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128th Avn. Bde. activates, USAALS inactivates

By Monica Miller Rodgers

633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence commander, quoted President John F. Kennedy to describe the significance of the U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School Inactivation and 128th Aviation Brigade Activation Ceremony Friday at Fort Eustis, Va., Murphy Field Sports Complex.

"When any worthwhile change is made, inevitable challenges must be met during the change process," said Crutchfield. "But I know together we will make the most of these opportunities, and we'll continue to improve our great Aviation Branch."

The ceremony ended the schoolhouse organization under which Aviation maintenance Soldiers were trained at Fort Eu-

stis beginning in 1954 and establishing USAALS in 1983. It went on to create a brigade structure that will not only continue to train Aviation logistics Soldiers but now provide the management and oversight that only a brigade structure can do.

"The re-flagging of USAALS to the 128th Brigade will streamline commandand-control functions across the entire Aviation enterprise," said Crutchfield. "It will improve Aviation maintenance training and, ultimately, create a more unified Aviation Center of Excellence."

As a tenant activity on Fort Eustis, USAALS had previously been supported in administrative functions by the 8th Transportation Brigade. According to the USAACE decision process, due to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure that moved the U.S. Army Transportation School and Center to Fort Lee, Va., ultimately inactivating the

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U.S. Army Col. Dean Heitkamp, left, 128th Aviation Brigade commander, and Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, furl the United States Army Aviation Logistics School guidon during the U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School Inactivation and 128th Aviation Brigade Activation Ceremony at Fort Eustis, Va., Friday. The event was held to transition USAALS from a training school to a brigade.



Directorate of Public Works Environmental and Natural Resources Division members Ray Dean, Kent Tate and Jason Dykes gather unused electronics donated by people at the recycling center during last years e-cycle event

EMS ensures resource availability

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

The Environmental Management System is a tool that helps ensure Soldiers today - and the Soldiers of the future — have the land, water, and air resources that they need to train; a healthy environment in which to live; and the support of local communities and the American people.

Public Works Environmental and guidelines selected for Army in-Natural Resources Division is looking to make sure everyone on the Army," said the EMS manthe installation, military and civil- agement representative. "[Our

ian, is educated on its EMS policy in it's ongoing efforts to promote sustainability.

An EMS is a standardized environmental management approach that is implemented Army-wide, said Melissa Lowlavar, Environmental Management Branch chief and EMS management representa-

"Our EMS is built on the ISO 14001 standard, which is the spe-Fort Rucker's Directorate of cific checklist of standards and stallations by the Department of EMS] is set up and has been fully declared since 2009, which means that it's working like it's supposed to. Essentially, the EMS works to protect the installation from environmental problems."

E=pc²: environmental policy is to prevent pollution, comply with environmental laws and continually improve. That is the policy that DPW-ENRD wishes for people to know, according to Lowlavar, adding that every employee and all installation personnel must be familiar with the EMS policy and

RABIES!

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Sgt. Cassandra Cole, 1st Bn., 212th Avn. Regt. human resources ser-

geant, tries to maintain control of a simulated vehicle as the controls are being affected by "intoxication" effects during last year's Save A Life Tour. SALT returns to the Post Theater April 16-18

A pinch of SALT could save a life

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Army Substance Abuse Program is looking to help save lives through education and technology as it hosts the Save A Life Tour during Alcohol Awareness Month at the Post Theater April 16-18.

SALT is a nationwide tour that goes through different installations and schools to educate people about the harmful effects of drinking and driving, said Denise Clarke, ASAP Risk Reduction Program coordinator, adding that ASAP wanted to bring the tour back to the installation this year due to its popularity and success last year.

There will be limited seating available, so, ASAP is encouraging people to sign up early for the tour to make sure they can get a spot in the new state-of-the-art drunk driving simulator that is featured at this year's event, she

"We're going to have [the tour] at the post theater this year," said Clarke. "[Signing up] is the best way to make sure to get a spot, especially for units."

The tour will begin with a presentation that will offer facts and videos about the devastating effects of drinking and driving, and feature a state-of-the-art drunk driving simulator that allows people to experience first-hand what it feels like to drive under the influence of alcohol, accord-

The simulator incorporates technology currently being used by military and law enforcement institutions that will allow participants to be able to drive in a totally interactive environment with a 225-degree field of vision with force feedback, steering, seat movement, and sounds to replicate a real driving experience, according to the program coordinator

Participants will begin the experience as sober witnesses as they are shown other driver's bad judgment and deteriorating driving skills due to alcohol consumption, according to Clarke. New drivers are chosen from the witnessing audience and are given an orientation in the virtual environment by driving a desktop simulator with a single display.

After the desktop simulator, participants will graduate to the full immersion simulator with five high-resolution displays and a different driving environment for each person. Drivers might encounter aggressive nighttime traffic or foggy conditions and icy roads, according to the program coordinator. No two drives are the same and the level of impairment is increased throughout the time of

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Soldiers need to report contact with rabid animals

Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers preparing for deployment have many things to be aware of, but there is one potential danger many

may not have considered — the danger of rabies. "It's a big deal. It's out there," said Capt. Tiffany Flowers with the Fort Rucker Animal Treatment Facility. "People don't think about it because our animals are regularly vaccinated for rabies, but over there, they're not. That's the lowest thing on the list of things to think about."

After a Soldier died from rabies last year, troops across the military were asked to be more aware of the risk and to report any previously unreported contact with potentially infected animals.

Here at Fort Rucker, the instructions are more specific. Any Soldier who had contact, such as a bite or scratch, with a potentially infected animal while on deployment since Sept. 1 and did not report it is asked to report it now. Also, any Soldier who reported contact and has not received treatment for rabies is asked

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PERSPECTIVE

Reunions: reality versus expectations

Military One Source blogger

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Reunions are the best!

Planning, preparing, and dreaming about reunions are what helps me through separations. It isn't just "deployments" that call for a reunion either. Anything that takes my husband from home for an extended period of time rates a

In the early years of our marriage, a few days apart rated a special reunion. We were young, childless and in love. Now, he needs to be gone a minimum of two weeks to rate more than a high five and "glad you're home" when he walks through the door. We are still in love, but no longer young or childless. Plus, separations became part of our Family's culture. We figured out the formula and what worked for us.

But oh, those times when your heart aches to see your sweetheart and it's just days away. It's like Christmas, Easter and the Fourth of July! However, on occasion it can be excitement and apprehension mixed with a little nausea. Especially if you have broken, wrecked, damaged or mangled anything in particular that your spouse might have been partial to. It happens...

Desert Storm was the first really long separation we experienced. I was used to being on my own,



but not for long periods of time, usually only a few weeks or a month or two. My husband was a RECON Marine and that meant a lot of mini reunions, but this particular reunion was after almost 11 months of little communication and high anxiety over his safety.

In August of 1991, I waited anxiously as my young Marine arrived walking in formation with his company. I was 23, our daughter was 11 months old and we had on matching patriotic jumpsuits my mother had made. One Marine told me how cute my daughter and I were. Then he said we looked like we were wearing his grandmother's curtains.

Despite the comment on my outfit, that particular reunion was a sweet one. We had no expectations of anything other than a big hug and kiss. Those are the best: no pressure, no firm plans - just

While at a joint duty, our Family had grown. We had six children and I quickly learned that we needed to have some reunion expectations:

- · If my husband came home from a mission as scheduled, I would try and have some of the house clean, dinner available and some laundry done.
- If he was coming home earlier than expected and gave me at least 24 hours notice, I would try to clear a path from the door to the kitchen to the bedroom, start some laundry and order pizza.
- · If he ever "surprised" me by coming home early, that was wonderful, but he needed to be careful as he opened the front door, step over whatever the kids had left there and start cleaning up. It would also be a good idea to bring dinner with

It was a little bumpy at first, but this worked for us and we had a lot of wonderful mini reunions during

our four years there.

In 2005, we had our first Iraq deployment and worst reunion ever. My husband came home unexpectedly, wounded and a week after major surgery in Germany. I didn't get to the hospital at Camp Lejuene before the bus arrived from the airfield. I was so frantic about cleaning the house for his return I lost track of time.

I had only returned from Germany two days earlier and I had to put my mom, who had come to care for my six children while I was gone, on a plane - and all of this only two months after my father passed away. None of us were in our right minds, and it was a somber reunion to say the least.

I have never been able to get the image of my husband waiting alone outside the hospital for his

Family to be there for him out of my mind. Oh gosh, writing this is making me sad. I think I need to go buy him something.

In 2007, our second Iraq deployment reunion was wonderful. The house was clean, I was super skinny and tan, we had banners, we all looked adorable, and most importantly, no one was hurt and we were there waiting for him.

Kelli's Quick Tips for Re-

- · Don't listen to naysayers and negative Nellies. You are quite capable of being morose and depressed without their help, thank you very much.
- Do expect to wait. And wait, and wait some more. Plug it into your brain now so you aren't annoved by the time your service member actually stands in front of you.
- Don't over plan. Your service member needs the downtime to just be in his or her home again and with Family.
- · Ask you service member what he or she has been thinking when it comes to the reunion. If your service member wants to immediately use leave time to go on a trip, by all means do it! Just make sure you aren't the only one making the plans.
- Do attend the return and reunion briefs. There is a cycle to deployments and there is a cycle to the reunion. The information you gather there as well as from other spouses will help you set realistic expectations.
- And finally, do try and fix or replace anything you have mangled, broken, wrecked or destroyed. If you can't, then make sure you have an extremely entertaining story about how it happened. This is usually what I have to go with.

