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Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, director of Army Safety and commanding general of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, pins an Army Aviation Broken Wing award onto CW3 Gabriel Torney's hat during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center April 17. Torney works for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command as the capability manager for reconnaissance and attack.

Soldier receives Broken Wing

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Friends and Family members gathered at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center for a ceremony to recognize and honor one of its extraordinary Aviators April 17. CW3 Gabriel Torney, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command capability manager

for reconnaissance and attack, received the Army Aviation Broken Wing Award for performing with extraordinary skill, judgment and technique during an in-flight emergency in spite of extreme circumstances that might have led to catastrophic results, according to the citation that was read during the ceremony, which added that the successful landing was achieved through the application of the

"highest degree of proficiency and discretion."

"I'm very honored to receive this award," said Torney. "It's one of those awards that you don't really want to get, like the Purple Heart, but it still gives you [a good feeling]."

Brig. General William T. Wolf, director of Army Safety and commanding general

of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, presented the award to Torney and reminded people why recognition such as this is important.

"It's our recognition of great Aviator excellence," he said. "This is about [Torney] and what he did that day – saving the aircraft,

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Flatiron aids city in active shooter exercise



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFALZ

Flatiron members work with members of the Enterprise rescue team to make sure simulated victims are ready for transport in the UH-72A Lakota helicopters during an active shooter mass casualty exercise at Enterprise High School Saturday.

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Lakota helicopters landed at Enterprise High School to transport wounded victims during an active shooter mass casualty exercise and Fort Rucker's Flatiron was on the scene to aid the city of Enterprise Saturday.

"What we've done is organized a training exercise that incorporates the entire infrastructure system for emergency response for the city of Enterprise," said Lennis Darby, administrative captain for Enterprise Police Department.

The scenario began as police received a call saying that two heavily armed gunmen were seen entering the high school, at which point they were to respond and put the entire emergency response system into play, said the captain.

"Fort Rucker's Flatiron was tasked to support evacuations for the most critically injured from the scene to a local hospital," said Maj. Christian Cook, commander for U.S. Army Air Ambulance Detachment Flatiron.

"In today's environment, we get so many reports of simi-

lar incidents like this one and it's just a matter of time before you have something that reaches every corner of our society," said Darby. "You've got to have all your bases covered. We need to go ahead and prepare for everything that could possibly happen and that's what we're trying to do here."

Darby explained that it's important to run a scenario like this with Flatiron so that the Soldiers can run the flight paths, learn the landing areas and "let us experience the time gaps between the call and response, and different flight times between different locations."

An important part of the exercise is to build relationships, according to Cook.

"Building relationships is always good," he said. "We don't want the first time a crisis happens to be the first time we try to work with someone we don't know."

"I don't want our city and our agency to be caught off guard by something, and I've always told people that you've got to be prepared for the possibilities, not the probabilities,"

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Earth Day Expo brings awareness to Fort Rucker

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Mother Nature made an appearance with a cleansing rain during Fort Rucker's first Earth Day Expo at the Festival Fields April 18, but that didn't dampen the spirits of everyone involved as the expo went on to educate and bring awareness to people about sustainability.

The expo included exhibits from different agencies including URS, which had games set up to educate people about different environmental facts; Interstate Batteries, which helped educate people on the importance of recycling old batteries; and Discovery Recycling, which showed people what they can recycle and how recycling can help the environment.

"We have full-service recycling," said Kevin McManus, general manager for Discover Recycling. "We can recycle more than just paper. We re-

cycle cardboard, No. 1 and No. 2 plastics, tin cans, computers and e-waste."

McManus was also able to educate people on what a lot of the materials that are recycled are turned back into.

"Cardboard will be turned back into cardboard and other papers will usually be turned into some type of tissue," he said. "No. 1 plastics, which are water bottles and things like that, can be turned into carpet, and No. 2 plastics, which is high-density polypropylene like milk jugs and bleach bottles, can be turned into plumbing pipes."

He also explained that most aluminum cans are turned right back into more aluminum cans, adding that aluminum takes a very long time to break down if sitting in a landfill.

Shantal Shelstad, Army Spouse, visited the expo and browsed the various exhibits with her husband,

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFALZ

Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and his wife, Esther, take a ride in the all-electric Tesla at Fort Rucker's first Earth Day Expo at the Festival Fields April 18.

PERSPECTIVE

ACAP: Preparing for success after the Army

By Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter
*Installation Management Command
Commanding General*

SAN ANTONIO — Soldiers deliver for the Army and for the nation — I’ve seen it throughout my career, never more so than during my time in Iraq.

So when you decide it’s time to move on to the next stage of your life, it’s only right that we should have a plan, prepare together and then execute with energy to ensure success.

That’s why we have the Army Career and Alumni Program. Whether your next stage includes a job, school, continued service with the Guard or Reserve, or all three, ACAP will help you and your Family prepare for a successful transition.

Today there is unprecedented support for transitioning Soldiers and veterans at federal, state and local levels. Hiring our Heroes, a U.S. Chamber of Commerce initiative, is a great example. Its job fairs bring together a whole range of organizations — including private industry, the Department of Labor, the Veterans Administration, the Small Business Administration and state workforce



Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter

commissions — all focused on connecting transitioning Soldiers and vets with employment opportunities.

The same idea is behind Hero 2 Hired (https://h2h.jobs/sign_in). This Army website helps transitioning Soldiers and vets connect with 50,000 employers who have vowed to employ them.

ACAP is there to help you learn about and make the most of these and other op-

portunities.

The key is to get to ACAP early — at least 12 months out for separating Soldiers or two years out for retiring Soldiers. Talk with an ACAP counselor about your goals — continuing military service, getting a job, going back to school or starting a business — and lay out a plan to get there.

For transitioning Soldiers looking to enter the civilian job market, it’s good news to hear about employers lining up to participate in job fairs on our installations — 92 employers at a Fort Polk, La., job fair in January, 75 at Fort Jackson, S.C., March 6, and 122 at Fort Campbell, Ky., March 21-22, to name recent examples.

It’s even better news — it’s great news! — to hear the success stories that come out of these events. For example, employers made at least 300 job offers during Fort Campbell’s job fairs in September, and the ACAP office is still hearing from Soldiers who received a job offer then. ACAP offices regularly support these events on our installations and success stories come out of every one.

Of course, this great news is predictable. You have an incredible skill set —

leadership, adaptability, ingenuity and dedication, before we even get to the technical skills. Employers recognize that you bring something extra to the table — we know that when they meet you, they will want you.

Thank you to the great teams — the folks at ACAP and our Department of Labor and Veterans Administration partners — who are helping transitioning Soldiers reach their goals. What you do — polishing resumes and interview skills, researching opportunities, and building connections — is invaluable to helping Soldiers translate their Army experiences into success after the Army.

Thank you, also, to all the leaders doing right by our transitioning Soldiers. We’re looking for concrete outcomes for all transitioning Soldiers — a solid resume and measurable progress towards their goal, whether a job offer, a business plan, or an acceptance letter from a school. With your involvement and support, we all win. Thank you for setting Soldiers up for success. That’s a real example of taking care of Soldiers.

Thank you for your service.
Support and defend

Army leadership delivers Earth Day message

By Senior Leadership of the U.S. Army

(Editor’s note: While Earth Day was Sunday and this was received too late to publish last week, the staff thought this message was too important to not put out.)

The Army has long been at the forefront in finding and implementing ways to protect, preserve, conserve and restore the natural environment in which we live, work and train. We have done much over the years to protect our training lands and the natural and cultural resources on our installations.

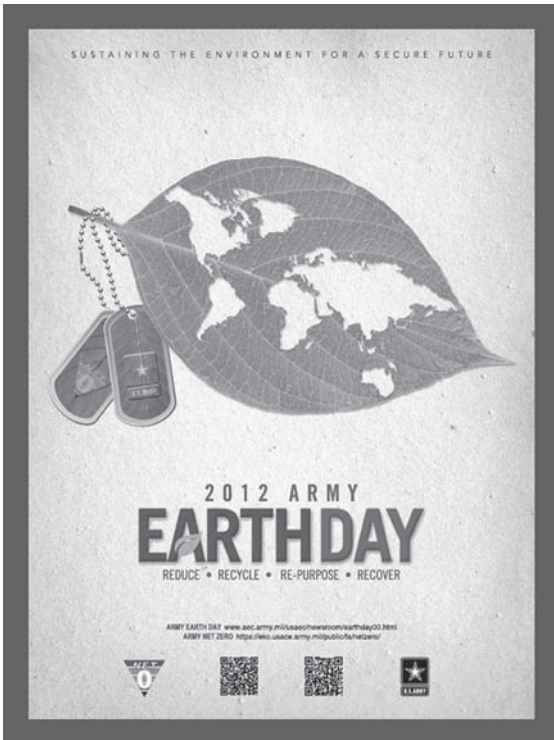
Looking forward, our Army faces significant challenges in providing affordable, sustainable and environmentally conscious energy and other resources to our installations and our operational forces. Addressing energy security and sustainability is not only an operational imperative; it is financially prudent and essential to mission accomplishment. The Army’s Net Zero initiative seeks to manage our critical resources so our installations produce at least as much energy as they use; limit water consumption to prevent negatively impacting the water resources of our installations or the regions in which they are located; and reduce, reuse, and recover installation

waste with a goal of zero waste ending up in landfills.

Our Net Zero goals touch every part of our Army and represent the kind of holistic solution to our installation energy and environmental challenges we need moving forward.

Operationally, we must explore new and efficient ways to produce more energy from alternate sources while aggressively promoting greater fuel and energy efficiency. We must promote recycling, repurposing, recovering and reusing. We must sustain our training lands and resources today, to ensure future Army leaders, Soldiers and Family members have the financial and natural resources to meet new challenges.

This Earth Day - and every day - we have an opportunity to make a difference. We encourage everyone to participate in Army Earth Day events and do your part to foster environmental stewardship. Learn more about the Army’s environmental initiatives and take advantage of the many opportunities to make a difference on your installation. By joining together to find innovative ways to protect our precious natural environment, we will help secure the future for generations and remain The Strength of the Nation.



Rotor Wash

“Friday is Arbor Day. Why is it important for a national holiday to support the planting of trees?”



Andrea Crawshaw,
Army spouse

“To protect our environment.”



