 12 months. A Soldier with a dental emergency can be a loss to their unit for days," Bodenheim

Additionally, deployed Soldiers with oral disease often require medical evacuation for treatment, endangering themselves and

Bodenheim said dental readiness is especially important for Army Reserve components (Army Reserve and Army National Guard), because Reserve components Sol-

diers, as an operational force for the Army, must be able to deploy just as quickly as their active component counterparts. The Department of Defense goal is to have active and RC Soldiers maintain a 95 percent dental readiness status at all times. Currently, the Army's active component maintains a 92 percent readiness dental readiness status while the RC dental readiness has improved to 80 percent, a dramatic improvement from just five years ago.

"During the first Gulf War, between 35 and 45 percent of RC Soldiers mobilized needed some type of dental work before they could deploy. This trend continued during the initial mobilization of RC Soldiers for the Global War on Terrorism. The increased use of RC Soldiers for operational requirements necessitated a different approach to the issue. By late 2008, DENCOM, in conjunction with multiple stakeholders, led the development of a funded, year round, RC dental readiness

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## New course provides top-notch training

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"I have heard that it was offered 20 years ago," he said. "I've actually had people call me and tell me they went through Air Assault School here at Fort Hood back in the '80s, but I have no historical documentation to verify that."

The reaction to the news of the course has been positive among Fort Hood Soldiers. At the initial class in October, hundreds of Soldiers requested a spot in the school

Lewis said he fields phone calls every day from Soldiers and units inquiring about the upcoming course dates.

"Numerous Soldiers ask about the course and the opening dates, daily," he said. "We're constantly fielding phone calls from Soldiers who are highly motivated to attend the training."

But Fort Hood Soldiers aren't the only individuals who will be able to use the fa-

"The training site itself is going to be offered to our local ROTC, colleges and universities in our area, our local law enforcement and will have an opportunity to co-train with our Soldiers and use it for their training apparatus as well," Coleman said. "This is an opportunity that will fit not only Fort Hood, but the surrounding Central Texas community."

The course will also provide top-notch training for Soldiers while keeping fiscal constraints in mind.

"In the resource-constrained environment, it's more cost effective for us to train and attain the skill sets required for aircentric operations and expeditionary forces by building the course here, as opposed to sending our Soldiers to other installations." Lewis said.

Although no official date for the first class has been published, Coleman and Lewis said they are hopeful the course will begin in June.

Both Coleman and Lewis cautioned that

the course will only accept Soldiers who are in peak physical condition.

"It's a very physically and mentally challenging course that Soldiers are strongly encouraged to ensure a high degree of physical fitness before even asking to go to the school," Lewis said.

Coleman advised Soldiers to begin preparing now if they hope to take part in the inaugural course this summer.

"Make no mistake about it, it's coming," he said. "It's been approved. Start getting in shape now. June will be here pretty quick, and if your chain of command puts you on the roster, then I expect you to be

## Edge: 'We are serving, giving what's needed for the Army'

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the way," he added.

McHale went on to talk about the "godfather" of Army Aviation Joseph P. Cribbins, who died 10 years ago, and Cribbins' secretary, Carolyn Chapman, who died of cancer five years ago. McHale is the last Soldier on active duty who worked for Cribbins, serving from 1990-91 as an action officer in the Department of the Army's Aviation Logistics Office.

"From these two wonderful human beings, I learned life lessons that were relevant then and are relevant today," McHale said. "They touched many of our lives deeply."

Cribbins' career stretched from the "horse cavalry to the jet age," McHale said.

Cribbins did, in fact, enter the Army as a horse cavalryman during World War II. He served in the Pacific on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff, as did his wife, Helen. His military career led him to the Pentagon, where he served on the Army Staff in logistics.

During the buildup to the Vietnam War and the growth of Army Aviation, Cribbins was instrumental in forming the Army Aviation Logistics Office. After retiring from the Army, he entered civil service and became the most influential senior executive officer in Army Aviation, receiving many high honors and becoming a member of the Army Aviation Association of America's Hall of Fame.

In all, he served 52 years in the Army, 26 as a Soldier and 26 as a civilian.

McHale said Cribbins taught him three life lessons: to stay informed and communicate, to be flexible and adaptable, and to always be humble.

"I trust you and know you'll do the right things for our Army and Army Aviation," McHale recalled Cribbins telling him on his first day on the job. "He said 'There is one rule in this office — no surprises. I need you to communicate

across the spectrum. You've got to keep an ear to the field, to what the Soldiers need. You support the Soldiers in the fight. You must know what the issues are. I want you to really understand what's going on."

Cribbins told McHale that the Aviation Logistics Office would always have a position on the issues, but that conditions will change in relation to budget, technology and other matters, and that "we must be able to look at ourselves and ask 'Does our point need to be changed."

Even while he was working to support high level decisions pertaining to Army Aviation, McHale was still required to take care of office responsibilities as directed, such as unlocking 14 safes every morning, making coffee for the office and cleaning out coffee cups on designated weeks, and providing assistance with any of office's mundane jobs.

"We are all servants. We are serving and giving what's needed

for the Army," McHale said.

McHale went on to describe Chapman, saying she was known as "Mom" for her caring heart.