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Sam Carney, Military spouse

"Taking my baby to the park.



Susan Kiefman, Army spouse

"Our Family enjoys swimming during the warmer



Daniel Kiefman, Family member

"'I like riding my Scooter."

Spring is almost here. What is your favorite outdoor activity?



Spc. Felicia Hillis, **TDY from Germany**

"Riding horses."



WO1 Daniel Fenstemaker, B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"I enjoy hiking."

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Veterans organizations, Scouts help with proper flag disposal

By Nancy Rasmussen Fort Rucker Public Affairs

The nation's symbol is proudly displayed outside houses and businesses to show respect for those who sacrificed on behalf of fellow citizens past, present and future. here at home and in faraway places; however, how people should honor the flag when it becomes worn, torn, faded and threadbare is not clear to many who fly it.

The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette, generally referred to as the Flag Code, clearly states that, "When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner."

Veteran service organizations in the communities surrounding Fort Rucker collect flags to be destroyed and perform the required burning in periodic ceremonies, at least once a year near Flag Day on June 14.

In Daleville, contact the Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 6020, located on Hwy. 84, at 598-6211. Ozark's Disabled American Veterans Chapter 94 performs flag collection throughout the year and conducts disposal ceremonies as needed. In Ozark, call Harry Grainger at 797-9052. In Enterprise, contact Laird Culver, DAV Chapter commander, at 475-4373 or Bob Cooper, John Wiley Brock Post 6683 VFW Post Commander at

"It is important to render the proper courtesy and honor to the colors of our country," Culver said. "It is also just as important to dispose of flags showing weathering, fading, tatters and tears in the proper manner and not just put them in the trash to fill the landfills. We honor our flag with the proper respect when it flies and when properly displayed, and it is just as fitting to honor it when retired from

Flags can also be turned in to local Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations for proper disposal by veteran service organizations. To locate the nearest Scout organization, call the Boy Scouts Alabama Florida Council at (334) 793-7882 and Girl Scouts Southern Alabama Council at (800)

"Community veteran service organizations coordinate flag disposal ceremonies with local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America to allow scouts the opportunity to perform work towards merit badges, skill awards, and other types of recognition in service to the community and the nation,

U.S. Flag **History**

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state

- Act of Jan. 13, 1794 provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818 provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the July 4 following the admission of each new state, signed by President James Monroe
- Executive Order of President William Howard Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star
- Executive Order of President Dwight D. Eisenhower $dated\ Jan.\ 3,\ 1959$ — provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated Aug. 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and 11 rows of stars staggered vertically.

Today the flag consists of 13 horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with six white. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies; the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well: red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

(Source: http://www.usa-flag-site.org/)



Soldiers from 1st Aviation Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company perform a Retreat ceremony at Howze Field last year.

U.S. Flag etiquette

Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code.

- Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions: · The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source
- · The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal
- · The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or hal-
- · The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything
- · When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- · When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

(Source: http://www.usa-flag-site.org/)



Spring cleanup

Pvt. Echo Padilla and Pfc. Katy Martin, A. Co. 1st Bn. 13th Avn. Regt., pick up trash as part of their effort to help clean up Fort Rucker during last year's spring clean up. This year's spring cleanup effort runs April 3-6: April 3, cleanup of interior offices and work areas; April 4, cleanup of exterior areas and police call areas; April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, continuing cleanup of interior and exterior areas, and from 1-4 p.m. under supervision of their brigade or owner of the barracks, Soldiers residing in the barracks will be released for cleanup of common areas; and April 6, inspection of the post conducted by the Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence command sergeant major and the Directorate of Public Works sergeant major. Hazardous materials such as paint, batteries, thinners, solvents, etc., can be taken to the hazardous materials point in Bldg. 1315. For specific information on what materials are acceptable for turn-in, call 598-1311. Coordinate for mixed fuel or oil for turnin through the environmental office at 255-2541. Bulk trash pick-up will be completed April 3-5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more on

News Briefs

USAACE change of responsibility

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence hosts a change of responsibility ceremony Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum as Command Sgt. Mai, James H. Thomson Jr. assumes responsibility as the command sergeant major for the Aviation Branch from Command Sgt. Maj. Tod L. Glidewell.

The Fort Rucker Ex-

change is looking for vendors to participate in its "Christmas Around the World" event, Vendors that AER scholarships sell Christmas items or items from foreign countries are encouraged to event, which is billed as and gifts from around the participating should contact Michelle Adams by calling (334) 265-0156 or sending an email to ad-Antonello at antonellos@ aafes.com.

The Directorate of Logistics Supply Support Activity in Bldg. 1212 conducts its annual wall-

through Friday. SSA will resume normal operation hours Monday. During this period, the SSA will only accept emergency requisi-

tions. For more, call Sandra Edwards at 255-9504 or send an email to

CIF closure

The Central Issue Facility will be closed for inventory Monday through March 30. For more information, call 255-1095.

Army Emergency Relief scholarship applications for the 2012-13 school year participate in the Nov. 30 are available at http://www. aerhq.org. The deadline to a celebration of tradition submit the applications is April 2. AER scholarships world. Those interested in are available for spouses and dependent children of ceased Soldiers.

For more, visit the amsve@aafes.com or Susie Web site or call (866) 878-6378.

Commissary closure

The Fort Rucker Commissary will be closed for Easter Sunday, April 8.

For more, call the commissary at 255-9177.

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WASHINGTON — The Army must begin to shape the force to meet its future requirements by implementing the Qualitative Service Program.

That is according to a memo signed March 13 by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III.

The memo states, "It is imperative as we move forward that we retain our best leaders, but we can no longer afford certain over-strength Military Occupational Specialties and promotion stagnation."

The Qualitative Service Program establishes the use of formal enlisted centralized board processes to identify noncommissioned officers for involuntary separation from active duty in order to improve grade/ Military Occupational Specialty readiness at NCO levels by satisfying force structure requirements;

enhance the quality of the NCO Corps by retaining NCOs with the greatest potential for continued contributions; and support sustainment of viable career paths across MOS/skill levels in an all-volunteer

The Army will implement QSP applicable to active component and U.S. Army Reserve-Active Guard Reserve NCOs. This program will begin with the centralized selection boards convening after April 1and will include three elements:

- Qualitative Management Program Board, which considers Senior NCOs (E7-E9) for denial of continued service whose performance, conduct, and/or potential for advancement may not meet Army standards;
- Over-Strength Qualitative Service Program Board, which considers NCOs (E6-E9) for potential denial of continued service when an NCO possesses a spe-

cific Primary Military Occupational Specialty/ grade where the Army's 12-month operating strength projection exceeds its goals; and

Promotion Stagnation Qualitative Service Board, which considers NCOs (E6-E9) for potential denial of continued service when an NCO possesses a specific PMOS/grade where promotion stagnation exists.

The first series of OSP boards will identify about 4.000 NCOs (E6-E9) for separation by the end of fiscal year 2013. The majority of these NCOs will be retirement eligible and will retain all benefits earned. Those NCOs identified

by OS-QSP and PS-QSP who are not eligible for retirement will be afforded an opportunity to volunteer for reclassification into a shortage MOS, if qualified. This represents about 3.5 percent of the Army's current inventory (E6 and

The Army's commitment to leader development calls for evolving human resource policies to support development of adaptive noncommissioned officer leaders who are skilled in their core competencies.

Over the past several years, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-1, put into place a series of HR policies designed to support the principles of the Army Leader Development Strategy. These changes foster a balance of training, education, and experience while life-long encouraging learning and development.

"Our Soldiers performed superbly over the last 11 years of war, displaying the values, character, and competence that made us successful. We value their service," said Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1.

"As the Army faces personnel reductions, we must manage the force with precision in a way that identi-

potential to meet our future requirements. Moving forward with this program will posture us to meet the challenges ahead, further strengthen our NCO Corps, and preserve the all-volunteer Army."

is essential to make QSP successful for the Army. Effective performance counseling and accurate evaluations will enable NCOs to better position themselves for future ser-



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SALT: Think before getting behind wheel

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the drive to show the difficulty of driving under the influence, she

"[Last years] tour was an overwhelming success," said Traci Dunlap, ASAP clinical case manager. "There were over 800 participants that attended, many who felt it was a unique way to illustrate the dangers of drinking and

Donald Schuman, ASAP man-

Soldiers would definitely benefit from this tour and worked hard to secure the funding needed to bring SALT back to Fort Rucker.

Attending the tour also counts as credit toward the Installation Management Command-required annual alcohol and substance abuse prevention training for Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

"Unit prevention leaders will usually do a briefing with their units in order to satisfy the re- that can fill the theater can attend, quirements, but people can come to [the tour] and receive credit as well," said Clarke.

Soldiers and Family members are welcome to show up for the presentation without signing up, she said, but will be able to participate on a first-come, first-serve basis if they haven't signed up for the simulator ahead of time.

The mass briefings will take place from 8 - 9 a.m. and 1 - 2 p.m. on each day, and as many people

said Clarke, adding that the simulator tours are on the hour, each hour after the briefings.

Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and Justin O. Mitchell, Fort Rucker deputy garrison commander, will be among those in attendance April 16 at 9 a.m. to participate in the drunk driving simulator and promote the message that the tour is trying to get out.

"I know it's repetitive, but

across is to tell people if they drink, then don't drive, and if they drive, don't drink," said Clarke. "[Fort Rucker] has a lot of Soldiers that are Aviators in training, and they are a younger crowd, and we just want them to think before they get behind the wheel. I believe that it could possibly save a life."