CW2 Joshua Robinson,
TDY en route

“Without trees, we don’t have enough oxygen to live.”



CW2 Caleb Kittrell,
TDY en route

“We have to replenish what we use.”



Cathy Hatten,
Army spouse

“Because they will save our planet.”



CW2 Zach McCarthy,
C Co., 1st Bn.,
13 Avn. Rgt.

“Because they make oxygen.”

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Army launches annual Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation

By **Lori Yerdon**
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In a continued effort to make Soldiers and their Family members aware of hazards they may face while participating in off-duty activities, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center recently launched its annual Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation.

Historically, the Army experiences a steady increase in accidental fatalities between April and May through the end of the fiscal year, with a majority of these accidents occurring off duty.

“During the last five fiscal years, we’ve lost an average of 137 Soldiers in off-duty accidents annually,” said Tracey Russell, safety and occupational health manager, USACR/Safety Center. “So far this fiscal year, we’ve seen a decrease in off-duty accidents in comparison with the same timeframe last fiscal year. To continue this trend, it’s critical that Soldiers apply the principles of composite risk management



to their off-duty activities.”

The goal of the presentation is to arm commanders and leaders with the knowledge to educate, empower and challenge

Soldiers, and most importantly, raise awareness as the Army enters this critical juncture and deadliest period of the fiscal year. Approximately 50 minutes long, the

presentation comes complete with speaker notes and embedded videos depicting actual accidents involving Soldiers. Briefers have the ability to tailor the notes to reflect particular trends in their unit.

“This presentation is one of many tools we have available to everyone in our Army Family to help prevent the next accident,” said Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, commander, USACR/Safety Center and director of Army Safety. “This presentation provides great conversation starters for young leaders by sharing real-world stories that Soldiers can relate to and talk about with not only their leadership, but their Family and friends as well.

“Awareness is a key component in reducing accidental losses,” Wolf added. “If Soldiers are aware of the off-duty hazards they face in the upcoming months, they can become part of the solution in preventing the next accident and needless loss of life.”

The 2012 presentation, titled “If You Accept the Risks ... Can You Afford the Costs?” is available on the USACR/Safety Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/ODSAP2012> (AKO login is required).

Fort Rucker community recognizes Law Day



Capt. Marina Loshak, legal assistance with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, watches as Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, signs a proclamation officially recognizing May 1 as Law Day. The holiday was established by Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 as “a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law.” The theme of this year’s Law Day is “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom.”

By **Angela Williams**
Army Flier Staff Writer

On Tuesday, law offices and bar associations across the country will recognize Law Day — a nationally-recognized holiday commemorating the United States justice system.

The president and an increasing number of state leaders issue proclamations recognizing the day and every year there is a different topic, said Capt. Marina Loshak, legal assistance, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. This year, it’s “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom.”

In keeping with the theme, Fort Rucker’s sixth-grade students are competing in an essay contest about what the world would be like without courts, said Lindsey Tice, legal assistance attorney volunteer.

“If the courts are disappearing or if courts are overwhelmed by cases or if people are waiting for trial for years, is that really just?” asked Loshak.

When a winner is selected, Lt. Col. Angela Tucker, deputy staff judge advocate, will visit the school to speak to the students about the importance of the justice system, she said.

“We’re just trying to get people to take a day to focus on the judicial system and the courts,” Tice added.

Both agreed people may not fully appreciate the justice system until they imagine a world without it.

In addition to the essay contest, the law office is hosting a picnic for its staff and a few honored guests. But on Law Day, the staff will be in the office helping clients and making use of the justice system the holiday is intended to honor.

For more information about Law Day, call 255-3482.

News Briefs

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer, an annual event where millions unite to pray for the country and its leaders, is May 3 at noon at the Headquarters Chapel in Bldg. 109. Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Gresham will lead the Fort Rucker community in a brief service of prayer, along with patriotic hymns, brief comments regarding the significance of the day.

For more, call 255-2989 or 255-2012.

Thrift shop Saturdays

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop opens up on the first Saturday of the month beginning in May. The Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon, unless the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, when it is open the second Saturday.

Also the thrift shop accepts people’s unwanted items as donations. People can drop items off at the shed behind the thrift shop, which is located in the former bank building next to the post theater. Donations are tax deductible.

For more, call 255-9595.

Clinic ribbon cutting

Col. Patrick N. Denman, commander of the Lyster Army Health Clinic, invites one and all to attend the grand reopening of Lyster Army Health Clinic as it transitions to “Patient Centered Health” May 7 from 8:30-11 a.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be attended by Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, commanding general of U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, along with members of the Lyster staff. There will be tables showcasing the new programs for patients, along with health and wellness information. The Lyster staff will be available to answer questions and show people around the facility.

ID card section

People who need a common access card or military ID card who are in a hurry can make an appointment by calling 255-2437 or 255-2182. When people call for an appointment, they will be screened and advised of any documentation they need to bring. Walk-ins will continue to be served on a first-come, first-served basis. As a reminder, people may experience delays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AAAA scholarships

Eligible people can apply for Army Aviation Association of America’s scholarship program now through May 1. Last year, Fort Rucker’s Quad A chapter issued 35 scholarships totaling \$47,000 to members and their Family members, according to AAAA officials.


Applicants must be members of AAAA, or a spouse, unmarried child, unmarried sibling or unmarried grandchild of a member or deceased members, and member status must have been on or before May 1 of the previous year of application, unless the member is deceased.

Applicants must be attending an accredited college or university or selected for fall entry as an undergraduate or graduate, and people attending service academies or ineligible and people cannot hold recurrent AAAA scholarships.

More information on the scholarship program is available at <http://www.quad-a.org>.

To get an application, send a request to: AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 755 Main Street, Suite 4D, Monroe, CT 06468-2830. People can also call (203) 268-2450, fax (203) 268-5870 or send an email to aaaa@quad-a.org. Applications must be postmarked by May 1 to receive consideration.

For more information on the scholarship program, call Keith Freitag at (334) 503-6002 or email keith.b.Freitag@boeing.com. Information may also be obtained by calling AAAA at (203) 268-2450.



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SUBJECT: 2012 Law Day Proclamation

1. In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the first Law Day as “a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law.” Every president since has taken the occasion of Law Day as an annual opportunity to proclaim our Nation’s ongoing commitment to the democratic rule of law.

2. This year Law Day provides us with an opportunity to recognize the importance of our Federal and State court systems. Free and open access to courts is the foundation of our democratic society. Soldiers and civilians alike rely on courts to ensure that our rights are protected, our disputes are resolved, and our injuries are redressed.

3. Courts remain central to ensuring the peaceful resolution to conflicts and to our remaining a Nation of laws not of men. This year’s Law Day theme is “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom” reminding us that a properly functioning court system is central to ensuring Justice and Freedom.

4. I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2012, as Law Day and I call upon all the people of Fort Rucker to acknowledge the importance of our Nation’s legal and judicial systems with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



ANTHONY G. CRUTCHFIELD
Major General, USA
Commanding



Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, engage in conversation as McHugh gets ready to depart the TRADOC Headquarters located at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., Friday.

McHugh: Important time for TRADOC mission

By Anthony C. O’Bryant
Army Training and Doctrine Command

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Secretary of the Army John McHugh traveled to U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command headquarters to receive briefings from TRADOC leaders on the Army Profession, doctrine, leader development, and training and education Friday.

Gen. Robert W. Cone, TRADOC commanding general, began the briefing by discussing TRADOC’s ‘big three’ missions — supporting the current fight, structural transitions and human transitions — as the command works to transition the force to the Army of 2020.

McHugh cited the importance of TRADOC’s mission.

“We are coming out of 10 years of warfare. We have a new national military strategy, and we need to take lessons learned, and measure our way ahead, and put that into doctrine and training programs in a way that positions us to take the best of the recent past, and build toward a better future. And, all of that starts right here [at TRADOC],” said McHugh. “Throughout the history of the Army, our development of our training programs and our educational initiatives have always been important, but this is amongst the most important times in re-

cent memory.”

Cone and Lt. Gen. David Perkins, the Combined Arms Center’s commanding general, briefed McHugh on the latest initiatives underway to implement changes identified with the Army Profession Campaign.

TRADOC released the Army Profession report earlier this month, which, according to Perkins, was the most comprehensive study of the profession ever conducted, gathering feedback from more than 40,000 surveys from Army personnel across all cohorts. He compared the effort to a similar study in 1987 that only involved feedback from 400 officers.

The TRADOC-governed campaign was led by the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and designed to determine ways to identify and strengthen weaknesses in the profession, and to leverage its strengths.

“[The Army Profession] is as old as the Army itself, and is built on certain core principles that have always set this Army apart from other militaries from across the planet and throughout history,” McHugh said.

He said he sees the Army at an inflection point, where it needs take its last 10 years of combat experience and use that to define the Army as a profession with

the “guidance and the input from those great warriors who have been out there doing the hard fight.”

McHugh said he believes the Army needs to reestablish and reaffirm the foundational principles that have always been important to the Army and embed them with new lessons.

“We find ourselves today with a force that is very rich in combat experience, and has demonstrated over ten years that they certainly have the skills with soldiering and prevailing on the battlefield well in hand,” McHugh said. “But, as I think Gen. Cone and his team here are helping us to do each and every day, we want to make sure that they have that full professional development and education. The schoolhouse is an important

part of that, and this team [TRADOC] is working very hard, along with the Army leadership, to try and provide the means and the way forward to make that happen.”

McHugh ended his visit with a message to TRADOC expressing his appreciation for their role in the Army.

“I just want to say to the team here that this is a critically important time for this mission. All of us in the Pentagon who depend upon them are very grateful for the effort they bring each and every day. And I think I can say for Soldiers — whether they know it or not — [they] benefit from the hard work that happens [at TRADOC], and we are all in great debt to them,” McHugh said. “Keep up the good work.”

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Officials detail initiatives to stop sexual assault

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon’s top civilian and military leaders took their campaign to stop sexual assault in the military to Capitol Hill April 16, where they announced new initiatives to combat the problem.

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke with reporters after meeting with three members of the House of Representatives who are working on the issue.

“General Dempsey and I consider this a serious problem that needs to be addressed,” Panetta said. “It violates everything the U.S. military stands for.”

Panetta and Dempsey met with Rep. Loretta Sanchez of California, Rep. Mike Turner of Ohio, and Rep. Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts. Sanchez chairs the Caucus on Women in the Military, while Turner and Tsongas co-chair the Military Sexual Assault Prevention Caucus.