She started working at the Pentagon at age 17, was the daughter of an Army officer and was married to an Army officer. She, too, taught the young McHale many life lessons about building relationships, treating others with dignity and respect, doing the homework to become a subject matter expert, and being prepared at a moment's notice to brief decision makers.

"Be value added to any team you are playing with," McHale said Chapman taught him. "She always wanted to be part of the team and to help us out. She always wanted to be there when the page was blank. She wanted to assist and she wanted to make sure her people were successful.

"And she taught me that you've got to have fun. We deal with enough stress every day. There's got to be some fun. Fun to her

was to get things done around the Army, to make things happen."

Cribbins and Chapman enjoyed working with others who "shared the same values of integrity, honor and getting the job done for our troops," McHale said. "They had strong moral courage, conviction and worked very hard. They were a big part of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and a critical part of Army Aviation for many years.

And with that, McHale announced to a surprised audience that he wanted to instigate the Aviation association's Carolyn Chapman award by presenting the first such award to Linda Cosgray, administrative assistant to Maj. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for Aviation.

A "totally surprised" Cosgray was congratulated by Crosby and the Aviation association's local chapter president Gary Nenninger.

"I'm really proud of all she's done for Army Aviation," Crosby

## DRIC: Dental readiness individual Soldier's responsibility

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program-the Army Selected Reserve Dental Readiness System," he said.

Bodenheim added that

the DRIC is a great way for commands change concommanders in all components to enhance Soldier readiness and combat effectiveness.

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stantly. The DRIC permits a new commander, as well as present commanders, to instantly access the most current information on dental

readiness. Dental readiness is a commander's and individual Soldier's responsibility. The DRIC is another tool in the commander's tool box to assist in the decision making process of commanders," he said.

The DRIC is located at https://www.dencom.army. mil/dric/index.html or in AKO under the "Dental

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## EFMP aims to help special needs Families

Army Flier Staff Writer

It's not uncommon to hear mothers talk about being soccer moms, but at least one mother on Fort Rucker says she's not a soccer mom, but a therapy mom.

Instead of carting kids back and forth between practices, she's taking them to therapy sessions and doctors' appointments, said Marion Cornish, manager of the Exceptional Family Member Program at Fort Rucker, about a person she supports through the program who wishes to remain anonymous.

For Families like this, it helps to know Cornish, who said the program's mission is "to help Soldiers that have Family members who have any type of special needs and insure that services are available to them as they move throughout their mili-

The services offered by EFMP are as varied as the needs that would qualify a person for the program. "Special needs" is a broad category that includes special education, developmental delays, asthma, diabetes and many other significant health problems, Cornish said.

Even if a Soldier's Family member is recovering from an illness and just needs to see a specialist once a year, it could qualify them for the EFMP program, she

The EFMP is made up of three major components, according to Cornish, The first part, the medical portion of EFMP, evaluates and enrolls potential EFMP members. The second part, the portion Cornish is most involved in, provides services to the Families with enrolled members. The third part is the human resources command. This group makes sure necessary services will be available at the Soldier's next duty station.

The medical portion of the EFMP at Fort Rucker is at Lyster Army Health Clinic. Cornish said Families who need to enroll in EFMP or who want to see if they are eligible for EFMP services, should call that office and make an appointment.

After being enrolled, Families have many services available to them. Some of the many services offered by EFMP are workshops, training, support groups, advocacy and a respite care program.

Cornish said the most popular service is respite care. This program helps the primary caregiver of qualifying Families



Ronnie Mobley, Silver Wings Golf Course golf pro, works with Alerik Nedostup on the practice putting greens during the first EFMP golf clinic last year. EFMP is a program designed to help Families with special needs get the support they need

get time away from their daily routine. If a Family meets all the requirements, they can receive this service for a maximum of 40 hours a month at no cost to them.

"Sometimes there's a lot our Families with special needs have to go through," Cornish said. "So if you can get a break, even just for a little while, you can come back refreshed and ready to deal the things you have to deal with on a regular basis.

Many of the caregivers use the time they are given through the respite care program to complete basic tasks like grocery shopping.

"A lot of us with healthy children take a lot of things for granted," Cornish said. "We don't think about all the orchestration involved in going to the grocery store with a child in a wheelchair.

Another popular service offered through EFMP is social events. Cornish has planned Family outings around golf, bowling and even Zumba. The Army is really pushing for inclusion, so EFMP will find a way for special needs Family members to participate.

The staff at child and youth services and the Directorate of Family and Morale. Welfare and Recreation can modify many activities if Families will give them some time to prepare. "I don't think many Families realize that feature is there," Cornish

Most of the EFMP services are appealing to Families, but there is at least one provision that can be frustrating for some Soldiers – human resources. On occasion, a Soldier's request for a specific duty station can be denied based on the needs of the Family. "But, it really is in the best interests of the Family," Cornish said.

But even in the rare circumstances in which a Soldier's request is denied or that Soldier is moved to a place where there are no services for their Family member, EFMP is there to help the Family explore other options.

Though enrollment in EFMP may affect the places a Soldier can go, it won't affect promotions. Cornish said this is a common misconception, but information about EFMP enrollment is never provided to the board that determines promotions.

However, Cornish reminds Families that EFMP services are always subject to the needs of the Army. Enrollment in EFMP is not a guarantee of any services or duty station.