For more information or to sign up, call 255-7089 or email at traci.d.dunlap.civ@mail.mil.

Report: 'It's a deadly disease, it's completely preventable'

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to report that as well, said Maj. Laura E. Ricardo, chief of preventative medicine at Lyster Army Health Clinic.

"It's a deadly disease and it's completely preventable. But if it goes unreported and untreated, it can lead to death," said Ricardo.

Rabies in humans is 100 percent preventable through prompt appropriate medical care, according the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at http://www.cdc.gov, advising that it's important to remember that rabies is a medical urgency; decisions should not be delayed.

One of the most effective ways to decrease the ache. These symptoms chance for infection is to wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water, the CDC further advises.

Flowers admits it can be difficult to know when to

up to six months before symptoms appear. During this time, the animal can still infect others.

"It's a tough spot. The stray population is really bad. When you go off a forward operating base, you've got all these strays running around and somebody's carrying rabies. Somebody's got it," she said. "The actual symptoms are neurologic-type signs such as behavioral changes, definite aggression, and, of course, salivating ... just think about the end of Old Yeller."

The first symptoms of rabies may be very similar to those of the flu, including general weakness or discomfort, fever or headmay last for days, according to the CDC. There may be also discomfort or a prickling or itching sensation at the site of bite, progressing within days report contact because an to symptoms of cerebral animal can carry rabies for dysfunction, anxiety, confusion, agitation. As the disease progresses, the person may experience delirium, abnormal behavior, hallucinations and

insomnia.

The acute period of disease typically ends after two to 10 days. Once clinical signs of rabies appear, the disease is nearly always fatal, and treatment is typically supportive, according to the CDC. To date less than 10 documented cases of human survival from clinical rabies have been reported and only two have not had a history of pre- or according to the CDC.

Disease prevention includes administration of both passive antibody, through an injection of human immune globulin and a round of injections with rabies vaccine

"Most people first develop symptoms of pain, tingling, itching or a shooting sensation originating from the bite site," Ricardo said, adding that other symptoms can appear similar to the flu so it is important for doctors to know about any potential exposure to rabies

"I want to emphasize that it's not too late. I don't want someone to say they were bitten back in September so it's too late or it must be gone," she added. "It's

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USAALS: 'Today is indeed a great day'

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8th Trans. Bde., the schoolhouse was left without a command-andcontrol configuration.

In September 2011, USAACE and the higher headquarters of USAALS decided to transform the schoolhouse into a brigade structure to accomplish the training mission and ensure proper management of Soldiers.

Crutchfield and Col. Dean D. Heitkamp, 128th Avn. Bde. commander, agree the training purpose of USAALS remains the heart of the new brigade.

"Our mission has not changed,

sion that our military and civilian personnel have for producing Aviation Soldiers that are trained, disciplined, skilled, fit and complete with the Army values who are ready to contribute to their units," said Heitkamp.

During the ceremony, the colors for USAALS were cased while the colors for the 128th Avn. Bde. were unfurled. The brigade's motto, "Born Under Fire," is a testament to its origin, fighting during the 1989-90 Operation Just Cause in Panama.

The 128th Avn. Bde. is made up of three battalions: the 1st Battal-

ion, 222nd Aviation Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment; and the 2nd Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment. The 1-222nd serves as the student battalion conducting Soldier indoctrination training by focusing on the Army values, physical conditioning, tasks and battle drills and the warrior ethos of Army Aviation.

The 1-210th centers on attack helicopter airframe and armament systems training, and armed reconnaissance helicopter airframe and armament systems, electrical/electronic systems, and avionics training. The battalion also provides the Aviation warrant officer techni-

cian basic and advanced courses. The 2-210th focuses on utility and cargo helicopter systems and subsystems; powerplant and powertrain structures; pneudraulics subsystems; and Latin American training.

The two battalions of the 210th Avn. Regt. both were activated during the ceremony by uncasing their colors. Previously, the battalions had served at Fort Rucker. The 1-222nd has been active on Fort Eustis since 2005.

Closing by addressing concerns about the change from a schoolhouse organization to a brigade structure, Heitkamp assured those and would carry on the same level of expert instruction that made USAALS the first Army Training and Doctrine Command school to receive an accreditation rating of Training Institution of Excellence in 2008.

"...the newly-activated 128th Aviation Brigade retains the passion and inherent the structure necessary to ensure we continue the legacy of Aviation maintenance training, and more effectively care for our Soldiers, civilians and Families," Heitkamp said. "So, today is indeed a great day, and there is much to be proud of.'

EMS: Proper procedure ensures system works seamlessly

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have general EMS awareness training when they start working on post.

EMS awareness training is available on DPW's website at www.fortruckerenv.com where people can learn and get a general understanding of EMS, she said. There are also training courses for becoming environmental which is a two-day training class, and an environmental point-of-contact, which is a four-hour training class. Environmental officers are also required to take an annual four-hour refresher course that teaches updates of any regulations.

so effectively is that we have our environmental officers and points of contact in every organization all over post," she said. "That's our web of information. We feed information through them and they are our main POCs for anything environmental, whether it's pollution prevention activities we're trying to initiate or compliance problems.

to fence line" to include all military, civilian, tenant and contractor organizations working within the installation boundaries that have the potential to impact significant environmental aspects, the management

representative explained. The driving force and basis behind Fort Rucker's EMS procedures that are implemented are the significant environmental aspects, which were determined after reviewing the impacts of various aspects of Fort Rucker's activities, products and services, according to Lowlavar.

The significant aspects that the EMS policies govern are air emissions, en-"The way our EMS works ergy use and conservation, hazardous waste generation, natural resources alteration, noise generation, pollution prevention, solid waste generation and hazardous spills to water and soil.

The Army requires an annual review of all the significant aspects, which is fulfilled with a review with Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander and head of EMS, in order to ensure that the

EMS is working properly, said the management representative.

"I have desk-side management review with the colonel in October on the general state of our EMS," she said. The review is conducted to determine the system's suitability to the mission, vision and culture; adequacy in fulfilling the policy and requirements of the EMS; and effectiveness

in managing and improving environmental performance.

The EMS management review is also an opportunity to go over the annual internal and three-year external EMS audits that are conducted as a part of the Environmental Performance Assessment Systems

management representa-

EPAS and EMS audits are

scheduled for April 30 to

will be one EMS team and

two EPAS compliance

teams looking at compli-

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as well as conformance

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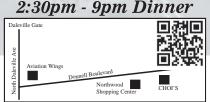
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vironmental policy," she said. "The people in that fa-May 4, during which there cility are expected to know what EMS and its policy is. If everybody is using the tools of the EMS the procedures, the forms and the work instructions then everything works seamlessly."

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First female division deputy commander named

By Christie Vanover

FORT HOOD, Texas - One week after pinning on her first star, the Army Chief of Staff announced that Brig. Gen. Laura Richardson will become the Army's first female to serve as a division deputy com-

Richardson, who is currently the commanding general for the U.S. Army Operational Test Command at Fort Hood, will take over as a deputy commanding general for the 1st Cavalry Division in her next as-

The general is no stranger to the cavalry. The Aviation officer served as a company commander in the 6th Cavalry Brigade in the mid-1990s.

"The cavalry throughout the history of the United States Army is rich with tradition, esprit de corps and accomplishment," Richardson said. "It's a great honor and privilege to once again be part of the cavalry, and I look forward to serving with the

Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division."

Although the Army Chief of Staff's March 9 announcement was historical for women and coincidentally made during Women's History Month, Richardson said she is humbled by the opportunity.

"Each of my assignments - from platoon leader to company commander to the commanding general of the Operational Test Command — has challenged me to learn and excel as a Soldier and a leader," she said. "I am as excited about being one of the 1st Cavalry Division's deputy division commanders as I was about being a company commander in the 6th Cavalry Brigade."

Under Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn, the 1st Cav. Div. has three deputy commanding generals. Brigadier Gen. Garv Voleskv serves as the one for maneuver, Brig. Gen. James Richardson is the one for support and Canadian Brig. Gen. Karl McQuillan is the one for coalition. It has not been announced which slot Richardson will fill.

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Brig. Gen. Laura Richardson, commanding general Operational Test Command, addresses a crowd during her promotion ceremony March 9.



BLACK HAWK APPRO

An Army crew chief observes the horizon from the side door of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter as it prepares to land on a helipad at Camp Stephenson, Guyana, during a training event in support of Exercise Fused Response 2012 March 8.

25th CAB mechanics help Afghans learn tools of trade

By Staff Sgt. Donna Davis RC-East PAO

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — At the motor pool here soldiers with the Afghan National Army got some important training in forklift maintenance from their coalition counterparts

It was American mechanics with the 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, who recently conducted a maintenance training session with their counterparts from the 205th Corps, Afghan National Army, known as the ANA.

The joint maintenance training was performed in order to build upon the skill and experience of Afghan soldiers with the goal of them gaining enough experience to eventually perform maintenance independently.

"It is really good to work with the coalition forces," said Afghan Sgt. Mohammad Rajab. "I get the experience I need to complete the tasks successfully from these training sessions."

During this training session, Rajab and Afghan Pvt. Monwar got hands-on experience with forklift cooling systems while working to replace the fuel injector pump.

"Since the 25th CAB started this training with 205th Corps mechanics, they have improved considerably," said Capt. Andrew Schlaf, Headquarters Support Company Commander, 209th ASB. "The mechanics had the knowledge to



Spc. Sergio Ortiz, a wheeled vehicle mechanic assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 209th ASB, 25th CAB, and Sgt. Mohammad Raiab, a mechanic with 205th Corps, Afghan National Army, use teamwork to remove the radiator of a forklift during a vehicle maintenance training session at the motor pool on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, March 8.

perform certain tasks; we aid them in applying the knowledge so they gain the experience needed to continue their own operations."