“Service members and their Families must feel secure enough to report this crime without fear of retribution, and commanders must hold offenders appropriately accountable,” the secretary said.

One Defense Department initiative will elevate the level of investigation for the most serious sexual assault allegations. Local unit commanders will be required to report allegations of rape, forcible sodomy and sexual assault, as well as attempts of those offenses, to a special court-martial convening authority, usually a colonel or Navy captain.

That change will ensure that sexual assault cases receive high-level attention and that cases remain in the chain of command, Panetta said.

The initiatives also include:

- Establishing with congressional approval a “special victims’ unit” within each service composed of specially trained experts in evidence collection, interviewing and working with victims;
- Requiring that sexual assault policies be explained to all service members within 14 days of their entry into active duty;
- Allowing National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been sexually assaulted to remain on active duty status to obtain the treatment and support afforded to active-duty members;
- Requiring a record of the outcome of disciplinary and administrative proceedings related to sexual assault and retaining the records centrally;
- Requiring commanders to conduct annual organizational climate assessments to measure whether they are meeting the department’s goal of a culture of professionalism and zero tolerance of sexual assault;
- Enhancing training programs for sexual assault prevention, including training for new military commanders in handling sexual assault matters; and
- Mandating wider public dissemination of available sexual assault resources, such as DOD’s “Safe Helpline,” a 24/7 helpline via Web, phone or text message operated by the nonprofit Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network.

The helpline, which assisted more than 770 people between April and September last year, is available at 877-995-5247 or <http://www.safehelpline.org>.

The initiatives build on others announced in the past year that include appointing a two-star general to head the department’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, and expanding legal assistance to military spouses and adult military Family members.

Panetta called the changes “a strong package,” but he added that “there is no silver bullet.” All military leaders at every level must understand that they have a responsibility to stop sexual assault, he said.

Dempsey said he agrees with the changes because the crime of sexual assault erodes the trust associated with being in the U.S. military.

“We must send the signal that this is not a problem we are going to ignore,” Panetta said.



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U.S. Rep. Michael Turner of Ohio, Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez of California, participate in a press briefing at the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., April 16.

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Spcs. Jose Palomino, James Cobb, and Kenneth Waller, look at a modified M240 machine gun that is mounted in a mock-up door frame from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during the 2011 Army Aviation Association of America's Annual Professional Forum and Exposition in Nashville, Tenn. The M240's turret mount has been modified to ensure the weapon doesn't hit the window frame

Army acquiring 'brown-out' assistance for helicopters

By Kris Osborn

Army News Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The U.S. Army is in the early stages of responding to an Operational Needs Statement asking for high-tech assistance for pilots to better navigate “brown-out” conditions where terrain becomes obscured.

The Army plans to acquire five high-tech, 94 Gigahertz millimeter wave radar systems called Helicopter Autonomous Landing Systems, service officials said April 3 at the 2012 Army Aviation Association of America's Professional Forum and Exhibition in Nashville.

The systems will help pilots navigate through what's referred to as a Degraded Visual Environment, or DVE, said Col. Anthony Potts, project manager, Aviation Systems.

The idea for the DVE radar, which emerged out of a specially formed Helicopter Survivability Task Force started in 2009, is to leverage the best existing technologies able to help pilots navigate through obscured or “brown-out” conditions as a path toward conducting a Limited User Assessment of the technology by the end of next year, Potts explained.

The efforts of the task force resulted in a study titled U.S. Army Program Executive Office Aviation Report and Recommendations on Terrain Awareness Aspects of Rotorcraft Mishaps in Degraded Visual Environments, Aug. 11.

“We made a determination within that study, the greatest threat to our aircraft was what's called Degraded Visual Environment. This refers to when a pilot's approach to the landing zone in desert conditions becomes what is commonly referred to as a ‘brown out,’ where pilots lose their visual reference with the ground,” Potts added.

The danger of a DVE, Potts explained, is when pilots lose their situational awareness regarding what's referred to as the “drift” of an airframe, wherein an aircraft catches or collides with the ground or nearby obstacle, causing a helicopter to roll over.

The Rotorcraft Mishaps in DVE study, led by PEO Aviation with support from the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and the Army Combat Readiness Center at Fort Rucker, and the Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, was geared toward looking at ways to help helicopter pilots minimize or avoid what's often called Controlled Flight Into Terrain, Potts said.

The Army, which has budgeted \$226 million for DVE technologies from 2011 to 2015, plans to deliver the first five DVE systems within 18 to 24 months, he added.

At the same time, PEO Aviation, Project Manager Aviation Systems Program Office is expecting that the fielding of the first five systems in response to the ONS will help inform a subsequent program of record for DVE technologies.

“We have an Initial Capabilities Document and we are getting ready to produce a Capabilities Development Document. We're hoping for a Milestone Development Decision, or MDD by the fourth quarter of this year,” Potts said.

PEO Aviation is working with the Special Operations community as well as the Army's Technology Applications Program Office and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to establish a “backbone” architecture able to accommodate a number of valuable DVE-type technologies, Potts explained.

“There are a lot of sensors out there. We're working toward a software backbone that can become sensor agnostic so that it is not tied to a specific material solution. We've found some great partnerships,” Potts described.

There is some discussion among experts regarding

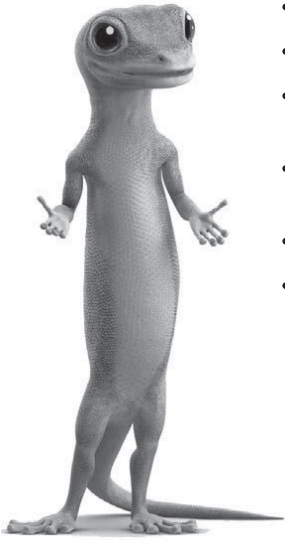
which sensor might be best suited for DVE-type solutions, with potential options including laser applications, ladar, long wave and infrared radar, Potts said.

“What we've found is that the millimeter wave radar had the best capability to penetrate the dust obscurants that are in the air. Basically what it does is it paints a picture of the ground in front of you, so that pilots can see the ground from a radar-painted picture,” Potts said. “Also, it will paint an obstacle that might be there, whether it's a

Humvee put in your landing zone, a ditch or a small hole that your map didn't show was there - and it gives you that visibility.”

The Army's cutting-edge aircraft models such as the AH-64 Block III Apache attack helicopter, UH-60 M-model Black Hawk utility helicopter and the CH 47 F-model Chinook cargo helicopters all have advanced digital flight controls and moving map displays better able to help pilots navigate, Potts said.

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Soldier: Award recognizes Aviator’s quick thinking

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saving himself and the efforts to save his entire crew. This opportunity is to recognize, not only excellence in Aviation as an Aviator, but also as a great hero.”

Torney said his crew was on a mission in Tal Afar, Iraq, when his aircraft, an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter, came under heavy fire where his pilot in command was fatally wounded and he had to take command of the aircraft.

“They were within a moment of losing it,” said Wolf. “Gabe took shrapnel and bullet wounds, but with all of the wounds he had to his face, legs and arms, he still kept control

of his aircraft and safely landed it back at the site where they could give him care. He took control of that aircraft and really made it happen for his crew to keep that aircraft safe.

“This great gentleman really saved the day in an effort to not only try and salvage his aircraft and himself, but his entire crew,” said Wolf.”

Torney went on to speak about his father, who passed away in recent years, and how he was very into promotions and award ceremonies.

“He was real big on [attending] ceremonies in dress uniforms so I really appreciate being able to receive the award in my dress uniform,” he said. “It means a lot to me.”

While Torney told the story of how he came to be recognized for the Broken Wing award, he said that he remembered Darrell Green, former National Football League player and Hall of Famer.

“[Green] always talked about you’ve got to be ready for that ‘right now’ moment,” he said. “That was my ‘right now’ moment sitting up there [in that aircraft].”

“The Army does a really good job of training [Soldiers] for that ‘right now’ moment,” said Torney. “[My training] is a testament to the Army being really able to prepare people for that.”

He also said the Army makes sure that pilots can recognize the seven indications of

engine failure when flying an aircraft, but the one indication that they don’t teach is the sudden sinking sensation that you’re falling out of the sky, adding that it’s the first indication that a pilot will always get.

“While I was flying, one of the first things that popped up was that my engine was out,” he said. “I got the audio [indication] and the message registered, but I thought ‘well if it’s not going to fall out of the sky and it’s going to keep flying me, then I’m going to keep flying it.’ If there is anything that any [other pilots] can take away from this, it’s that if the aircraft keeps flying you, then just keep flying it and that will get you through and get you around to what you need to do.”

Exercise: Training essential to mission readiness, success

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said Darby. “With the cooperative agreements that Fort Rucker and Enterprise have ... it’s really important to understand how the other agencies work and how the response is actually going to take place so that we know if there are any steps in the system that are missing.”

Flatiron’s primary mission is for crash rescue, said the commander, but the unit still supports the local communities for real MEDEVAC calls.

“An exercise like this helps all parties develop an understanding of each other’s capabilities and how to cooperate,” he said, “and we confirm or improve the communication channels already in place.”

Cook said that training for an exercise like this one is really no different than training for a military operation, explaining that the planning, synchronizing and execution are all key to integrating multiple agencies effectively.

“It’s been a wonderful experience for me,” said Darby. “Working with all the different

agencies and the cooperative relationship we have is beyond anything that I would have ever expected. I’m absolutely thrilled at Fort Rucker’s involvement and I haven’t met a single person from Fort Rucker who is not absolutely thrilled to be a part of this exercise.”

The performance and outcome of the exercise was an overall success, said Cook.

“Flatiron’s pilots, flight medics and firefighters are very motivated and always get going quickly when a MEDEVAC call comes in,” he said. “Everything seemed to

go very smoothly and Flatiron’s operations staff and flight crews did great.”

Cook said that the efforts put forth for the exercise were by no means a singular effort and that all the agencies involved did their part to make the exercise a success.

“Flatiron’s part was just a small augmentation to a larger, more complex exercise,” he said. “The civilian agencies took this exercise seriously and really worked hard during the execution and will perform better ... and the community is better prepared as a result.”

Expo: Event highlights advancements in ecotechnology

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CW2 Brandon Shellstad, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, and daughter, Penny.