Cornish said if she had one message to send to the Families in EFMP, it would be this: "You're not alone and we're here to help. And that's really the bottom line."

To learn more about the EFMP at Fort Rucker, visit the Army Community Service office at the Soldier Service Center or call 255-9277.

## Upcoming events

trition Overview," with presenter Amanda Goodson, registered nurse, Family Advocacy Program. 9-10 a.m. The Commons, Bldg. 8950.

April 19 — "Identifying Developmental Delays: What's Next?" with presenter Elizabeth Marriott, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, Lyster Army Health Clinic, 9-10 a.m. The Commons, Bldg. 8950.

April 19 — "Tools to Maintain a Healthy Marriage While Raising a Special Needs Child Workshop," 5:30-7:30 p.m., Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A. Presenters are Leslie George, Kohl, licensed professional counselor, Lyster Army Health Clinic.

April 24 - Special Education Workshop, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. This event is open to the public. The presenter is a representative from the Alabama Parent Training and Information Center. Workshop will cover exploring the differences between IDEA and 504, and skills for effective parent advocacy. Workshop is eligible for two child, youth and school ser-

vices parent participation points. For child care information and to regis ter for these events, call 255-9277.



## Lt. Dan's return

A group of ladies join Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band onstage during one of the hand's numbers at last year's Freedom Fest The Lt. Dan Band will again perform at Fort Rucker's Freedom Fest 2012 July 3 at the Festival Fields.

## ON POST

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

#### **Story Time**

The Center Library holds Story Time Fridays from 10:15–11 a.m., except for holidays and days of no scheduled activity. The free program introduces "the joy of reading" to children ages 2-5 years old and enhances parent-child interaction, according to library officials. A typical event includes a story, music, and coloring or craft time.

For more, cal 255-0891.

#### Newcomers Welcome

Army Community Service offers the next Newcomers Welcome Friday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at The Landing. Active duty, foreign students, Army civilians, and Family members are all welcome to attend the informative event to learn about Fort Rucker. A free light breakfast and Starbucks coffee will be served. For free childcare, register 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 2887.

#### Military Saves Week

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program is partnering with the Army Aviation Federal Credit Union and Armed Forces Bank to promote Military Saves Week with an information table Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700 atrium. Attendees can meet with representatives from both financial institutions who will provide information on the best ways to start or increase savings.

For more, call 255-9631.

## **Girls Night Out**

The Landing hosts Girls Night Out Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the ballroom. Girls Night Out features a disc jockey, fashion show, door prizes and gift bags, refreshments, and numerous organizations that cater to women. There will be a minimum of 100 gift bags drawn out during the event as well as a grand prize, and also other giveaways from the organizations. The event will also feature live entertainment in The Landing Zone later that evening, as well. Tickets can be bought until 2 p.m. Friday for \$10 and for \$15 at the door.

For more, call 255-9810.

### **Character Dining**

The Landing Zone hosts Character Dining from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday. For more, call 598-8025.

## March EDGE! programs

People are encouraged to sign-up now for March after school EDGE! programs. EDGE! is open to youth ages 6- 18. A variety of activities ranging from art, fitness, life skills and adventure are avail-

able from 4-6 p.m. during weekdays. Cost for ages 6-10 is \$5 per hour, and programs are free for ages 11-19. People can pick up and drop off children at Fort Rucker Youth Center.

March programs include volleyball, field activities, pins for all occasions, crochet and multi-crafts. A valid child, youth and schools services registration is required for participation. Enrollment for all EDGE! activities is at parent central services in Bldg. 5700, the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 130 or online at webtrac.mwr. army.mil/webtrac/ruckercyms.html.

For more about EDGE! programs, call 255-0666 or 379-1363.

#### Parent Support Program

Army Community Service's Promotion Points hosts its Parent Support Program from 9-11 a.m. March 2 at the Early Childhood Activity Center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street. These monthly parenting education classes are designed for Soldiers and are held the first Friday of every month.

For more, call 255-3898.

#### Teen Book Club

The Center Library and the EDGE! Program host a Teen Book Club starting March 15 at 4 p.m. in the Center Library Special Activities Room. To take part, people must register at the library by March 12. The club's first book will be "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins - part of the popular young adult "Hunger Games" trilogy that will be out as a movie March 23. The EDGE! Program will provide a free copy of the book to the first 10 teens to register. People who've already read the book are welcome to take part in the club, as well.

For more, cal 255-3885.

#### St. Patrick's Day Craft Making Activity

The Center Library hosts a St. Patrick's Day craft making activity for children ages 3-11 March 13 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and space is limited to the first 65 children to register.

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

#### ScreamFree Parenting Workshop

Army Community Service and the Family Advocacy Program host a ScreamFree Parenting Workshop March 14 and 15 at The Commons in Bldg. 8950 on Seventh Avenue. The free workshop is a principle-based approach to help parents revolutionize Family life, said ACS officials. It will help parents to focus on themselves, mature and calm themselves down.

The workshop is March 14 from 6–8 p.m. and March 15 from 9:30–11



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## Travel Extravaganza

Spc. Carlos San Miguel, D Company 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment stops by a booth at last year's Travel Extravaganza to see what types of deals are available. Leisure Travel hosts the 24th annual Travel Extravaganza Show March 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Landing. The show is free to attend, and features discounts, vacation destination information and door prizes. For more, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

a.m. Registration is required by March 8. ScreamFree Parenting is open to active duty and retired military members, Department of Defense employees and Family members. For more information or to register, call 255-9641.