The first day of training is the conceptualization of the different systems on multiple vehicles. The intent is to have the ANA mechanics visualize or troubleshoot the vehicle as a whole and not just a specific section or system. The second day the soldiers apply what

While working with coalition forces, I have the opportunity to learn something new each day," said Rajab. "Not only do I learn something from them, but they learn something from us too in each session."

The training event was one more step toward building confidence

and independence in the soldiers of the Afghan Army.

"The ANA mechanics have come a long way from the beginning," said Belgian Senior Master Sgt. Bart Verhoeven, ANA logistics mentor with European Participating Air Forces. "Now, they are really close to being able to conduct maintenance operations without help from coalition forces."

Hall of Fame inducts women Vietnam vets

By C. Todd Lopez Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Hundreds of women gathered on Capitol Hill, March 13, to induct into the Army Women's Hall of Fame all those who served in Vietnam.

The afternoon event was hosted by the U.S. Army Women's Foundation, and followed a morning event, the fourth annual Army Women in Transition Symposium, where former military leaders and civilians discussed the changing roles of women serving in the Army and the challenges faced by female Soldiers after they leave the Army - finding employment after the Army, for instance.

In the afternoon, retired Mai. Gen. Dee Ann McWilliams, who now serves as president of the foundation, discussed the challenges faced by women who had served in Vietnam.

"The women who served in Vietnam did it for their country - in terrible conditions," she said. Those women, she said, dealt with adversity, and the nurses there dealt "with things they could not ever have been trained for the trauma, the shock, the tropical diseases, compounded all the things that happened."

When those women officers and enlisted came home, she said. Americans didn't take notice of the work they had done

"They didn't even make a ripple at home. We want to change that today, and do our part."

More than a dozen women took the stage at the event. All had served in Vietnam in the limited roles for women at the time, such as nursing or clerical work.

The women who represented all Army women who served in Vietnam, were presented with a momento that commemorated their service. It will be placed in the Women in Military Service for America memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Among those in attendance was Connie Slewitzke, who had served for one year as a nurse in Vietnam, first as a surgical supervisor, then as a chief nurse at the convalescence center.

"It makes you feel good that somebody appreciates it," Slewitzke said of the recognition. "You never really ask for 'thank you's'

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Commander: 'Always take care of your people'

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Her background includes logistics, personnel and operations. She has held two company commands, staff officer assignments and a battalion command with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and has been the director of the Army's Transformation Office and a garrison commander at Fort Myer, Va., and Fort McNair, Va. She also served as the military aide to the vice president and one of the Army's liaison officers to the United States Senate.

Richardson deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while commanding the 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, an assault helicopter battalion, and has been awarded the Defense Superior

Service Medal, three Legions of Merit and many more awards.

Richardson's historical assignment comes on the heels of the Department of Defense's announcement Feb. 9 that six military occupational specialties and some battalion-level positions in combat units will soon be opened to women.

The general said, however, that she never dreamed of holding specific positions in the Army; instead, she focused on the task at hand to accomplish the mission and take care of her troops.

"My goals were always to do the best that I could in the job that I was in, not to dwell on what was next, and I believed the rest would take care of itself," she said, crediting her parents for teaching her values of determination and hard work.

Being the first female deputy commanding general in an Army that is nearly 85 percent male could be intimidating, but Richardson said the pressure to prove herself normally comes from within.

"There is always pressure on any individual as they transition into a new job and to become an effective member of the team as quickly as possible," she said. "I believe the key to transition is to keep focused on the purpose and listen."

She plans to lead the division, as she leads the OTC, with the five tenants of excellence, leadership, teamwork, caring and

"These tenets have served well in OTC and other positions, and I look forward to

instilling a passion for excellence, leading by example, building the team vertically and horizontally, treating everyone with dignity and respect and ensuring the safety of the team," she said.

Her future goals are not to become another monumental first for Army females. She is, and always has been, focused on the task at hand. Her goal for the near future as a leader in the Army is to assist in meeting and dealing with the current strategic and fiscal challenges.

For those inspired by her accomplishments, Richardson advises both male and female Soldiers how to succeed: "Be a competent and confident professional, accept new challenges and always take care of your people."

Vets: 'Thank you for leading the way, making a difference'

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from people. But it really makes you feel good that people appreciate what you did."

Slewitzke said even today, she stays in touch with the women she served with overseas. "It's camaraderie," she said. "You work with these people for a year, and if you stay in the Army long enough, you keep meeting these people."

While she served as a major during Vietnam, Slewitzke stayed on in the Army for 30 years, and retired in 1987 as a brigadier general

Today, she said, she is proud of the accomplishments that women have made in service to their country.

For women serving now in Afghanistan, and who had served in Iraq, Slewitzke said she is proud of the work they are doing. They are doing jobs, she said, that were never open to her or her fellow women while serving in Vietnam.

"I think it's great they are able to do that, and able to perform in an outstanding manner," she said. "You don't hear much of this 'women can't do this' anymore. It used to be 'oh, we can't have women in combat.' I don't know



PHOTO BY RUDI WILLIAI

The Vietnam Women's Memorial is a tribute to women's contributions to the defense of the nation. It's on the Washington Mall near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

what they call it now, but women sure are in combat."

Not all women who served in uniform in Vietnam were nurses — or even officers

Carole Gittman served from 1968 to 1970 in Vietnam, a total of 18 months. She worked as an administrative assistant for an engineer construction division.

"It think it's pretty awesome,"

she said of the recognition. She too stays in touch with the women she served alongside. Today, women who served in Vietnam, from all branches of service, can participate in the Vietnam Women Veterans Conference. This year, Gittman will attend the event, April 26-29 in Biloxi, Miss.

Gittman had little negative to say about her time in Vietnam, but

said she wished she and her fellow female Women's Army Corps sisters had been trained the same way female Soldiers today are trained.

"The only thing that would have been nice would be if we'd been able to have weapons, or training. At least women are getting that now. We never got that," she said.

The WAC ceased to exist in 1978, something that Gittman said she was disappointed with.

"If you were a WAC, you will always be a WAC," she said. "And if you were a Soldier, you will always be a Soldier. We could still have done the same job if you left us the WACs. We loved being WACs. It was us — we think we're different."

Gittman retired from the Army in 1982 as a sergeant first class.

Earlier in the morning, standing before the crowd at the event, Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, the Army's surgeon general, asked all female officers in the audience to stand; most all were in civilian clothing — long since retired from the Army.

"Thank you for leading the way and making a difference," the general said. She is the first female to serve as the Army's surgeon general. "It's really your shoulders that we have been able to stand on and build and continue to move forward."

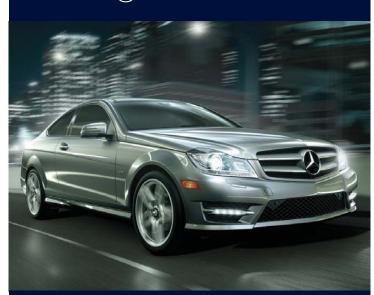
Women today have made great advances in where and how they can serve the Army, Horoho said, stating that 412 of the Army's 438 military occupational specialties and areas of concentration are now open to women. But women have always served the military, she explained.

"Women serve and have served, with distinction, grace [and] honor," in wars back to the Revolutionary War, Horoho said. "Women have served honorably and have died in every single war and every conflict that this country has fought."

To the women of the WACs, she said, "You are the bridge that linked the WACs of World War II to today," she said. And the women who served in Vietnam made sure Americans didn't forget that "women could do hard work in hard places."

Amongst all military services, about 11,000 American women served in uniform in Vietnam. According to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation website, about 90 percent of those women served as nurses in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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Upcoming post event honors military children

By Angela Williams Army Flier Staff Writer

There's no doubt about it. Fort Rucker's Children's Festival. coming up March 31, is just for kids with a schedule that includes a giant Easter egg hunt, magic show, petting zoo, inflatables, crafts, games and flying kites.

"It's an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the military child," explained Janice Erdlitz, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director.

This year's festival will start at 1 p.m. on the festival fields. The egg hunts, scheduled according to age group, will begin at 1:30 p.m. Other activities such as kite flying and a magic show will follow, with the festival wrapping up around 4 p.m.

"This year's egg hunt will be bigger and better than ever with more than 16,000 eggs being laid out on the hunting field," said Kimberly Abeln, DFMWR annual events coordinator, adding that for safety reasons, adults and strollers will not be allowed on the field during the egg hunt.

Children under the age of 3 will have a separate area for their egg hunt near the diaper derby tent, she said.

"The signature piece of the event is the Easter egg hunt," added Erdlitz.

One of the new events this year features former Olympian and jump rope expert Buddy Lee. From 2-3 p.m., Lee will host an interactive jump rope activity that is open to all ages, including parents, said Abeln.

Several other new additions are based on this year's theme of "Up, up and away." Children are invited to bring kites from home or make a kite while they are at the festival. After the egg hunt, the field will



Corbin Grey, military child, gets some help from a group of warrant officer candidates as he runs an obstacle course during last year's Children's Festival. The eighth nual Fort Rucker Children's Festival is March 31 from 1-4 p.m. at the festival fields

be cleared for flying kites. A bubble world and mini parachute craft are also inspired by the theme, she

Though the whole festival is planned for children, there is at least one activity for the parents. Erdlitz said three local car dealerships will have vehicles to test drive at the festival.