“I like knowing the different resources that are available,” she said. “I didn’t know about [Discovery Recycling] and what they offer. We recycle and everything, but I think a lot of people are wasteful and most of their waste is going into landfills, so it’s nice to get that message out to get people to start thinking of different ways to do things.”

TRANE was another company that had an exhibit at the expo and it is most commonly known for air conditioning units, but it was there to educate people on what it does as a company to make buildings more efficient for the environment, said Lant Dubose, solution sales executive for TRANE.

“Our equipment is low-pressure equipment,” he said. “If a piece of our equipment sprung a leak, for example, the refrigerant that is housed inside the unit won’t leak out – it actually stays within the system. Our equipment is 15-20 percent more efficient than [most], but our specialty is re-engineering buildings to make total building systems more efficient.

“It’s more than just the equipment that we have, it’s the application itself,” he explained.

TRANE has long supported the armed forces and is partnered with the federal government to help all branches of the armed forces meet their mission, said Dubose.

“It’s more than just guys on the front fighting the enemy,” he said. “It’s all the support services that get them there and get them ready.”

Although many exhibits at the expo helped educate people on sustainability efforts and what they can do to help, none seemed to grab more attention than the Tesla, which is car powered only by electricity.

“What we’re showing is a mark and indicator for what is coming in the future,” said Cedric Daniels, program manager for electric transportation for Alabama Power Company. “The Tesla is a totally electric sports car, which is incredible. It’s the eye-candy, it’s the fun car.”

Daniels explained that the company that manufactures the Tesla wanted to show that an all-electric sports car could be created that performed just as well as gasoline-powered vehicles.

“It has performed excellently,” he said. “It’s fast, attractive and goes the range that was predicted.”

Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dwaine E. Walters, Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, both attended the expo to test drive the Tesla.

“The fact that you can use electricity to drive along the interstates and drive along your normal commutes ... is really a huge need for us,” said Daniels. “It gives us a stronger case to be more independent of foreign oil imports and that is important for the mission as well.”

Another car that was showcased was the Chevrolet Volt, which is a hybrid “electric range-extended vehicle,” said the transportation program manager.

The reason for showing the all-electric car and the electric-hybrid car is to get people to realize that there are going to be different alternative fuels available in the future, whether they are electric alternatives or not, said Daniels, adding he wanted to show people that electricity, as an alternative fuel source for cars, is available to people now.

“I think our supplies and current fuel sources will run out soon – maybe not in our lifetime, but maybe the generation after,” said Greg Norman, who attended the expo, “and this expo can teach people how to be more environmentally friendly.”



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106 Fieldcrest: 3 BR/2 BA, attractive home nestled in mature trees and flowers (azalea bushes). Fenced and private, no neighbors behind house, covered front porch and screened back porch. Very nice plus fish pond. \$130,000 **Angie Goodman 334-464-7869** Directions: **Fox Hill/Enterprise:** Rucker Blvd to Ridgeway (by fire station) to Fieldcrest Dr

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OPEN SATURDAY. 1-3pm



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113 Stonehedge: Enjoy your summer jump in to this inviting pool! Home with 4 BR/2 BA, open floor plan, dining room, breakfast area along with eat in kitchen, large corner lot. Easy access to Ft. Rucker. Check it out! \$235,000 **Mildred Owens 334-464-2121** Directions: **Legacy Farms/Enterprise:** Rucker Blvd to Legacy Drive, left on Stonehedge to the end of street house on left corner of Stonehedge and Homestead Way

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OPEN SATURDAY. 2-4pm



160 Boll Weevil Circle: Situated on nice, level landscaped lot, this 3 BR/2 BA with covered front porch, covered patio on the back, split has had only one owner on private road. Master suite garden tub and shower stall. Florida room. New heat pump installed June 2011. Home warranty also included. \$197,000 **Evelyn Hitch 334-406-3436** Directions: **Enterprise:** Hwy 167 South from Boll Weevil Circle, right on CR 709 at caution light, left on CR 712

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115 Rosemount: 4BR/2BA with screened in porch, wood floors, wainscoting, landscaped garden area, all with a golf course view. The open concept of the home allows for maximum entertaining space and the floor plan creates a complete master suite with your own hallway, linen closet and door to the covered porch paved with brick. Relaxing on this screened porch and looking out into the wooded backyard, with tiny white lights hanging in the trees, is magical. HOA dues are \$350 per year & include community pool. \$265,000 **Maggie Haas 334-389-0011** Directions: **Tartan Pines/Enterprise:** Boll Weevil Circle turn onto Tartan Way and then take the first right onto Rosemount

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58 CR 171: Beautiful home in Hunter Ridge. Hardwood floors throughout, custom cabinets, granite counter tops, stainless appliances, pretty custom trim package & custom built mantel. Claw foot tub & tiled shower in MBA. Custom cabinets and sink in laundry room, huge lot (1.05 +/-) with mature hardwood trees, plenty of room for a pool. \$295,500 **Bob Kuykendall 334-369-8534** Directions: **Hunter Ridge/New Brackton:** Boll Weevil Circle to 167 N, turn right into Hunter Ridge (CR 163), turn right on CR 171

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OPEN SATURDAY. 1:30pm-3pm



413 W Adams: Quartz counter tops in kitchen. 4 closets in MBR, 2 cedar lined closets. So many updates. \$170,000 **Evelyn Hitch 406-3436** Directions: **Enterprise:** Main St, turn on College, make first right on Mack St past Enterprise Junior High School

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FORT RILEY, Kan. — The 1st Infantry Division’s continuing transformation into the most modern formation in the United States Army marked an important milestone April 17 as Soldiers from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade made room for five AH-64 Apache Block III helicopters in their hangars at Marshall Army Airfield on Fort Riley.

The Block III is the Army’s newest, most advanced attack helicopter and the 1st CAB is the only Aviation brigade to possess it.

“The addition of the Apache Block III extends the reach and speed of the Big Red One by being able to rapidly deliver lethal precision fires faster and more accurately than any other asset in the United States Army,” Lt. Col. Ed Vedder,

commander of 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment said. “The unit is ecstatic about being the first in the Army to fly, test and field this aircraft.”

At a price tag \$36 million, the Apache Block III has been hailed by Army Aviation leaders as the aircraft that gun pilots have needed for years to increase their ability to support the ground force. CW4 Ron Porter, 1-1 ARB, said the new helicopter is able to get to the fight quicker, carry more weight and provide Soldiers both in the cockpit and on the ground with better situational awareness.

“With this aircraft we can fly at higher altitudes, at faster speeds and, when (the Soldiers) need us, we can get to them carrying more fuel and more ammunition to help them out of trouble or take care of



PHOTO BY MOLLIE MILLER

1st Inf. Div. crew chiefs rush to tend to the division’s newest Aviation asset, the AH-64 Apache Block III helicopter, April 17 at Marshall Army Airfield. The division’s 1st Combat Aviation Brigade is only CAB in the Army to possess the new \$36-million aircraft.

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CHINOOK LOAD

A CH-47 Chinook belonging to the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., is loaded onto an Air Force C-17 Globemaster as part of an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise held at Marshall Army Airfield recently.

82nd Airborne team earns ‘Best Sapper’ trophy

By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — For the 2012 winners of the Best Sapper competition, laying claim to the trophy was well worth the 53 hours of ticks, mosquitoes and misery they endured trudging through the woods and trails of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., April 19-21.

Capt. Mike Kendall and Staff Sgt. Frank Batts of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, claimed the winner’s trophy for their unit. The two agree the biggest challenge was motivating one another during the journey.

“It’s challenging to have the humility to say ‘I’m not good at this, I need you to carry me on this one,’” Kendall said. “We also let the small stuff go whenever an event was over. We didn’t fuss about it. What we could have done better, we just looked to the next event and focused on that.”

Batts agreed, and said mental preparation was also a part of the team’s success.

“As soon as we knew an event was completed, we decided to take on the next event by quizzing ourselves, getting our minds fresh for the next [event],” Batts said.

The Best Sapper competition has been run a total of eight times now since its first run in 2005. Of the 16 individual competitors that won, only four were enlisted. The rest have been officers.

Batts said while his particular accomplishment hadn’t sunk in quite yet, he hopes his win will get more non-commissioned officers to come out and challenge themselves as part of the competition.

“I know there are other guys out there who want to take this trophy home to their units,” Batts said. “I know there are a lot more guys out there who are physical training studs and beasts, they just need to come out and do this.”

The advice the pair has for Best Sapper hopefuls is to stay humble, stay physically strong and try to become a technical expert at everything. Rehearsals and training



PHOTO BY J.D. LEIPOLD

Staff Sgt. Frank Batts (left) and Capt. Mike Kendall hold high the trophy they won as winners of the 2012 Best Sapper Competition, which ran for 53 straight hours at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., April 19-21, 2012. The Army Engineer School and the Engineer Regiment have hosted the annual event since 2005.

do pay off the more a Soldier goes through it, they said.

“Always look for ways to improve and don’t be satisfied that you know how to do something. Throw a twist into it and practice with that,” Kendall said, adding that he and Batts trained with three other teams.

Batts agreed. Training like you fight, he said, is impor-

tant for the win.

“I think that’s probably the biggest key,” added Batts. “If you’re not training with other teams and throwing a little bit of competition into your train-up, well, it’s just hard to put that pressure on yourself training up for this event — you need that pressure.”

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CAB: Additional Block IIIs arrive in coming months

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the bad guys as the case may be,” Vedder said.

Although users have already identified a long list of increased aircraft capabilities, Vedder is quick to caution that the full potential of the helicopter still remains to be seen.

“The warriors in (the Gunfighter) formation will be the ones who discover the best way to employ the new systems that the Block III offers in support of our Soldiers and allies on the ground,” he said.

Capt. Adam Marr, commander of C Company, 1-1 ARB, and the CAB’s first Apache Block III pilot-in-command, said he and his team are honored to be a part of this monumental time in the history of the 1st Inf. Div. and Army Aviation.

“What Charlie Company is part of, what the Gunfighters are part of, is validating this awesome new aircraft to not only fight the current war but to ensure that we are prepared to meet all future battlefield challenges,” he said.

Now that the new aircraft have begun to arrive in Kansas, CAB Soldiers are continuing to train the nearly 300 Soldiers who will fly or maintain the Block IIIs. In the coming months, more than 200 enlisted Soldiers will go through three to five weeks of training at Fort Riley while more than 60 pilots will head out to Mesa, Ariz., for Block III-specific training.