## Comedy Live at Rucker

Comedy Live at Rucker will feature comedians Cerrome Russell and Ryan Reiss March 16. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the comedy show will last from 8-9:45 p.m. The show is considered adult rated - for ages 17 and older. Advanced tickets cost \$10 and are available at The Landing Zone until 4 p.m. the day of the event. Tickets cost \$15 at the door. The event is open to the public.

For more, call 255-9810.

## St. Patrick's Day celebration

The Landing Zone hosts a St. Patrick's Day celebration with DJ Dave March 16 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event will feature green beads, specials and a best dressed leprechaun contest.

For more, call 598-2426.

## Jump Rope with Buddy Lee

The Fort Rucker community is invited to the free "Get Fit - Be Strong" jump rope workshop with worldrenown champion and former Olympian Buddy Lee. The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff workshop is March 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the youth center, a workshop for youth ages 6-18 is March 30 from 4-6 p.m. at the youth center and a community workshop is March 31 from 1-2 p.m. at the Children's Festival at Festival Fields.

For more, call 255-0666.

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## Army outreach goes high-tech

U.S. Army Accessions **Support Brigade** Press Release

WASHINGTON — Just off a sun-baked California highway. Soldiers roll their high-tech base of operations into a high school parking lot and greet future recruits

The message they're sharing with the school's students focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, and the role it plays in today's Army, and the Army of tomorrow.

The Army has fielded an interactive exhibit to educate students nationwide about hard-to-fill STEM career fields. The exhibitors from the Fort Knox, Ky.-based Mission Support Battalion are recruiters, trained to answer questions about options and opportunities in the Army, both now and in the future.

The Army STEM Experience is the newest mobile outreach tool assigned to the battalion, part of the U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade. From Fort Knox, the brigade manages the battalion's outreach efforts and its rolling exhibits, as well as the Army Marksmanship Unit and Army Parachute Team - the Golden Knights.

"Connecting America's People With America's Army" is the ethos of the brigade. Its year-round efforts help the Army attract enlisted Soldiers and officers to a variety of military jobs, including specialty fields like medicine, the chaplaincy and Special Forces. The ever-increasing focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics in the Army highlighted the need for an innovative display, unlike anything the Army



"Soldier of the future" Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Oliver, U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade's Mobile Exhibit Company, at Fort Knox, Ky., engages visitors outside the Army STEM Experience. Oliver was clad in a hard-shelled military outfit intended to represent what a Soldier may look like in the year 2032.

had ever fielded, according to Col. Mark A. Rado, Accessions Support Brigade commander.

"Science and technology have long been recognized as the key to our nation's future and this is the Army's first mobile asset focusing on STEM," Rado said. "This STEM asset is an exciting and innovative approach for the Army to connect with the students who will shape America's

From the initial design concepts to the engineering and fabrication, the STEM experience was produced entirely by Army engineers further illustrating the engineering capabilities

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and opportunities within the Army, said Terry Keeling, ASE project officer.

The vehicle, split into three rooms, transports visitors to 2032. In the first room, video screens displaying fictional news clips from around the world surround them.

"The goal is to put students in a situation where they can't say, 'That looks like what I saw on the news last night," Keeling said. "The news clips end with an attack on a chemical plant in Eastern Europe."

When the students enter room two, they join a virtual team of Army officers, noncommissioned officers and civilian scientists to

develop new lifesaving, threat-defeating nologies. The mission is humanitarian-focused and requires students to use Army technology to complete the task.

In room three, each student mans a touch-screen computer, where he or she will select technologies to design a solution that alleviates the conflict.

"It could be an autonomous ground system, a robotics system or an unmanned aerial vehicle. When they submit the design, the final news clip pulls from exactly what they did. It gives them a summary of how their technology affected the outcome," said Keeling.

The exhibit comes complete with Soldiers from the frontlines of the future. Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Adam and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Oliver, who regularly pose with visitors, don futuristic suits patterned after designs made popular by recent motion pictures featuring the military.

"We have had tremendous interest, with hundreds of people at each

stop," said Adam. "Students, parents and teachers are excited about what we bring to their hometowns. The touch-screen computer work stations are the most popular parts of the experience."

The STEM message makes it easy to relate to students, added Oliver, who works with Adam to brief visitors and move them from room to room. Branded graphics and a brochure provide a quick response, or QR code that drives visitors to Facebook, where they can share their experiences

"We've gotten comments from students, parents and teachers that we will use to make the experience better," Oliver said. "We're interested in learning what they have to say. Our goal is to make this the best possible experience."

Not only will the STEM asset travel the country, plans are in place to incorporate the content with goarmy.com so students can continue the experience online.

"In addition, we are working with RDECOM

(Research, Development and Engineering Command) to develop a curriculum that will be given to schools we visit, so teachers can continue the discussion in their classrooms,' Keeling added. The curriculum will build upon students' STEM-based experiences with lessons tied to science, technology, en-

gineering and math. The battalion unveiled the ASE, Jan. 6, at the 2012 Army All American Bowl in San Antonio. It has since hit the road for multiple school visits and public venues like the Chicago Auto Show.