"This festival is one of my fa-

vorites," said Abeln. "I love organizing and implementing events that create lasting memories for our Soldiers and their Families."

This year, the Children's Festival marks the start of the Month of the Military Child, a time set aside to recognize the struggles military children face and contributions they make to their Families.

Because Fort Rucker doesn't

have a large deploying population, the festival is one of the big events a complete Family unit can attend together, said Erdlitz.

"We really want the focus to be on military children," she said. "The festival is totally children oriented.'

Last year, about 4,000 people attended the Children's Festival. Erdlitz and Abeln expect an even bigger crowd this year. All the games, crafts and activities are free, but some food and craft vendors will have items for sale at the festival.

"It is a low-cost and extremely fun way to spend an afternoon with friends and Family," said Abeln.

For more information about the festival, call 255-1749.

1st Avn. Bde. transfers iPads to primary school

By Angela Williams

The video showed a student with autism doing something she'd never done before. The young girl identified shapes by pointing to them on the screen of an iPad, then handed her teacher whatever toy the teacher requested.

Before the iPad, the girl would place the toys in a specific order and would not deviate from that order. It was a small change, but a big step, according to the child's teacher.

The short clip, recorded by a teacher at Fort Rucker Primary School, was played at a school board meeting March 12 recognizing the transfer of 91 iPads from the 1st Aviation Brigade to the school through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

"We want to thank them for everything they've done for us," said primary school Principal Deborah Deas during the meeting to representatives from the brigade. "We hope vou'll come back often and we hope that you'll work with the students to show them ways to use the iPads."

The brigade completed a pilot program with the iPads and some of the Aviation students, but determined the tablet did not exactly meet the requirements for the program, said Carley Palo, 1st Avn. Bde.

"Col. Brian Bennett, commander of the



Col. Brian Bennett, 1st Avn. Bde. commander, watches as Parker Beyler, a kindergarten student, dem

1st Avn. Bde, didn't want to see them end Apple software to get them ready for the up being auctioned off if another orga-

nization could use them," she said. "We thought the schools were a great choice because of all the things the schools can do with them."

Palo and other personnel in her office cleared all the information from the iPads and updated them with the latest

teachers and students.

Regina Davis, a kindergarten teacher at the primary school, said she just started using the iPads in her classroom, but she really appreciates the opportunity.

"The children get so excited over the things we've learned and the things we've been able to use so far," she ex-

plained. "There are so many apps avail-

One of the things Davis said she most appreciates about the iPads is the ability to differentiate instruction - meaning one child can work on a basic skill like sight words while another can work on something more in depth.

"This allows us to meet the needs of all the kids in the classroom," she said.

Wanda Wilds, another kindergarten teacher at the school, agrees, saying, "It's a great tool for us to meet a child no matter what level they are at."

With the iPads, she doesn't have to send students out of the classroom to work on specific skills. She can keep all of her students together, but still work with each child individually.

All the students "become instantly engaged" when you bring out the iPads, Wilds said. "You get this out and the child's eyes light up. You have their undivided attention. It's so much better than handing them flashcards or something like that. Those are good, but you give them something like this and behavior issues are no more because the students are totally engrossed."

"There are not many schools that have this kind of opportunity," said Davis.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful opportunity," added Wilds. "It's a great use of technology."

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April EDGE! Programs

People are welcome to sign up for child, youth and schools services' April EDGE! Programs for youth ages 6-18. A variety of activities are available weekdays from 4-6 p.m. April's EDGE! activities include: archery, golf, baking, a community service project, and Frisbee golf. Cost for ages 6-10 is \$5 per hour and the program is free for ages 11-18. Parents can pick up and drop off children at the Fort Rucker Youth Center. A valid CYSS registration is required for participation. People can enroll at parent central services in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 193 or online at webtrac.mwr.armv.mil/ webtrac/ruckercvms.html.

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

Resilience training

Army Community Service offers resilience training April 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at The Commons. resilience training enables people to actively manage physical and psychological challenges in their personal lives.

For more information or to register, call 255-3643.

In recognition of April

Infant Massage Workshop

as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Fort Rucker Family Advocacy Program and New Parent Support Program offers a free Infant Massage Workshop April 2 from 5:30-7 p.m. and April 23 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street. The workshop is designed for parents of children from newborn to 12months. The workshop will teach various massage techniques, as well as the benefits of touch to soothe and calm babies. Parents should bring their own baby blankets and baby oil. People need to register by March 30 to take part. The workshop is open to active duty military, retired military, Department of Defense employees and Family members.

For more information or to register, call 255-3359.

Easter craft making activity

The Center Library hosts an Easter craft making activity for children ages 3-11 April 3 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and space will be limited to the first 65 children registered.

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

1-2-3 Magic Effective Discipline for Children

In Recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Army Commu-

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nity Service's Family Advocacy Program offers the free 1-2-3 Magic Effective Discipline for Children 2-12 class April 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 9-11 a.m. at Picerne's Munson Heights Neighborhood Community Center. Parents who attend learn how to control inappropriate behavior and encourage good behavior. The deadline to register is March 29. This a four-part series and participants must attend all sessions in order to receive a certificate. The workshop will not meet on holidays. The workshop is open to active duty and retired military, Department of Defense employees and their Family members.

For child care information and registration, call 255-3898 or 9641.

Blue Day

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Blue Day Campaign is a Fort Rucker community-wide effort to recognize the collective responsibility to prevent and confront all forms of child abuse and neglect by wearing blue April 6. By wearing blue, people will show a visible commitment to support child abuse prevention. People can continue to wear blue throughout the month to show their support for the awareness and prevention of child abuse.

For more, call 255-9641.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

The Landing hosts an Easter Sunrise Breakfast in the Legends April 8 from 7:30–9 a.m. Cost for adults is \$10.95, ages 6–12 is \$4.95, ages 3–5 is \$1.95, and ages 2 and younger eat free. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, biscuits, grits, hash browns, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and water

To make a reservation or get more information, call The Landing at 598-2426.

Easter brunch

The Landing hosts its Easter brunch April 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also gives people the chance to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Cost for adults is \$17.95, ages 6-12 is \$7.95, ages 3-5 is \$3.95, and ages 2 and younger eat free. The Military Family Special covers brunch for two adults and two children for \$45. Brunch includes scrambled eggs, biscuits, grits, hash browns, bacon, an omelet bar. salad bar carved meats fish with crème sauce, barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, white acre peas, green beans, roasted red potatoes, corn, mixed vegetables, butter beans, sweet potato soufflé, corn bread, rolls, greens, dirty rice, dessert bar, strawberry shortcake bar and deviled eggs.

Reservations are highly encouraged and can be made by calling 598-2426.

Character Dining

The Landing Zone hosts Character Dining Tuesday from 5–8 p.m. The Landing Zone hosts Character Dining from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday where children can enjoy kid-friendly entertainment

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FILE PHOT

Music Under the Alabama Stars

Fort Rucker's own 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band performs at one of last year's Music Under the Alabama Stars concerts hosted by Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general. The general invites the entire post community to the 2012 kickoff for the concerts Friday at 6 p.m.

such as balloons, magic, karaoke, face painting, and more, along with a buffet. Two children eat free from the children's buffet with one paid adult entrée.

\$5 Steak Special

The Landing Zone offers its \$5 Steak Specials every Monday in March from 5-9 p.m. The special includes an 8-oz. flat iron steak with fries for \$5, with the purchase of a beverage. Diners can add a side salad for an additional \$1 and other sides are also available for purchase. The special is limited to the first 100 guests per night and is available for dine in only with a limit of one per guest.

For more, call 598-2426, Ext. 35.

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

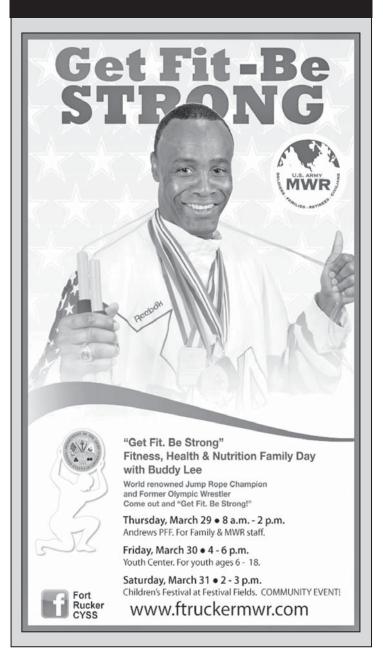
For more, call 255-0891.

Stress Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program hosts a Stress Management Workshop Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Family Advocacy Program Early Childhood Activity Center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street. Topics include: identifying causes of stress, symptoms of stress, techniques on how to manage stress and developing a stress management plan. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty service members, retired military members, Department of Defense employees and Family members.

For child care information and registration, call 255-3898 or 255-9641.

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Photos from smartphones are geotagged even when the user is unaware. Smartphone users can adjust their privacy settings to limit who can view their geotagged locations.

Geotagging poses security risks

By Cheryl Rodewig Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. - "Is a badge on Foursquare worth your life?"

The question was posed by Brittany Brown, social media manager of the Online and Social Media Division at the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. It may sound outlandish, but in the age of social geotagging, it can be a reality.

There are a number of location-based social media applications and platforms, including Foursquare, Gowalla, SCVNGR, Shopkick, Loopt and Whrrl, currently on the market. They use GPS features, typically in the user's phone, to publish the person's location and offer rewards in the form of discounts, badges or points to encourage frequent check-ins.