“There is a lot of honor and pride in being the first,” Vedder said. “The Soldiers will carry this experience with them for the rest of their lives.”

Additional Block IIIs will continue to arrive at Fort Riley throughout the coming months. By the end of the year, Fort Riley will be home to two dozen of the Army’s premiere attack helicopters.



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CW4 Ron Porter, 1-1 ARB, greets his daughter April 17 after flying one of the 1st Infantry Division’s newest Aviation assets, the Apache Block III, in from California. The division’s 1st Combat Aviation Brigade is only CAB in the Army to possess the new \$36-million aircraft.

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Music Under the Alabama Stars

Concert takes people back in time

By Nathan Pfau
 Army Flier Staff Writer

People were taken back in time as Fort Rucker's 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band brought its summer concert series, Music Under the Alabama Stars to Howze Field Friday with its rock band, Crossfire, playing songs from different decades.

More than a hundred people gathered in the field to enjoy the concert. Some brought lawn chairs, blankets and food to enjoy with their Families, while others brought their pets to play with as they listened to the music.

"It's good to get outdoors, hear live music, and be able to get out and relax in open air," said W01 Christopher Nicholas, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment. "It's a really nice way to spend a Friday afternoon."

"This was [Crossfire's] first concert for this year and it was awesome," he said. "I feel like it's only going to get better from here."

Christopher attended the concert with his wife, Staff Sgt. Virginia Nicholas, who is a member of the 98th Army Band, and their two children, Michelle and Joshua.

"I think it was great and the crowd was really into it," said the staff sergeant. "I could tell that [the band members] were having a lot of fun because the crowd was really engaged."

Julie Stevenson, civilian who attended the concert, came with her husband, Phil, and their two sons, Jake and Robert, and said that it was nice to be able to bring her Family onto the installation and enjoy live music.

"There aren't too many places in the area that you can go to take your Family to enjoy some good live music," she said. "It's nice to be able to come out here, let the children play with other kids and just have a good time."

"It's good to be able to find something to do that the entire Family can come to," added Phil. "It's something for the adults and the kids to enjoy, and the music was great – it really took me back."

Crossfire's first MUTAS con-



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Crossfire, the rock band for the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band, plays at Howze Field during its Music Under the Alabama Stars concert Series Friday.

cert was canceled because of rain, so the band members were hoping for a good turnout for the show, said Staff Sgt. Mario Evans, vocalist for Crossfire and the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band.

"I was actually surprised at the turnout today because I know it's Friday and there is a lot going on. People could have been anywhere they wanted to be," said Evans. "I was glad to see they came out – it made me very happy."

The 98th Army Band will be having concerts throughout the summer featuring its different talents and band makeups, according to Evans.

We're going to have a mixture of stuff throughout the summer," he said. "We're the rock band but we're going to be having more

concerts that will feature our jazz band and our stage band. We'll have all different varieties of music – we want to have something for everybody."

More concerts are scheduled for May 17 and June 22, but no concert will be held in July due to Freedom Fest, but the concert series will resume in August.

"I want people to walk away from our shows with a feeling of nostalgia," said Evans. "Maybe a song that resonated with them a long time ago or maybe even now. Just something to make them feel good and forget their troubles, even if for just a little while."

For more information, visit the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band Facebook page.



Jeanet Pascua, Army spouse, right, brings a flower to Hayley Drysdale, center, daughter of Spc. Jeanette Drysdale, left, 98th Army Band.

Soldier Show returns to Wiregrass May 5-6



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

Spc. Julio Petersen III of Fort Meade, Md., leads U.S. Army Soldier Show performers in a high-kicking rendition of "Footloose" during rehearsals at Fort Sam Houston Theatre in San Antonio March 30. The Soldier Show returns to the Wiregrass May 5 and 6.

By Tim Hipps
 Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO — Active-duty Soldiers bring the emotional, mental, physical, spiritual and Family pillars of military life to the stage in "Army Strong," the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show that returns to the Wiregrass May 5 and 6.

"Every section of the show has something to do with strength in one of those areas," production manager and producer Tim Higdon said.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is scheduled for two free shows in the Ozark Civic Center. The May 5 show is at 7 p.m. and the May 6 show is at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are not needed for either performance and doors open one hour before the shows begin.

The 90-minute song-and-dance production is designed to accentuate the strengths and resiliency of Soldiers and military Families through modern songs, current hits, vibrant costuming, exciting choreography and spectacular visuals.

"That is in line with the chief of staff's motto for this year, which is, 'The strength

of our nation is our Army, the strength of our Army is our Soldiers, the strength of our Soldiers is our Families, and that's what makes us Army Strong," Higdon said. "So the show is designed to follow that theme, and to highlight the strength aspect all the way through."

Soldiers will attempt to sing and dance their way into the audiences' heart, mind and soul. "Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier," is the working motto of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, which is designed to deliver a positive message to the troops.

"It's all about 'Army Strong – Hooah!' So we're moving out and doing that," Higdon said.

The 2012 edition unveils a state-of-the-art, high-resolution LED video wall — 13 feet tall by 28 feet wide — featuring photographs of Army life on a virtual backdrop revolving from scene to scene and song to song.

"It's going to be a very visual show — very current, very modern," Higdon said. "We're excited about that new aspect of the show. The incorporation of that LED

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

Dine, Date Night

The Landing Zone hosts its Dine & Date Night Friday from 5 p.m. to midnight. Dinner for two is \$20 and is available until 9 p.m. Dinner includes a choice a beverage, a choice of 8-ounce Flat Iron Steak or Blackened Mahi with Creole sauce with a side of baked potato with sour cream and butter. For dessert, people can share a cheesecake with toppings. The price includes a DJ that will play from 7–11 p.m. The regular menu will also be available for purchase, but not included in the two-for-\$20 offer.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 598-2426.

Resilience Training

Army Community Service offers Resilience Training Monday from 8 a.m. to noon at The Commons. Resilience Training enables people to actively manage physical and psychological challenges in their personal lives and continue to be the pillar of support behind their Soldiers.

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

Kid's Night Character Dining

The Landing Zone hosts Kid's Night Character Dining Tuesday from 5–8 p.m. Children can enjoy kid-friendly entertainment such as balloons, magic, karaoke, face painting and more, along with a buffet where two kids eat free from the children's buffet with one paid adult entrée.

For more, call 598-8025.

2012 Army Arts, Crafts Contest

The 2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest runs Tuesday through June 30. The annual, juried competition for Soldiers, Family members and Army civilians features categories like: ceramics, digital art, drawing, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, mixed media, paintings and wood.

For complete contest rules, visit www.armymwr.com. People can complete entry forms and submit digital images of work online at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/APPTRAC>. For more, call 255-9020.

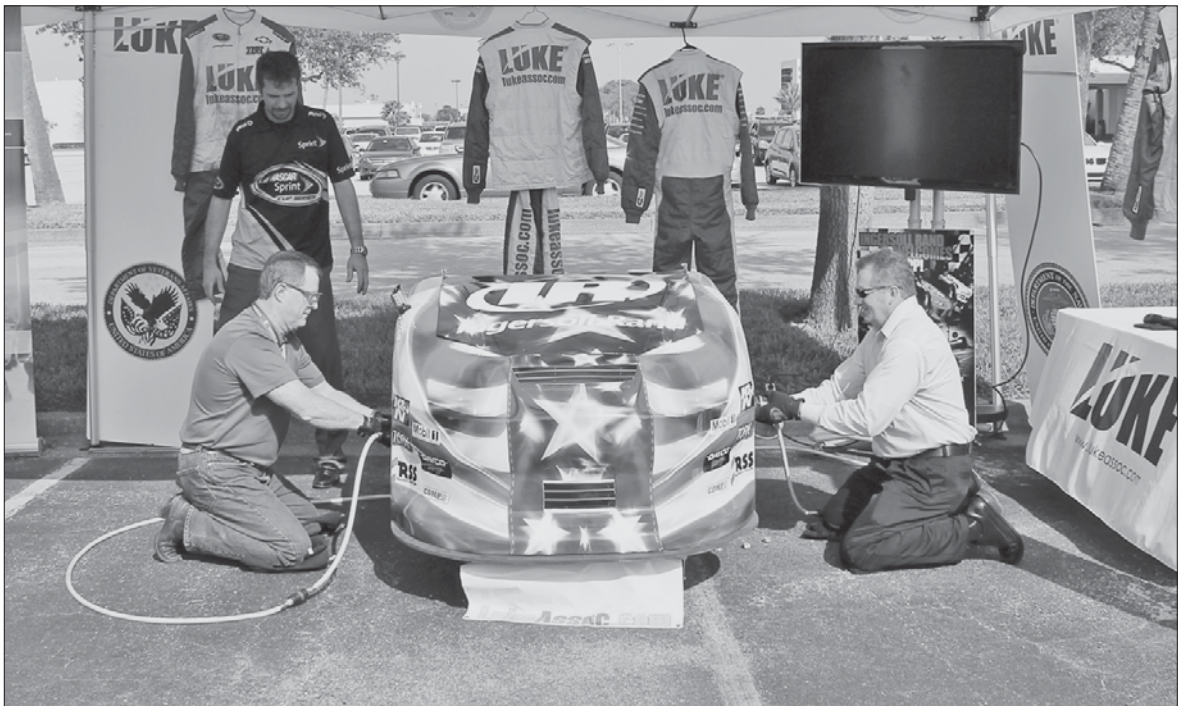
Fiesta Thursday

The Landing Zone hosts Fiesta Thursday every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. beginning May 3. The special features \$2 specials. People can enjoy \$2 tacos with the purchase of a beverage. Tacos will have choice of beef or chicken and include shredded lettuce, tomatoes and sour cream. People can make it a meal by adding black beans and rice for \$1.95, or a side of guacamole for \$.50, cheese for the tacos for \$.50 and chips and queso for \$2. This offer is not valid with any other coupons or promotions and is available for dine in only.

For more, call 598-8025.

Anger Management Workshop

Army Community Service hosts its Anger Management Workshop Tuesday and May 8 from 9–11 a.m. at the Family Advocacy Program Early Childhood Activity Center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street.