Although the MSB will maintain the vehicle and manage its schedule, Keeling said the vehicle is a total Army recruiting asset and will also support STEMspecific outreach efforts to motivate both students and current Soldiers to seek out Army civil engineering and science positions.

Parents, students and local officials interested in an Army STEM Experience visit should contact their local Army recruiting



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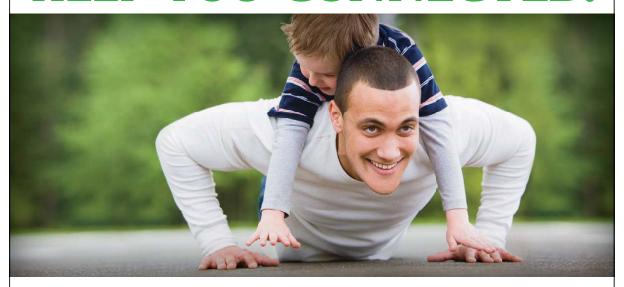
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ment. Registration is required and programs are free with paid gate admission.

Planetarium Shows — People are invited to view the night sky in season in the Digitarium Planetarium. Visitors can learn about the stars, constellations and related mythology. Planetarium programs are not recommended for children under 5. Showtimes are Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are free for members and \$2 for nonmembers. The show schedule is available at http://landmarkpark.com/happenings.html.

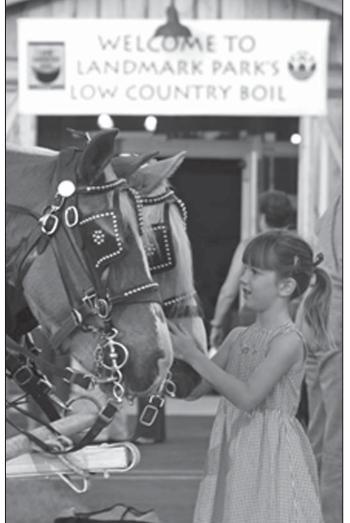
Landmark Dulcimer Club Jam and Practice Session — The Landmark Dulcimer Club meets for a jam and practice session the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. No experience is necessary to join the session. Participants must have a mountain dulcimer. The sessions are free with paid gate admission.

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Landmark Park Stash Stitchers — The Landmark Park Stash Stitchers meet at Landmark Park in the Interpretive Center Classroom every other second Saturday at 9 a.m. People can bring their stash of fabric and spend the day sewing. Registration is required and it costs \$25 with paid gate admission. The event includes lunch, instruction, pattern and snacks.

Farm Programs — Landmark Park's monthly Farm Program is the fourth Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Programs are free with paid gate admission. This program is sponsored by the Alabama Agricultural Museum.

For more on Landmark Park, visit http://landmarkpark.com/index.html, or call 794-3452. For a list of special events, go to http://landmarkpark.com/events.html#current.



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## DALEVILLE

**ONGOING** — Daleville Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center. For more information, call 598-6331.

## DOTHAN

MARCH 4 — The Tri-State Peachy Painters will have their monthly meeting and painting class at the Houston County Farm Center from noon to 4 p.m. New and experienced decorative painters are welcome. For more information, call 802 4822

APRIL 21-22 — A gem and mineral show, featuring gemstones, fossils, minerals and finished jewelry, will be at the Westgate Park Recreation Center. Cutting and polishing gemstones will be demonstrated. Admission and parking is free. For

more information, visit www.wiregrass-rockhounds.com or call (334) 792-7116.

ONGOING — The Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts First Saturday Family Day the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. Children and parents will learn about color, shape, texture and different types of art such as painting, drawing and collage. The event is recommended for elementary aged children. For more information, visit wiregrassmuseum.com or call 794-3871.

ONGOING — The Tri-State Community Orchestra rehearses every Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Dothan Cultural Arts Center. They welcome all string, brass, woodwind, and percussion players ages 16 and up. For more information, visit www.tristatecommunityorchestra. com or call (334) 585-4903.

ONGOING — The Wiregrass Youth Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by the Tri-State Community Orchestra meets every Saturday morning at the Dothan Cultural Arts Center. They offer beginner lessons and welcome all string players high school age and below who already play. For more information, visit www. tristatecommunityorchestra.com or call (334) 696-2320.

## ENTERPRISE

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,

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post membership meetings are at the post head-quarters, located 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.

## GENEVA

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

### MIDLAND CITY

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

For more information, call 983-3511.

## NEW BROCKTON

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

Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

### OZARK

ONGOING — The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities at the Ann Rudd Art Center will showcase paintings by military spouses Annastasha Larsen and Marie B. Martelly entitled Pieces on View now through March 12. A reception will be held Saturday from 7-9 p.m.

### 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 Tuesdays 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

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## **Beyond Briefs**

## Florida Mopars Car Show

The Florida Mopars Car Show will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show is open to all makes and models of cars, including motorcycles. The entry fee is \$20 for the first car and \$10 for the second car. Proceeds will benefit the Animal Rescue Center of Bay County.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/floridamopar or call (850) 866-8964.