Security risks for the military

A deployed service member's situational awareness includes the world of social media. If a Soldier uploads a photo taken on his or her smartphone to Facebook, they could broadcast the exact location of their unit, said Steve Warren, deputy G2 for the Maneuver Center of Excellence, or MCoE.

"Today, in pretty much every single smartphone, there is built-in GPS,' Warren said. "For every picture you take with that phone, it will automatically embed the latitude and longitude within the photograph."

Someone with the right software and the wrong motivation could download the photo and extract the coordinates from the metadata.

Warren cited a realworld example from 2007. When a new fleet of helicopters arrived

a base in Iraq, some Soldiers took pictures on the flightline, he said. From the photos that were uploaded to the Internet. the enemy was able to determine the exact location of the helicopters inside the compound and conduct a mortar attack, destroying four of the AH-64 Apaches.

Staff Sgt. Dale Sweetnam, of the Online and Social Media Division, said geotagging is of particular concern for deployed Soldiers and those in transit to a mis-

Soldiers "Ideally, should always be aware of the dangers associated with geotagging regardless of where they are," he explained.

General hazards for Family members

While especially relevant for those in the military, cautions about geotagging extend to anyone who uses that feature.

Facebook is in the process of rolling out Timeline, a new layout that includes a map tab of all

the locations a user has tagged.

presents "Timeline some unique security challenges for users who tag location to posts,' Sweetnam said.

"Some of those individuals have hundreds of 'friends' they may never have actually met in person," he explained. "By looking at someone's map tab on Facebook, you can see everywhere they've tagged a location. You can see the restaurants they frequent, the gym they go to every day, even the street they live on if they're tagging photos of their home. Honestly, it's pretty scary how much an acquaintance that becomes a Facebook 'friend' can find out about your routines and habits if you're always tagging location to your posts.'

Most of the applications let people limit who can see their checkins to friends or friends of friends.

"A good rule of thumb when using locationbased social networking applications is to not become friends with someone if you haven't met

them in person," Sweetnam said. "Make sure you're careful about who you let into your social media circle.'

Even if there is nothing classified about an individual's location, a series of locations posted online over the course of a month can create a pattern that criminals can

"We live in a different world now," Warren said. "If someone were going to get a hold of your phone, they could figure out a lot about who you are. It's like a beacon that's always out there communicating with towers and plotting your moves on a computer somewhere. Literally, if you don't turn off that feature on your phone people are going to be able to recreate your whole day."

Ways to stay safe

"In operations security, we talk about the adversary," said Kent Grosshans, Maneuver Center of Excellence operations security officer.

"The adversary could be a hacker, could be a terrorist, could be a criminal; someone who has an intent to cause harm. The adversary picks up on pieces of information to put the whole puzzle together."

Grosshans suggests disabling the geotagging feature on your phone and checking your security settings to see who you're sharing check-ins with.

"If your husband's deployed and you go ahead and start posting all these pictures that are geotagged, now not only does an individual know your husband's deployed and he's not at home, but they know where your house is," he said.

Ultimately, it's about weighing the risks.

"Do you really want evervone to know the exact location of your home or your children's school?" Sweetnam said. "Before adding a location to a photo, Soldiers really need to step back and ask themselves, 'Who really needs to know this location information?'

Grosshans said it's as important to Soldiers as to Family members.

"Be conscious of what information you're putting out there," he said. "Don't share information with strangers. Once it's out there, it's out there. There's no pulling it





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Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

MOPS is a Christian-based mom's group. MOPS is about meeting the needs of every mom of a child from conception through kindergarten. MOPS will meet every first and third Thursday, 9 a.m., at Wings Chapel, Bldg 6036. For more information, call the Religious Support Office at 255-2989.

Protestant Women of the Chapel PWOC meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 6

p.m. at Wings Chapel, Bldg 6036. Childcare provided. For more information, call 255-9894.

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

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For more information, call 255-9894.

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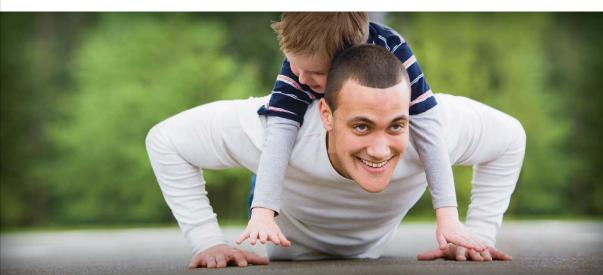


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Military leads in brain injury care, specialists say

By Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps medical specialists are working closely together and with civilian experts to develop the best prevention, diagnosis and treatment practices for traumatic brain injuries, service representatives said March 14.

"[The Defense Department] is in the lead in making sure we learn all we can about the brain and brain injuries," Maj. Sarah Goldman, director of the Army Medical Specialist Corps traumatic brain injury program, said during a Pentagon Channel panel discussion about military brain injury programs.

Goldman, a research specialist with a doctorate in kinesiology in the Army surgeon general's office, was joined by her counterparts representing the other services' traumatic brain injury programs: Cmdr. (Dr.) Jack Tsao, a neurologist at the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Maj. (Dr.) Laura Baugh, a neurologist with the Air Force Medical Support Agency; and Navy Capt. (Dr.) David Tarantino, a Family practice physician assigned to Marine Corps headquarters.

"We have different lenses we bring to the table, and it's that diversity that gives us strength," Goldman said.

The team also works with brain injury experts in academia and civilian medicine to share knowledge and "increase the comfort level" of medical professionals in treating brain injuries, Goldman said.

"We want to make sure that with the innovations and practices we identify, we can move forward together," she said.

Service members are more susceptible to brain injuries than civilians, although an es-

timated 84 percent of brain injuries to troops occur not on deployment, but back home, the panelists said. And most are preventable, they added.

Training injuries, sports injuries and car wrecks cause most brain injuries, Tarantino caid

"A lot of TBI is preventable," he said, if people wear protective gear such as helmets and seat belts. The quality of protective gear has come a long way, "but it only works if you wear it."

With combat-related brain injuries, the services have learned much from 10 years of war, the panelists said. Identification of brain injuries on the battlefield has been "firmly codified," and rest following a brain injury now is mandated, Tsao said.

"We think we have the most effective combat treatment centers in the history of warfare," Tarantino said of the Navy and Marine Corps program. "It starts with self care and buddy care." After a head injury, a service member assesses himself — or his buddy assesses him — for symptoms of concussion, such as blacking out or dizziness. The service member then is seen by Navy corpsman, and if identified as having a concussion or worse brain injury, is sent to triage for care, and then may be evacuated for more intensive care, Tarantino said. Military medical facilities for treating head injuries are located throughout Afghanistan.

For rehabilitation, the Marine Corps' Concussion Restoration Care Center — an interdisciplinary facility including Family, sports medicine and other specialists — has treated hundreds of concussions, with a 98 percent rate of full recovery, he said.

The military's efforts in traumatic brain injuries have benefited from increased awareness about brain injuries inside the Defense Department and in Congress, as well as from attention the issue has been receiving in the National Football League and the National Hockey League, Tsao said. "All of those things have made our jobs easier," he added.

In fact, much of the latest discoveries into brain injuries have happened in the sports world, and the Army and Marine Corps are partnering with the NFL to share information, Goldman said.

The services continue to work against a stigma some service members attach to seeking help, and a new Army policy takes that decision out of soldiers' hands, Goldman said. Anyone involved in a blast or other event causing head trauma must be taken out of the fight and examined, he added.

Other services are following the same mandate, Baugh noted. Service members now recognize the events that cause brain injuries and the symptoms that indicate those injuries, and they know the require-

ment that they get examined.

Air Force medical officials try to keep TBI patients in the care of their primary physicians, at home and with their families, Baugh said. The Air Force's Echo pilot program uses technology to bring the TBI team's expertise to the service members and their providers.

Tsao said the Navy is working to prevent brain injuries, and to educate sailors and Marines about symptoms, treatment and effects. The most important treatment of concussions is rest, he said, and education is critical.

"Telling patients what to expect makes a world of difference," he said.

Symptoms of TBI include temporary loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, and, in severe injuries, long-term memory and concentration problems, panelists said.

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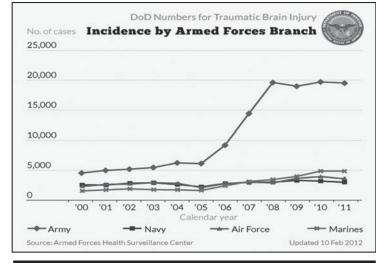
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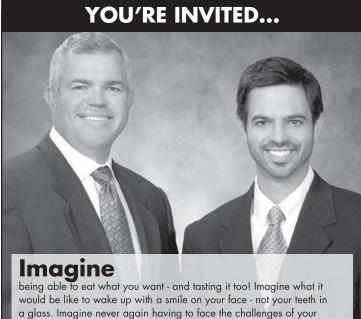
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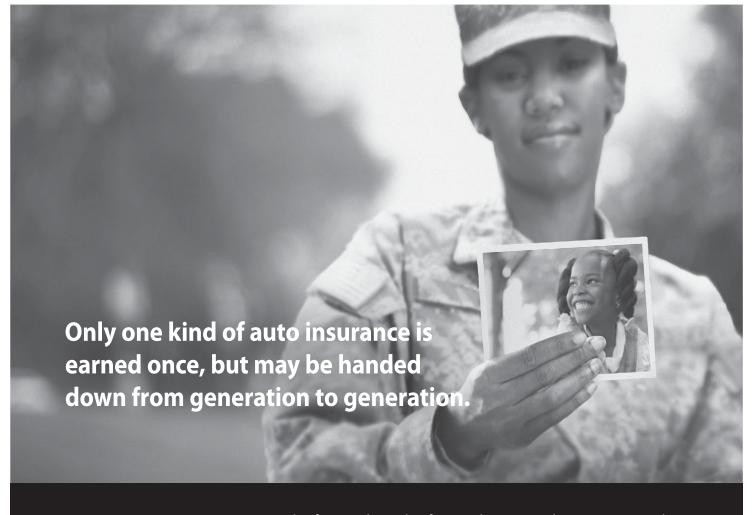
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The Horseshoe Bend National Military Park celebrates the 198th anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The anniversary features free demonstrations and activities focusing attention on the participants of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814. This annual event recreates frontier life in the year 1814 and seeks to emphasize the importance of the battle in United States history. Saturday's activities will provide visitors with a better understanding of the battle participants and the reasons why the battle took place through a variety of special interpretive programs.