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Free food, fun, challenge

Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, along with Luke and Associates, hosts the Hope and Inspiration Tour, featuring a free cookout and a chance for people to test their pit crew skills May 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the automotive skills center. The tour features a racing tire changing demo station, NASCAR veteran and ESPN analyst D.J. Copp and Patrick Rummerfield, a fully recovered quadriplegic. Lyster Army Health Clinic officials will also be on hand to provide health information.

The workshop helps people learn to identify causes and symptoms of anger, learn techniques to manage anger and discover how to develop an anger management plan. This is a two-part series and participants must attend both sessions to receive a certificate. The workshop is open to active duty and retired service members, Department of Defense employees and their Family members.

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

Financial Readiness Training

Army Community Service offers Financial Readiness Training May 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in Rm. 284. The free training provides a practical approach to personal financial management so Soldiers can gain control of and manage money effectively. Financial Readiness Training is required for all first-term junior enlisted Soldiers. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

For more, call 255-2594 or 9631.

Comedy Live at Rucker

Comedy Live at Rucker returns May 4 and features stand-up comedians Shawn Felipe and Steve Caouette. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the comedy show will last from 8-9:45 p.m. The show is considered adult rated and is for ages 18 and up. Advanced tickets are \$10 and are available at The Landing Zone until 4 p.m. the day of the show. Tickets are \$15 at the door. The event is open to the public.

The Landing Zone offers people a chance to have dinner before the show with its two-for-\$30 dinner special from 5–8 p.m. The evening will also feature Matt Corey before from 7:30–8 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight. Comedy Live patrons may enjoy this entertainment for free. Customers who only wish to attend Matt Corey's

portion of the evening will pay \$5.

Corey entered into the college scene in 2009 with this new concept of mixing live music with DJ music. Performing at nearly 100 college campuses within his first year of leading his own project, he was named "Male Solo Artist of the Year" and scored opening appearances with artists such as Mike Posner, Far East Movement, Third Eye Blind and O.A.R.

For more, call 255-9810.

Children's Book Week

The Center Library celebrates Children's Book Week May 6–12. Children can stop by the library during the week for a chance to win prizes. The week will feature a contest to guess the number of lollipops in a jar, and children can also participate in a poster contest by creating a poster about their favorite book. Posters will be supplied by the Center Library and can be picked up starting Tuesday. Completed posters will be judged on creativity in the following age groups: 3–5, 6–9 and 10–12. Posters must be completed and brought to the Center Library by May 12 and winners will be chosen May 14.

For more, call 255-0891.

May EDGE! programs

Child, youth and schools services host various activities for its May EDGE! after-school program line up. EDGE! is open to youth ages 6–18 and offers a variety of activities on weekdays from 4–6 p.m. May's EDGE! activities include yoga, rock climbing, stained glass and pottery. Cost for ages 6–10 is \$5 per hour and the program is free for ages 11–18. A valid CYSS registration is required for children to participate. Enrollment for all EDGE! activities is at parent central services in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 193 or online at webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/ruckercyms.html.

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Shortcuts in life lead to disaster

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Milton Johnson
Garrison Chaplain's Office

John L. Smith was a loyal and hard working carpenter who had worked for the same very successful contractor for many years. John was the kind of man any employer would be pleased to have.

One day the contractor called John into his office and said, "John, I'm putting you completely in charge of the next house we build. You've been a great asset to me and I want to give you some extra responsibility. I want you to order all the materials and oversee the entire job."

John accepted the assignment with great enthusiasm and excitement. This was his big break! For 10 days before the ground was broken at the building site, he carefully studied blueprints. He checked every measurement, every cut and every specification.

Suddenly, a seemingly brilliant thought flashed into his mind. "If I'm really in charge, why couldn't I cut a few corners, use less expensive materials, and put the extra money in my pocket? Who would know the dif-

ference? Once the house is finished and painted, it will look just great."

So John carefully laid out his scheme. He ordered second-grade lumber, but his reports indicated it was top-grade. He ordered inexpensive concrete for the foundation and used the cheapest sub-contractors for the job. All the while, he reported higher figures than were quoted.

He had the least expensive wiring put in that would pass the inspector's scrutiny. Cutting corners in materials as well as in construction, John continued to report the purchase of the best materials.

Soon, the home was finished, landscaped and painted. He asked the contractor to come by and see the finished project. The contractor walked through the house, stopped in the kitchen, turned to John L. Smith, loyal employee, and said, "John what a magnificent job you have done! You have been such a good and faithful employee all these years in my firm that I have decided it is time to show my gratitude to you and your Family. I am giving you this house you have built, as my gift!"

Can you imagine how John felt?

The problem is, if John knew that this was going to be his residence, he would have constructed it better and put the best materials in it, but his real character would never be discovered. The challenge for John is to do to others as he would to himself. Yes, that is the golden rule, but the other side of the coin is – we reap what we sow.

There are no easy shortcuts in life. Just barely getting by is not acceptable, especially when it comes to laying foundational principles for living your life. If the foundation is strong and built with the best materials, it allows the structure to stand the test of time. Cutting corners, using substandard materials, always taking the easy way out, eventually lead to disaster.

Always give your best. God did the same for us when he gave us the best of heaven, his son Jesus Christ, to the world. Followers of this Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth, are called upon to study, read, apply, pray, and live in obedience.

This is a life with a well-constructed foundation. Think about it!



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WINGS CHAPEL, BUILDING 6036

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER, BUILDING 8939

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

BIBLE STUDIES

9 a.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel, Tuesday 11 a.m. Above the Best Bible Study, Yano Hall, Wednesday 1 a.m./6 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center, Wednesday noon/1 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Soldier Service Center, Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Catholic Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, Headquarters Chapel, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Chapel Next (Meal/Bible Study), Wings Chapel, Thursday 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center, Thursday.

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.

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Post celebrates Asian-Pacific heritage

By Angela Williams
Army Flier Staff Writer

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month is an annual push to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Islander people in the United States, but this year will specifically recognize their growing role in American history.

The theme for this year's observance is "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion," according to Sgt. 1st Class Paula Bair, 1st Aviation Brigade equal opportunity adviser. A kickoff event, sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, will be held at the Post Exchange mall, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

It is important for people to know about their own culture, but many know little about the people they fight beside or work beside, explained Bair. "The more we know about someone's culture and where they came from, the less likely we are to stereotype and make judgments."

The goal is to honor people of this culture and to bring education and awareness to other cultures to promote inclusion within American society, she added.

The kickoff event will include food samples, martial arts and dance demonstrations, examples of Korean writing, and prizes, according to Apple Olsen, AAFES visual merchandiser. Master Shifu and Po from Kung Fu Panda are also on the list of featured guests.

Olsen said she thought the highlight of the kickoff event would be the Gumdo demonstration by Young Rogers and Ron Niles. Both are high Gumdo masters and are certified by Korean and other international martial arts organizations.

The displays and demonstrations at the kickoff will represent the "diverse cultures within this ethnic group of people," explained Bair.

Other events planned for the month include a soccer tournament for ages 3-5 May 12 and ethnic lunches served at the on-post dining facilities May 23, she added.

"The goal of this month is to recognize the significance of Asian-Pacific Americans ... and to let people learn and enjoy the rich culture of Asian-Pacific heritage," Olsen said.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month honors people whose ancestry originates from a long list of countries including the entire Asian continent, the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States in May of 1843 and to mark the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May of 1869,



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Top: Vendors dressed in authentic apparel during last year's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration at the post exchange. A kickoff event for this year's celebration will be held Friday at 1p.m. at the Post Exchange Mall.

Left: Dozens of curious and hungry patrons gathered inside the post exchange to sample Asian-Pacific cuisine during last year's heritage month celebration.



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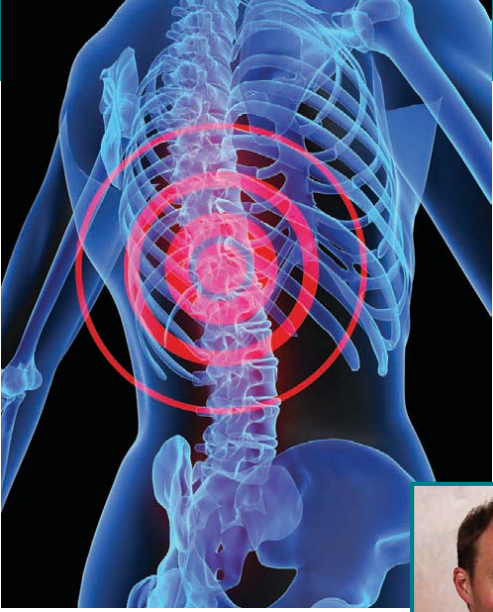
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Fashion show puts spotlight on military children, Families

By Angela Williams
Army Flier Staff Writer

Most of the people at the Fort Rucker Post Exchange Mall were rushing to get lunch and get back to work, but a few were rushing to get on stage as 16 military children and a few moms participated in a lunchtime fashion show sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service on Friday.

The event recognized Month of the Military Child and displayed some of the fashions available at the PX, explained Susie Antonello, visual merchandiser manager for Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Rucker.

“I was a military child, so I know what they go through,” she said. “It feels great to give back.”

During the show, Una Taylor fought to keep from dancing along with the music as her four children walked across the stage.

“This is an awesome way to honor our kids during the Month of the Military Child,” she said. “It lets them shine. It’s just awesome. I think they had beautiful decorations and beautiful clothes and all the kids enjoyed it. It was a good opportunity.”

One of her children, Bethany, 8, seemed to enjoy the experience more than her three brothers.

“I was really excited,” she said, bouncing as she spoke. “I couldn’t even get the thought out of my head!”

Bethany said she hoped her dad would buy the clothes she modeled so she could take them home with her.

The fashion show also featured a performance by Katie Andrews, the current Miss Wiregrass Area and a Miss Alabama candidate. Andrews, who also modeled fashions available at the PX, will return to Fort Rucker on May 4 for Salute to the Troops, a free tribute to Fort Rucker Soldiers and Families featuring regional title holders who will vie for the Miss Alabama crown.

Andrews urged Families to come to the event for the great entertainment. “We’re putting a lot of hard work into (the performance),” she said.

“Fort Rucker is such a vital part of the Wiregrass area,” Andrews said of her participation in the AAFES fashion show. “I feel so honored I had the opportunity to be here. My grandfather was military and my mom grew up military, so I got to hear stories about that life-style ... I have such a great appreciation for our service men and women.”