## Shelby County Cattlemen's Rodeo

The Shelby County Cattlemen's Association will host its 25th annual rodeo Friday and Saturday at the Shelby County Exhibition Center. Featured events include a live rodeo, chuck wagon races, bull riding, calf roping and more. Gates open at 6 p.m. Ticket prices to be announced.

For more information, call (205) 669-9075 or visit shelbycountyrodeo.com.

### **Mud Mania**

Mud Mania, a mud-drenched outdoor obstacle adventure race fueled by excessive and unreasonable enthusiasm, opens March 31 in Auburn. The facility is set in the

backwoods of rural Auburn on Southern Springs Equine. It is a bootcamp style 5K run embedded with more than 20 obstacles. Participants will run in 30 minute heats of 300 participants each. Registration ends Feb. 29.

For more information or to register, visit www.mud-mania.com.

## Harlem Globetrotters

The Harlem Globetrotters will be at the Dothan Civic Center Wednesday at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call the Dothan Civic Center Box Office at 615-3175.

For more information on the Harlem Globetrotters, visit www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

### **Annual Bridge Crossing**

The first weekend of every March, the city of Selma holds an annual bridge crossing to honor the anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" march from Selma to Montgomery . This year's festival, lasting from March 1-5, includes music, vendors, a mock trial, an intergenerational hip hop summit, a children's sojourn, the Freedom Flame awards banquet and many other events. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$100.

For more information, call 526-2626 or visit www.selmajubliee.com.

### Monster Jam

Grave Digger, Monster Mutt, Virginia Giant and many other monster trucks will be in action at the Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam Thunder Nationals held March 2-3 at the Pensacola Civic Center. Events start at 7:30 each night. Adult tickets are \$23-\$28. Tickets for children under 12 are \$6.50. For more information, call (800) 254-2022 or visit www.monsteriam.com.

### **MAX Capital City Classic**

The rivalry continues when the Alabama and Auburn baseball teams meet March 6 at Montgomery's Riverwalk Stadium. For more information, call 323-0362 or visit www.maxcapitalcityclassic.com.

### Festival of Art at Waterfront Park

Orange Beach hosts a festival of art March 10-11 at Waterfront Park. The festival features music, food and the work of more than 90 artists from across the country. Live demonstrations of glass blowing, molten iron casting and raku pottery firing will be offered. Admission is \$1 for adults.

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## Golf course seeks new, old members for 2012-13 season



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Drik Williford, civilian, takes a swing while he plays a round of golf with his friends at the Silver Wings Golf

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Silver Wings Golf Course holds a membership drive through the month of March to attract new members to join the golf club and get current members to renew their membership through the 2012-2013

The Silver Wings Golf course boasts three different 9-hole courses — red, white and blue - that people can enjoy year-round from dawn until dusk and a lit driving range that is available at all hours of the day, according to David Unsicker, SWGC business manager and Class A Professional Golfers' Association Professional. There is also the Silver Wings Clubhouse, which houses a golf shop and Divots Restaurant and Grill.

"The basis behind [the membership drive] is around this time, it's the start of the golf season," said Unsicker. "It's the start of spring and the golf course is usually turning around from being in the dormant winter condition into an active growing season when it's in its best shape. It's a good time for us to show off what we have to offer here at the golf course.'

The golf club will host a golf tournament March 31 to April 1 for members and there will be a drawing for people that join or renew their membership during the month of March, according to the course manager. At the end of the month, there will be a drawing where a prize for each day of the month will be given away to those that have signed up throughout the month.

Some of the prizes that are to be given away are a free one-year membership to the golf course, an iPad 2, a video recorder, golf equipment, merchandise and clothing just to name a few, according to Unsicker.

"Our members keep us going through the winter and the bad weather seasons," he said. "We like to pay the members back for their loyalty with whatever we can do for them."

The advantages of becoming a member of the Silver Wings Golf Course are vast, said Unsicker, but the monetary benefit is the main reason people who frequent the golf course should join.

"It's just more economical for [people] to join and play as a member as opposed to just walking in and paying the green fees," he said. "As a member, there are no green fees associated with your rounds as long as you pay your dues."

Getting the full benefit of what the golf course has to offer, as a member, is dependent on the amount that a person plays golf, said the golf professional, adding that for people that play a couple times a week or more, it's more beneficial to join the club rather than paying on a per-play basis.

Along with the money saved on green fees, becoming a member of the golf course has other added benefits such as: discounts for merchandise and equipment in the golf shop; member-only golf tournaments throughout the year as well as reduced entry fees in other tournaments; and discounts for members that wish to use the clubhouse facility for functions like wedding receptions or parties, according to Unsicker. And golf provides health benefits from the extra exercise.

"Golfing is a physical activity, so it's especially good if you're walking [the courses]," said the course manager. "A lot of people walk to help stay in shape. Also, [golfing] is quiet and it can be peaceful if you let it. If you don't get too into the competitive part of [golfing], it can be a good stress relief. It's good to get away from phones and computers — it's good leisure time.

"I enjoy [golfing] because I'm competitive and I always want to improve," said Unsicker. "I'm not going to play well every time, but I'm going to hit at least one good shot at some point and it's an enjoyable feeling to do that.'

The Silver Wings Golf Course is open to the public despite being on a military base, he said. People don't have to have an affiliation with the Army to play or become a member.