All demonstrations will be presented numerous times throughout the day and promise to be entertaining as well as educational.

The schedule of events:

- 9 a.m. Living history camps open. Living history camps consist of Creek and Cherokee hunting camps as well as Tennessee Militia and United States infantry camps. The hunting camps will feature traditional southeastern skills such as flint knapping, hide tanning, cooking and basket weaving in ongoing demonstrations;
- 10 a.m. U.S. infantry musket firing demonstration;
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The park is located 68 miles from Montgomery. From Montgomery, travel Interstate 85N toward Atlanta. Take 2:30 p.m. — Tennessee Militia Exit 32 (Alabama Highway 49). Turn call (256) 234-7111.

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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.

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.wiregrassrockhounds.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.

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SATURDAY — The Chapter 9 Disabled American Veterans office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon to assist all veterans with filing their claims with the Veterans Administration. The office is at 704 Crawford Street. For more information, call 308-2480.

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

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.

MARCH 30 — Disabled Veterans Chapter 99 will conduct a Spaghetti Dinner for the general public at the New Brockton Town Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Patrons may dine-in or takeout. The dinner will consist of spaghetti, tossed green salad, garlic bread and iced tea. A donation of \$7 a plate is requested.

All proceeds will assist local disabled the hot dog eating contest and enjoy veteran programs. For more information, call Chuck Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

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.

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SATURDAY - Ozark artist Tim Richardson will be spotlighted in a solo show, "The Science of Primary Colors" at the Ann Rudd Art Center.

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The exhibition will open Saturday with a reception from 6-8 p.m., and will run through April 28. The public is invited.

The Ann Rudd Art Center, home to the Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities is on the square in downtown Ozark.

APRIL 14 - Music and food are the fare of the day when Ozark Leisure Services sponsors its sixth annual Crawdad Festival on the square in downtown

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

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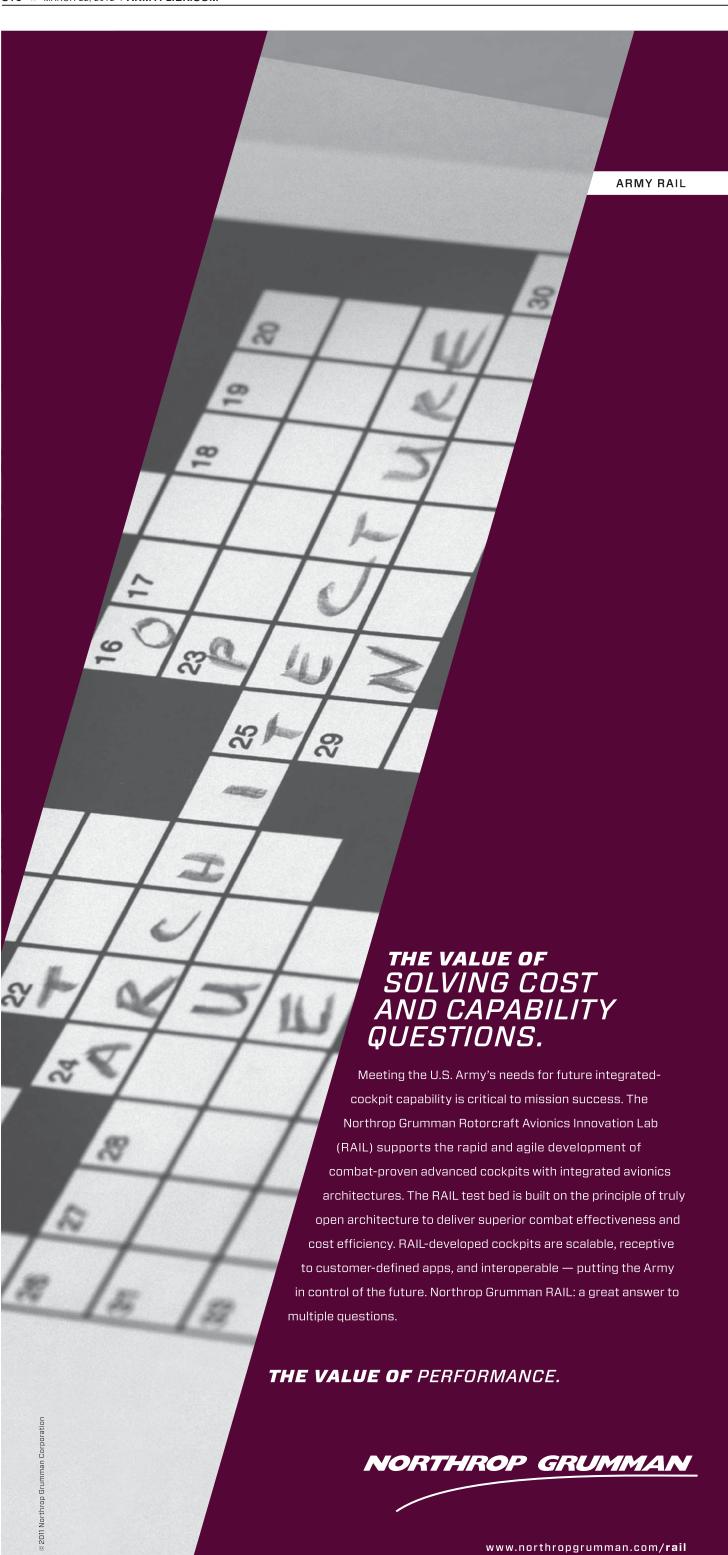
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Showstoppers win 2012 basketball championship

By Nathan PfauArmy Flier Staff Writer

The Showstoppers showed their stopping power by winning the final game of the 2012 Fort Rucker Intramural Basketball Post Championship to take the title as post champions against Fired Up at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility March 15.

"This win makes me feel great," said Josh Davis, coach for the Showstoppers. "We worked all year last year and we should have had it, but we didn't. I put a couple of guys together, and at first they didn't have what it takes and we had to get the fundamentals down, but we worked

together and [a win] was the outcome."

The two teams went head-to-head in the final game of the double-elimination tournament with Fired Up keeping the Showstoppers on their toes by winning the first of the two games.

In the first game of the night, the Showstoppers scored the first goal, started to gain momentum and pulled a lead against their opponents as they sank three 3-pointers in a row after a string of turnovers by Fired Up.

Although falling more than 10-points behind, Fired Up wasn't giving up as they continually closed the gap and managed to stay within 6 points of their opponents for most of the first half.

After finally closing the gap, Craig Kuphall, player for Fired Up, sank a 3-pointer to put his team ahead at the end of the first half, 32-30.

Fired Up retained their strong offense well into the second half, maintaining their lead with two baskets scored within the first few seconds of the half, but the Showstoppers hadn't given up yet as they closed the gap between them and the game became very close for the rest of the half with neither team taking more than a 1-point lead for the majority of the second half.

Fired Up managed to take the win for the first game of the night 63-62, sending the teams into a second game for the championship title.

The second game started with Fired Up scoring the first goal and trying to set the pace for the rest of the game. The Showstoppers wouldn't be caught falling too far behind; however, as they began to sink shots and Davis hit a 3-pointer to put his team back in front.

Fired Up finally managed to tie the game, which remained tied throughout much of the first half with neither team able to score on the other's defense.

The Showstoppers finally broke the stagnation; however, as they brought the more aggressive offense and pulled ahead of Fired Up who couldn't seem to get past their opponent's defense to close the growing gap between the two teams, allowing the Showstoppers to lead by more than 10 points at the end of the first half, 34-19.

During the second half, Fired Up was determined to stay in the game as they scored the first shots in the second half in an attempt to close the now 15-point scoring gap.

Their momentum didn't seem to be enough as the Showstoppers offense began to match their pace by keeping a healthy lead of 10 points throughout the majority of the half

With less than two minutes left in the game, Fired Up's offense became too aggressive committing multiple fouls that led to numerous free throw attempts and stretched the Showstoppers lead.

The Showstoppers superior defense, aggressive offense and ability to keep Fired Up at bay led to their ultimate victory as post champions, winning the final game 43-61.

"Coming into the season, we didn't know how to play defense very well," said Davis. "Our strategy was to learn each other's techniques and figure out who the shooters were – go to the movers and make sure we get the ball down low."

"Our chemistry was great," said Tony Hart, player and season MVP for the Showstoppers. "We started off sluggish, but we came together as a team and we put everything together and made it work."

Hart was named season MVP for averaging about 25 points per game, said Davis, adding that "he always brings us out of the hole every time we get down."