PHOTOS BY ANGELA WILLIAMS

Katie Andrews, Miss Wiregrass Area, speaks with the children who modeled clothes in the fashion show before they sing a song together at the post exchange during the AAFES fashion show Friday.



Giselle Rivera models clothes from the PX during the fashion show.



Parents gather to take photos of their children with Katie Andrews after the fashion show.

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Boll Weevil 100 — Enterprise hosts bike ride, fun run

(Editor’s note: Information received from Enterprise Lions Club website and pamphlet on the event.)

The Enterprise Lions club sponsors the annual Boll Weevil 100 Bike Ride and 5K Fun Run through the hills of Coffee County May 12.

In cooperation with Ride to Recovery Southeast, the Boll Weevil 100 is a host ride for wounded veterans coming from warrior transition units at military installations throughout the Southeast, and people may make donations directly to support wounded veterans at the event.

The Boll Weevil 100 is broken into four rides: a 7.5 mile fun ride, a 25-mile ride, a Century (100km), and a challenging 100-mile ride. The fun run is a 5K course people can walk or run. All profits will be used for charitable work in Alabama.

All 25-mile, 100-km and 100-mile bike participants will receive medals after completing the ride. All participants, including the 5K fun run and fun ride, get a commemorative T-Shirt.

All riders are encouraged to be present for registration May 11 from 4-8 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church. Registration continues until 7 a.m. May 12. There will be a complimentary continental breakfast available during registration May 12. Start time for all bicycle events will be 7 a.m. and the fun run starts immediately after the riders depart.

Bike ride details

- Start time for all bicycle events will be 7 a.m. May 12.
- Restrooms are available at the start/finish line and Porta-Potties at all stop-and-go points.



COURTESY PHOTO

Boll Weevil 100 participants ride through Enterprise during last year’s event.

- Helmets are mandatory.
- The 100-mile, century (100K), 25-mile, and fun ride riders will start at the start/finish line.
- The fun run will start from the start/finish line immediately after the bikes have departed.
- There will be six stop-and-go points and there will be refreshments at each stop. Telephone communications will be available. No personal stop-and-go points will be allowed.
- When people check in on the morning of the event, they will receive a wrist band and map of the event.
- When people return from the ride, they should turn in their wrist band for a medal and T-shirt.
- There will be safety vehicles on each of the routes.
- There will be some limited sizes and quantities of bike tubes available at the stop-and-go points and from the safety vehicles.

Registration information

People may pre-register online at <http://www.enterpriselionsclub.com/bollweevil100.htm> until May 9. After that, people must register at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

For more information on the Boll Weevil 100, visit <http://www.enterpriselionsclub.com/bollweevil100.htm> or call 406-1016.

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DALEVILLE

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

DOTHAN

MAY 6 — The Tri-State Peachy Painters will hold a monthly meeting and painting class from noon to 4 p.m. at the Houston County Farm Center. All painters are welcome. For more information, call 803-4882.

ENTERPRISE

MAY 12 — The Downtown Enterprise Business Association has announced the musical line up for its annual Downtown Summer Fest, scheduled for 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in downtown Enterprise. The annual one day event brings in thousands of people from throughout the Wiregrass to kick-off the summer season, and is a partner of the

Enterprise Lions Club Boll Weevil 100/Ride to Recovery Southeast Bike Ride, which is held the same day. The festival will be held on East College Street and South Edwards Street, from East Lee Street to Grubs Street. This year’s event includes a focus on nationally-known musical artists who reside in the Enterprise area. One of the talented musicians performing at the event is Kaitlyn Lusk, best known for her work as the vocal soloist heard on the soundtrack of the “Lord of the Rings” movie trilogy. Enterprise merchants will also have special sidewalk sales and savings events throughout the day, as well as activities for the kids.

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

TODAY — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton City Hall. Food and drinks will be served followed by regular Chapter business. Veterans throughout the Wiregrass are welcome to join as new members. For more information, call Chuck Lobdell at 718-5707.

OZARK

SATURDAY — The Friends of the Ozark Dale County Library will have their annual spring Book-Bake-Plant Sale at the library from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are thousands of books as well as magazines, VCR tapes, and even 45 and 33 1/3 records in the sale. The Friends of the Library members will be bringing in baked items from their kitchens and the Master Gardeners are will be hosting the plant sale which will include several plant varieties not available in local nurseries. All proceeds will be used for special library needs.

NOW THROUGH SATURDAY — Ozark artist Tim Richardson will be spotlighted in a solo show, “The Science of Primary Colors” at the Ann Rudd Art Center. Approximately 100 pieces will be shown, including sculpture, costumes and paintings.

Richardson says, “The show will feature a mixture of old and new, something for everyone.” The exhibition will run through Saturday. 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.

For more information, visit www.ruddartcenter.org.

MAY 12 THROUGH JUNE 23 — The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities is hosting the 2012 Black and White Show at the Dowling Museum/Ann Rudd Art Center. The competition is open to all artists 18 and older. Any works of black and white art in the categories of painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking and pho-

tography will be accepted in the competition. Entry fees are \$35 for non-members of DCCAH and \$30 for members of DCCAH for the first entry, and \$5 for each additional entry, up to three total entries. Monetary awards will offered for the top three entries. Entry fees and art work must be submitted May 5, 1-4 p.m. at the Dowling Museum/Ann Rudd Art Center, on the square in downtown Ozark. A prospectus for this show can be obtained at www.ruddartcenter.org. The opening reception for the show will be May 12, from 7-9 p.m. For questions or additional information, call DCCAH President Elizabeth Babine at 774-7145.

PINCKARD

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

SAMSON

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

TROY

ONGOING — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex.

The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, finger foods, and refreshments.

For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

Beyond Briefs

Stargazing at Fort Pickens

From sunset to 10 p.m. on May 18, at the Battery Worth Picnic Area at Fort Pickens Area, volunteers from the Escambia Amateur Astronomers’ Association will set up several telescopes for public viewing of the stars, planets and constellations.

The program is free; but there is an \$8 entrance fee to the Fort Pickens Area.

For more information, call (850) 934-2600.

28th Annual Interstate Mullet Toss, Gulf Coasts Greatest Beach Party

More than 100,000 people from across the country migrate annually to Perdido Key to take part in this wildly popular spring event held on the Florida-Alabama state line at the world-famous Flora-Bama.

This year, the event will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A mullet toss consists of individuals on the

beach throwing a mullet (a type of fish plentiful in the area), from a 10-foot circle in Alabama across the state line into Florida. The event also features activities, great music and food. A contribution for each fish flung will go to local youth charities.

For more information, visit www.florabama.com.

Chicago Street Farmers Market, music, movie

Fresh vegetables, plants and flowers, baked goods, honey, grass-fed beef and shrimp are just a few of the features at the Chicago Street Farmers Market in Heritage Park in Foley, Ala. Music and a movie starts at 5:30 p.m. with local bands and a movie at dusk.

The market will be held on these dates: May 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and July 6.

ArchiTreats Lecture

The Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery hosts ArchiTreats lectures on the third Thursday each month.

The next lecture will be held May 17 from noon-1 p.m. and is entitled “William Bartram in Alabama (Who is William Bartram and Why Should I Care?).”

For more information, call 353-4726 or visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

A Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine

The third annual Day Out With Thomas: Mystery on the Rails Tour 2012, May 5-6 and May 12-13 at Wales West Light Railway near Mobile, invites little engineers and their Families enjoy a 20-minute ride behind a replica of Thomas the Tank Engine.

While there, children can meet Sir Topham Hatt, explore the Imagination Station, interact with Conductor Jack’s live children’s music and ride the miniature train. Cost is \$18 per person, plus tax, for ages 2 and older; Mothers’ Day Special on May 13, \$16 per person, plus tax. Advance tickets recommended.

For more information call (866) 468-7630 or visit www.ticketweb.com/dowt/ or www.waleswest.com.

Show: Performance theme highlights warrior ethos

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technology is going to make the show move forward with a very modern and relevant presentation.”

Army Reserve Sgt. Melissa Neal, winner of the 2011 Operation Rising Star military singing contest, will make a taped appearance. The Soldier Show cast will join Neal’s video backdrop to sing “Hallelujah,” which she performed during Operation Rising Star finals week in San Antonio and later recorded at EMI Music’s Capitol Records Studios in Hollywood.

“It’s kind of magical,” said Soldier Show artistic director Victor Hurtado, who worked all three projects with Neal.

As always, sections of the show are dedicated to legends of the entertainment industry, such as Etta James. Another blast into the past features a segment accentuating musical eras of the 1920s, ‘40s, ‘50s and ‘60s, capped with the Rolling Stones’ classic “Satisfaction.”

“The motivation for that was ‘Moves like Jagger,’” Hurtado said. “We love that song.” That tune is by Maroon 5, featuring Christina Aguilera.

The theme of this season’s Soldier Show evolved from the meeting of many minds at the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, commander of IMCOM, stressed the importance of expressing the warrior ethos, which proclaims that no challenge is too large to conquer.

“Everything in the show really speaks to resiliency, being able to adapt and overcome,” Higdon said. “Resiliency really is that mental part, being able to put things in a perspective which allows you to continue to continue to move forward — that you never come up against a challenge that you can’t overcome.”

“Putting the show together has gone from hard to simply difficult,” said Hurtado, a 26-year Soldier Show veteran and 12-time director. “The show came from many, many briefings, and all of these things are always in the back of my mind. ... But the end result is Soldiers’ lives are illustrated within the show in a really cool way.”

For example, strength is personified by Des’ree’s “You Gotta Be.” Lady Gaga’s “Edge of Glory” is dedicated to the Soldier-athletes in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program training for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, along with Soldiers



PHOTOS BY TIM HIPPS

Pfc. Justin Easter of Fort Bliss, Texas, rehearses for the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show at Fort Sam Houston Theatre in San Antonio March 30. The Soldier Show returns to the Wiregrass May 5 and 6.

who participate in All-Army Sports, post intramurals and daily physical fitness drills.

Whitney Houston’s “One Moment in Time” honors the late songstress and significant events in U.S. Army history.

Lady Gaga scores again with “Marry the Night,” which illustrates Soldiers’ resilience, complete with a night vision sequence.

Hurtado did not reveal too much prior to the opening. He would rather have droves of entertainment aficionados see and hear the U.S. Army Soldier Show, the marquee event of Army Entertainment, than read about it.