"We also don't charge an initiation fee to join like some other [golf clubs]," said Unsicker. "We only charge the dues [of the membership], which people can pay monthly or in full.'

If the one-year membership dues are paid in full, a month of dues is taken off the cost of the year, so, people paying upfront pay for only 11 months instead of 12, according to the course manager. The cost of membership also depends on whether or not the person is civilian or military, active duty or retired, based upon their rank.

The monthly membership rates for the 2012-2013 season are: \$40 for ranks E1-E6 and Juniors aged 12-17; \$65 for E7 and up and Department of Defense civilians; and \$83 for the general public.

"We are here to be a service for active duty military," he said, but anyone can come enjoy the facilities. "Our goal is to get more members. The more members we have, the more revenue we can turn around and invest back into the golf course.

"The ultimate goal is to keep improving our facility," said Unsicker. "We want to have an active group [of members] that supports each other and gets along with everyone.'

For more information, call 598-2449 or visit www.ftruckermwr.com

## Soldier earns USA Wrestler of Week title

By Tim Hipps Army News Service

SPRINGS, COLORADO Colo. — Greco-Roman wrestler Sgt. 1st Class Dremiel Byers won a record sixth heavyweight title at the 2012 Dave Schultz Memorial International and was subsequently named Wrestler of the Week for Jan. 31 through Feb. 6 by USA Wrestling.

Byers of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program defeated Germany's Nico Schmidt, a past fifth-place finisher at the World Championships, 1-0, 1-0, in the 120-kilogram/264.5-pound Greco-Roman finals Feb. 4 at the

U.S. Olympic Training Center. "Going into an Olympic year, you've got to try to get as many warm-up tournaments as you can, and the Dave Schultz has always been good for that," Byers said. "It's in your backyard and you can sleep in your bed and go get some tough competition. People are looking for good winter training camps."

"We're in a prime location for people to come here, from sea level or wherever they're at, train at altitude, then go on to their next tournament and reap the benefits," he said. "Whether it's about tremendous competition or just getting a different look, everyone's coming here for that. It's been proven that it's as good a tournament as you can

find in the United States." Byers passed Olympic and World medalist Patricia Miranda for the most championships when he won the Dave Schultz

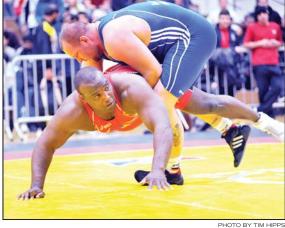
Memorial International.

"I didn't know that going into the tournament," Byers said of Miranda's accomplishment. "I had no idea about that stat. Every time you do something like that, it's a blessing. You want to be proud, and you have to be proud.'

"I'm kind of wondering what other records are out there that's one of those things that keep you going," he added. "You don't want to be a record-chaser, but it's a motivating thing. And when you accidentally get one, it's even better."

Byers appreciated being named Wrestler of the Week by the governing body of United States Wrestling for the sixth

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Sgt. 1st Class Dremiel Byers successfully defends the lift of Germany's Nico Schmidt en route to Byers' record sixth heavyweight championship at the Dave Schultz Memorial International wrestling tournament Feb. 4 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.





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- World Cup held?

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

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## Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*\*

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## Title: 'I'm competing to make the Olympic Team'

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time in his career.

"It definitely means something to me," he said. "I feel fortunate and blessed things like that even happen to me - every time and anytime — so staying humble is something that I always do because I know one day I won't ever see my name up there again.

"I think about that, and I'm very appreciative of that fact. Yeah, it's a motivator to always keep pressing, just keep pressing," he said.

A 2002 world champion, Byers holds the distinction of being the lone U.S. Greco-Roman wrestler to have won gold, silver and bronze medals at the world championships. Now his sights are set on qualifying with Team USA for a heavyweight berth in the 2012 Olympics in London. He can do so by finishing among the top two in his weight class at the Pan American Olympic Qualifying Tournament March 24 in Kissimmee, Fla.

"That has to go well," Byers said. "I'm thinking to myself, that's going to be it. If there's something else after that, then that

means something went wrong. If I don't Tomoaki Nakano. do it there, I'll have to go to another qualifier overseas somewhere and it will be crowded and populated, so I've just got to get it done.'

The final two Olympic qualifying tourneys will be in Taiyuan, China, and Helsinki, Finland. Most of the U.S. Greco-Roman wrestling weight classes are not yet qualified to compete in the London Games, but Byers feels no pressure to accomplish the mission.

"I'll have to get an interpreter. I don't know what kind of pressure those guys are going to be feeling when I go to Kissimmee," Byers said with a laugh. "I don't know. I just know that they are going to feel it. I'm not going to feel it. I'm getting loose. I've got to get this done.'

Other Army world class wrestlers who fared well at the Dave Schultz Memorial International included:

Sgt. Spenser Mango won the 55-kilogram/121-pound division by pinning India's Raiender Kumar at 1 minute, 57 seconds of the second period. Spc. Jermaine Hodge finished third in that weight class with a 1-0, 3-0 victory over Japan's

"I want to make this Olympic Team and this World Team," Hodge said. "I'm not competing to win Dave Schultz. I'm competing to make the Olympic Team and win medals."