Mark Hill, player for the Showstoppers, had to sit out the final games due to an injury he sustained in previous games, but expressed his excitement as his team took the championship.

"I was actually excited about this win because I think we should have won last year, but this year we actually came all the way with it," he said. "This was a great team, so this was a great experience and I just hate that I couldn't play during the playoffs. I played when it counted to make our season good, so, I'm happy with that."



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Showstoppers' Alex Chamber, left, drives the ball past Fire Up's Terrence Strahan to get the ball to the goal during the Fort Rucker Intramural Post Championship final game at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility March 15.



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St. Patrick's Day 5K/10K

Above: The runners start of the St. Patrick's Day 5k and 10k runs began Saturday. The two runs followed the same route until the 5k runners reached the halfway point of their race. They turned around and came back to the starting point while the 10k participants continued on to their turnaround point.

Left: CW4 David Fleming, USAPAT from Andrews Air Force Base, showed up for the run in a kilt. Jorge Cruz was the overall winner of the 10k event with a time of 36:57.6.









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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipp:

I'M GOING TO ASSUME WE DON'T NEED TO SIT ON HOLD FOR TECH SUPPORT ANY LONGER, HUH? :00

test by Fifi 1. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "novus ordo seclorum," located on the Great Seal on a U.S. \$1 bill? GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name for a seashell collector or expert? 3. ART: What Mexican muralist was married to Mexican painter Frida Kahlo? 4. COMICS: What was the name of

Casper the Friendly Ghost's horse?
5. SPORTS: Where did the sport of jai alai originate?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Death

Valley located?
7. TELEVISION: Which PBS documentary series featured the song "Ashokan Farewell" as its theme

music's 8. MEDICINE: What is the brand

name for the sedative diazepam?

9. LITERATURE: Who was the first to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature (1901)?

10. ENTERTAINERS: What was the stage name of the actor who was born "Laszlo Lowenstein"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

* Moderate * ★ Challenging *** HOO BOY!

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

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by Hal Kaufman LOW 2 _LOW __LOW 4 _ _ _LOW ___LOW 6 _ _ _ LOW GET HIGH MARKS FOR LOW? tch out - ! (Fill 3 worene 5 word CALL WAITING! Two cans are connected with string for a home word 5 word 7 word 1 made telephone. Which line completes the call?



SPELLBINDER

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





Boot camp — it's not just for Soldiers

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Spring has sprung as Fort Rucker residents are gearing up to get their bodies beach-ready with Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility's 2012 Spring Boot Camp beginning April 2.

The boot camp is a six-week program featuring a variety of workouts using plyometrics, agility drills and running, for example, said Kristi Fink, Fortenberry-Colten PFF fitness program coordinator.

"This is a great way for people to learn many different ways to work out and have fun while teaching them team-work and camaraderie," said Fink. "It can open them up to so much that [the physical fitness facility]

"We try to make it more of an outside-the-box type of experience that people aren't used to rather than coming into the gym and doing a normal routine workout," she said. "We want to show people that there are different ways to work out besides attending fitness classes or using weightlifting machines."

The program features fitness classes thrown in the mix just to show what the fitness facility has to offer, but many of the workouts are done outside, said the fitness coordinator, adding that "there are a variety of activities that are included in the program that are not just limited to traditional workouts.

The program instructors try to do something different every day like taking the participants to different places on post such as the equestrian center or Beaver Lake where they will run the trails," she said.

There is also a game day in the program in which participants will be able to partake in different sports such as soccer, kickball and dodge ball, according to Fink.

One of the goals of the boot camp is to show people that there are different ways to work out and get in shape, but not all of the program is fun and games, she said.

"Participants will get to experience the typical boot camp-style workouts such as flipping tires or pulling ropes with tires attached to them," said Fink. "The program can get very intense, but that's what the instructors are there for."

The instructors of the boot camp program are all either personal trainers that train at the fitness facility, fitness instructors or volunteers.

"We'll have volunteers help out during some of the runs through the woods, for example, because we need more instructors on hand to be able to keep and eye on all the participants and make sure people aren't getting overwhelmed," said the fitness coordinator.

There are a variety of people on different levels of fitness that participate in the boot camp and the instructors are there to cater to people's individual levels of fitness and keep them motivated, she said.

"We try to accommodate everybody," said Fink. "We don't want people to be discouraged and think they aren't advanced enough physically to come and participate."

Orientation for the boot camp sessions will be held



Rachel Tehvand, right, and her workout partner Krissi Mace, perform a tire flip during a 2011 Boot Camp, hosted by Fortenberry-Colton

Physical Fitness Facility staff, at the intramural football field at the Fort Rucker PFF.

at Fortenberry-Colton PFF March 30 at 6:30 a.m. and

The program is five days a week from April 2 to May 11 and there are two sessions people can choose to participate in — the first is from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and the second is from 8-9 a.m.

The boot camp program is only available to people that are allowed to access to the fitness facility. This includes active duty and their Families, retirees, contractors that are allowed access to the facility and Department of Defense civilians, according to Fink.

The cost is \$100 per participant and includes: weekly

certified personal trainers, access to all group fitness classes during the six weeks, a 2012 boot camp T-shirt and prizes for different categories, she added.

"The prizes are awarded at the end of the boot camp and are given for things such as the person with the most improvement on the obstacle course," said Fink. "Some of the prizes that are given out are three free sessions of personal training, a free month of fitness classes and a 30-minute massage.

"There are only 25 spots available for each session and they're filling up quickly," said Fink.

For more information, call 255-3794 or email

MOMC SPECIAL AT SWGC

In recognition of Month of the Military Child, Silver Wings Golf Course offers a Kids Play Free golf special throughout the month of April. Children play a free round of golf when accompanied by a paying adult. This offer is valid any time except before noon on weekends and holidays.

For more, call 598-2449.

SPRING INTRAMURAL BOWLING

Intramural bowling runs April 3 through June 5 featuring 10 weeks of bowling with a one-time fee of \$10 to cover the buffet the last night of the league. For more on the league, call 255-9503.

BOOT CAMP IN PFF

1. A new order of the ages

"The Civil War" by Ken Burns

9. French poet Sully Prudhomme

Conchologist 3. Diego Rivera 4. Nightmare 5. Spain's Basque region Southern California

8. Valium

Peter Lorre

The Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility hosts it six-week boot camp April 2 through May 11. The boot camp helps people get in shape with the help of personal trainers, various fitness classes and weekly consultations. The program 8-9 a.m. Cost is \$100 and T-shirts are or call 255-4305.

available to participants who complete the class. Orientation for the boot camp is March 30 at 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. at Fortenberry-Colton PFF.

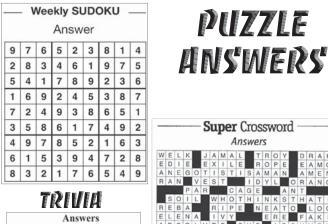
Registration forms are available at both fitness facilities. For more information, call 255-3794 or send an email to kristina.l.fink.naf@mail.mil.

PAN FISH TOURNAMENT

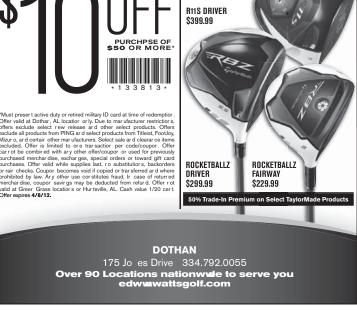
Outdoor recreation hosts a Pan Fish Tournament March 31 from 6:30-10:30 a.m. at Lake Tholocco. People need to register for the event by March 30. The tournament costs \$3 for those 15 and younger, and \$10 for those older than 16. Door prizes will also be given away. All participants 16 years and older must have an Alabama state fishing license and a Fort Rucker post fishing permit. Creel limits must meet the post creel size for Lake Tholocco to qualify for weigh in and only pan fish count for the weigh in. This event is EFMP friendly and open to the public.

For more information or to register, runs weekdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. or visit outdoor recreation in Bldg. 24236

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

Mass Effect 3 completes epic trilogy

By Jim Van Slyke Contributing Writer

In the epic conclusion to

the Reapers is on a mission to wipe out all other sentient life from the galaxy. Earth has been taken over and Commander Shepard is sent to unite all alien races under one banner to stop the Reaper threat.

"Mass Effect 3" includes multiplayer for the first time in the series and if gamers played the first two games, they can have their character

Electronic Arts

Rated

Systems

Xbox 360, PS3, PC

\$60

Overall

and the consequences - good and bad that occurred from decisions and other events from those games in the news game. In other words, if someone died in one of the first two games they won't pop up in Mass Effect 3.

Unlike in the first two games where the emphasis was on recruiting teammates for a final battle, the focus here is on recruiting races to the alliance. A lot of Shepard's cohorts are in the game and decisions about them and the other

races in the galaxy play out during the game. There is also an emphasis on deeper relationships with just a the Mass Effect trilogy, the few characters rather than ancient alien race known as dealing with a semi-large

squad. Gamers have the option of three different styles in "Mass Effect 3." The three different styles are roleplaying, action and story. Roleplaying is the same style as in the previous Mass Effect games. Action places more emphasis on combat and less on making decisions. Story places more emphasis on the plot of the game, while making the

The four-player co-op online multiplayer is a nice addition that adds some life to the game after reaching the end of the story. It can also impact the gamer's singleplayer game, so don't wait to play it.

combat easier.

"Mass Effect 3" is a fitting conclusion to what has been a great trilogy. It's a shame it has to end, but with downloadable content on its way maybe this great space RPG doesn't have to.

Reviewed on Xbox 360



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