Spc. Jeremiah Davis took the silver medal after losing 0-1, 3-2, 2-0 to India's Anil Kumar at 60 kilograms/132 pounds. ry default against WCAP teammate Sgt. Spc. Marco Lara finished third in that

weight class after losing 0-1, 2-0, 3-0 to Sunkist Kids' Jesse Thielke of Germantown, Wis.

Spc. Faruk Sahin finished third at 66-kilograms/145.5 pounds with a 6-0, 0-1, 2-1 victory over Japan's Takuya Tomizuka.

Spc. Peter Hicks took third place in the 84-kilogram/185-pound division by inju-

#### YOUTH TURKEY HUNT

Outdoor recreation hosts a vouth turkey hunt March 10 from 5-11 a.m. at West Breach on Lake Tholocco. The Exceptional Family Program-friendly event is open to youth ages 7-15, but youth must be escorted by an adult. The parents or escorts of children must have an Alabama State Hunting License and a Hunter Education Completion Card. The entry fee is \$7 and the deadline to register is March 9. Hunters may register at outdoor recreation in Bldg. 24236 on Johnston Road. The event is open to the public.

For more, call 255-4305.

#### SOFTBALL COACHES MEETING

An intramural softball coaches meeting is March 13 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility in the conference room. Pre-season begins April 9. For more, call

#### SCUBA COURSE

The Fort Rucker Aquarians Dive Club hosts a scuba certification course beginning March 5. The first class will meet at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center indoor pool at 6:30 p.m. After The first class, the scuba course will meet Monday and Wednesday nights for at least six weeks and no more than seven weeks, depending on weather. One weekend will be required at the end of the course to complete open water training in the Gulf of Mexico.

For more, call George Perez at 774-3483 or

#### HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

Outdoor recreation hosts a hunter education course March 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5206, Murphy Hall, in Rm. 2. Participants must have completed the Internet or CD course prior to this class and must bring a copy of the certificate they get when completing the online or disk course. People must register online at http://www.outdooralabama.com by 12:30

For information about the pre-course or

#### hunter education course, call 255-4305. ENTERPRISE BASEBALL

Enterprise's semi-pro baseball team is in need of players. The team hosts tryouts Saturday at 1 p.m. in Enterprise. For the exact location of the tryouts or for more information, call Joe Jackson at 347-4275 or 806-2969.

Outdoor recreation hosts an All-Terrain Vehicle Trail Ride Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and pre-registration is required. The event is open to patrons ages 16 and older. Participants must pass the safety driving test through outdoor recreation and provide their own ATV and protective gear (helmet, boots, etc). Protective gear must be worn at all times. The event is open to the

For more, call 255-4305

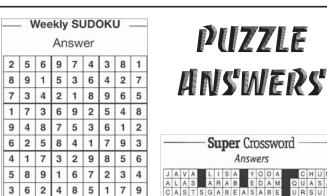
#### YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Youth spring baseball registration runs now through Wednesday, with the baseball season running from April 2 to June 9 at the Youth Services Baseball Fields. Youth baseball is open to ages 5- 18. Youth will be separated into different groups according to their age and must meet age requirements by May 1. A current sport's physical and valid child, youth and schools services registration are required to participate.

Cost is \$45, with a discount for each additional child. If there are not enough girls to fill a Ponytail Team, they will be placed on a baseball team.

Prospective coaches are needed for all age groups. Coach's training for baseball and softball will be March 1-5, beginning at 6 p.m. A spring baseball parents meeting for those Families new to Fort Rucker Youth Sports programs will be March 14 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Service Gymnasium in Bldg. 2806 on Seventh Avenue.

For more, call 255-9105, 255-0950 or



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#### Answers

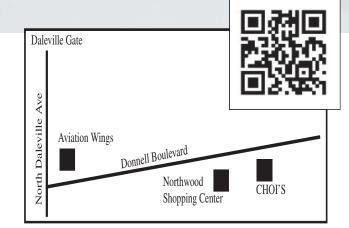
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#### Video Game Spotlight >>

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## **Asura's Wrath** provides visual spectacle

intense action. The creativ-

ity flows and there is plen-

ty of absurdity to the game,

but it's an excellent escape

from the other games in our

collections. The core of the

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enemies - but absolutely

nothing else about Asura's

normal. And that's a good

Publisher

Capcom

Rated

Systems

Xbox 360, PS3

Cost

\$60

Overall

Reviewed on Xbox 360

By Jim Van Slyke Contributing Writer

Asura's Wrath is many things, but easy to classify is not one of them. This abnormal game weaves its way through many different video game genres - brawler, cinematic adventure, role playing game, rail shooter, etc. — that it's hard to keep track. It's clear things are a bit off when we learn that one episode focuses solely on Asura being served sake by a woman in an unusual costume.

There are plenty of "normal" gameplay elements of attacking and avoiding enemies, but they are certainly not the norm. One unusual thing that stands out is there is a lot of watching when it comes to experiencing the game. Those who are addicted to mashing their controller buttons a million times a minute won't enjoy the long cinematic interludes in this game. But those who are cool with more theater in their games will find this new experience fascinating the first time through.

That's because the storytelling is just as important to this game as the fighting. Asura's Wrath feels like a TV series with its reliance

on story and short bursts of For more information about animal adoptions, call the Veterinary Clinic at 255-9061. The Stray Facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels.



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