“I have to say the talent is exceptional,” Hurtado said. “They really pick up and they really deliver.”

New Soldier Show choreographer Amy Lynn Miles, who recently toured with Ricky Martin, brings another perspective to the troops.

“She can dance a little,” Hurtado deadpanned. “She’s only 23, but she’s very disciplined, and she takes charge. She earned their respect very quickly — within minutes, I would say.”

Two members of the cast might look familiar to fans of Army Entertainment productions. Army Reserve Spc. Julio Petersen III of Fort Meade, Md., returns from the 2009 U.S. Army



Pfc. Taylor Gouette of Fort Carson, Colo., sings Etta James’ “Something’s Got a Hold on Me” with background support from Spc. Franz Fabricante of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and Sgt. Jon Whittle of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., during rehearsals for the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show at Fort Sam Houston Theatre on Joint Base San Antonio. The Soldier Show returns to the Wiregrass May 5 and 6.

Soldier Show, and Sgt. Jon Whittle of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., was a 2011 Operation Rising Star finalist.

“Now that Whittle is with professionals every day, working on his instrument, his voice, you’re not even going to recognize him,” Hurtado said. “Whittle has become an artist; he really has.”

The show features a lot of spoken word, much of which was written by the Soldiers, particularly Pfc. Christopher Roman of Fort Drum, N.Y.,

Pfc. Raymond McKnight Jr. of Fort Benning, Ga., and Spc. Kayonnia Crowder of Fort Carson, Colo.

Harmonicist Spc. Franz Fabricante of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, is a master of beatboxing, a form of vocal percussion that primarily involves the art of producing drum beats, rhythm and musical sounds using his mouth, lips, tongue and voice.

“He’s a great beatboxer,” Hurtado said. “He can beatbox and play harmonica at

the same time, which may show up in the Etta James section. He’s just a breath of fresh air.”


Army Entertainment Division relocated in 2011 from Fort Belvoir, Va., to Fort Sam Houston as part of the Army’s Base Realignment and Closure. AED’s new home is the historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre, following a \$17-million renovation and expansion project of the Army’s second-oldest movie theater, built in the 1930s.

“We gave it a reason to re-exist,” Hurtado said.






One goal of the U.S. Army Soldier Show is to promote resiliency by giving fellow troops an opportunity to unwind, relax and re-evaluate the world in which they live, along with the way of life that they defend. And how they do it: Army Strong.

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Woofstock festival brings Families together



Sonja Jordan, 15, pets Elvira as Family members Robert Jordan and Tracy Jordan, and Houston County Sheriff's Deputies Joseph McKinney and David Asbill watch.

By Angela Williams
Army Flier Staff Writer

From Golden Retrievers to bulldogs and even a few teacup varieties, a good number of dogs — and their owners — ventured out to the 7th Avenue event field Friday for a few hours of animal-themed activity.

"I love the festival," said Stephanie Lomis, who attended Woofstock with her Family, a stroller and a Great Dane. "It's a great way to get the kid and the dog out of the house."

The annual event, hosted by Picerne Military Housing for the Families living on post, featured prizes, free food, live music, and a demonstration by the military police and military working dogs.

"It went really well," said Beth Martin, community management portfolio coordinator. "I was very impressed with the K-9 demonstration this year. They went above and beyond ... they were awesome."

The MPs and their dogs worked through a series of basic commands and an obstacle course; then acted out a variety of real-life situations. Afterwards, the MPs allowed Families to take photos with the dogs, Martin said.

Though they weren't participating in any demonstrations, Deputies Joseph McKinney and David Asbill brought

three dogs from the Houston County Sheriff's Department to the festival. Elvira, Jesse James and Forest took turns waiting in the truck and sitting with the deputies for the "kids to get slobbered on."

"She's one of the most adorable dogs ever," said Sonja Jordan, 15, of Elvira, adding that Woofstock was a great way to see other people's dogs and get in touch with the community.

During the festival, the Fort Rucker Veterinary Treatment Facility and the Fort Rucker stray facility gave away plastic pet food containers filled with dog treats, grooming gloves, a pet bandana and more, according to Lisa Moore with the stray facility.

Moore also brought two small dogs, Pepper and Peaches, to the event so people could see a few of the animals available for adoption at the facility.

"We just really thank all our vendors for coming out because it's their support that really makes these events special for our Families," said Brandon Masters, communications manager.

According to Masters, Picerne Military Housing's next big event for the Families living on post will be the pool parties June 1.

We try to "provide different activities for our Families to come out and just enhance their quality of life while they are here," he said.



W01 Josh Groth and his nephews, Jack Harrison and Beckham Harrison, play with balloon animals from the festival.



Pepper and Peaches are two of the dogs available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility.

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Three Soldiers make U.S.
Olympic wrestling team

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Swing away!

AER provides tee time for those in need

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Hundreds gathered at Silver Wings Golf Course Friday for a chance to get away from work and play golf for a good cause.

The 22nd annual Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union Golf Tournament to benefit Fort Rucker's Army Emergency Relief campaign kicked off as golfers sped off in their golf carts to play for prizes and a chance to win a brand new car with a hole in one.

Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander and AER campaign chairman, was among those participating in the tournament and expressed his gratitude to AACFCU for hosting the tournament and the people that were participating, but reminded them that although they were there to play golf and have a good time, the focus of the tournament was to benefit the AER campaign.

"The AER campaign is all about supporting Soldiers that are in need," said Muskopf. "The campaign this year goes on as it does every year to make sure that we can help Soldiers when we need to — not only here locally, but around the whole country.

"This [golf tournament] is an important part of that campaign and all the money raised here will go back into the AER fundraising campaign for this year," he said, adding that the tournament and the money that it raises wouldn't be possible without its participants.

Last year's tournament raised \$121,395 for AER, which provided \$307,600 in assistance to 235 Soldiers, retirees, Family members and survivors, according to Lisa Hales, vice president of marketing for AACFCU.

"[The tournament] is just [AACFCU's] way of giving back to the Soldiers of Fort Rucker," she said. "A lot of our membership is military, so it's important for us to give back to those men and women who serve us."

This year's tournament had about 50 more participants than



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Taylor Cowden, military Family member, takes a swing at Silver Wings Golf Course during the AACFCU Golf Tournament to benefit Fort Rucker's Army Emergency Relief.

last year's, said David Unsicker, SWGC business manager, adding that he hopes this is a sign that golf is back and showing growth.

Whether or not it will be showing growth in the coming months, many people were happy to come play the game for a good cause.

"It makes me feel good to know that I'm doing something to give back to the military since they do

so much for us," said Kent Staudmyer, civilian participant. "It's a good cause and AER does a lot of good work, and I feel good knowing that I'm doing something to help them out."

Danny Cowden, retired Soldier, spoke of how it's up to the older generation to try and help out the younger Soldiers that are going through troubled times in their lives.

"It helps a lot of the younger Soldiers, primarily," he said, "and guys my age have to make it happen. I've been [at Fort Rucker] since 2004 and just retired last summer, and the Army has given me a lot, so I try to stay in touch with the Army and this is just one of the ways I was able to do that."

Another benefit of the tournament is not only the money that it

raises for the AER campaign, but the recognition that it can bring to those who were unaware what AER is, said Taylor Cowden, military Family member.

"I didn't know about [AER] before I came out [to the tournament]," he said. "It's good recognition to get other people to know about [AER] and get its name out there — its just good awareness."

The game that the golfers played during the tournament was captain's choice, or four-person scramble, according to Unsicker.

Each person on a team hit a tee shot and selected the best tee shot of the four, he explained. From the best tee shot is where the team hit the next shot from and that process continued until the ball was on the green, adding that they had to play from whatever hazard their best shot landed in.

"If they are in the rough, everybody needs to play from the rough, and if they are in a sand trap, everybody needs to play from the sand trap," said Unsicker.

The players were allowed to move the ball one club length, side-to-side — no closer to the hole — while on the course, and one putter-head length, side-to-side — no closer to the hole — while on the green, he said.

The golfers had the chance to play for prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and a hole in one, which the prize was a golfer's choice of a 2012 Nissan Altima or 2012 Jeep Wrangler, said the SWGC manager.

"I have a 17-year-old son and if I got the hole-in-one prize, it would have been a nice gift to him," said Staudmyer.

No one was lucky enough to take home the hole-in-one prize, but Unsicker feels that the turnout for the tournament was "exceptional."

"Anytime you can get people together for a cause like the AER campaign, it's a wonderful thing," he said. "We here at SWGC are just honored to be able to host this event and hopefully make a difference in someone's life."

Team sets new record for AVC3 Iron Aviator competition

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Lake Tholocco isn't just for Family fun, swimming and recreation — it's also where the Aviation Captains Career Course finds out who has what it takes to take home the title of Iron Aviator.

West Beach at the lake is where Soldiers of the Aviation Captains Career Course gathered to compete in a team effort or individually during the AVC3 Iron Aviator competition April 19, said Capt. Joseph A. Clark, small group instructor for the Aviation Captains Career Course.

Nine teams and six individuals competed in the competition with Team 7, Disc in a Box, winning the team portion with a time of 1:33:44, which set a new team record for the competition, beating the previous record of 1:34:14, said Clark.

Capt. Zach Foster, member of Team 7 and individual competitor, earned the title of Iron Aviator as he finished first in the individual portion of the competition with a time of 1:52:00.

"[My team] already had a good team put together and I wanted to represent our group, so I volunteered [to compete in the individual competition]," he said. "It was one of our goals to be the best team physically and the fact that we dominated the competition is great."

Team 7 took the honor for winning both the team and individual portions of the competition.

Capt. Joshua Dawson, member of Team 7, said that it's the competitive nature of Aviators that prompted the Soldiers to participate in the competition.

"It's always good to have good competition," he said. "We set a new team record [for the competition] and that makes me feel pretty good. We all felt good in our individual efforts and we put the team together, but we didn't think we would do as well as we did."

The competition was comprised of four events that included a 4.5-mile ruck march, 8.8-mile bike ride, 2-mile run and a 300-meter swim in the lake, according to

Clark.

"The hardest part for me was the ruck march," said Foster. "I exercise on a regular basis, and I ran and biked to help me get ready for the competition, but I just don't do [ruck march] very often."

During the ruck march, participants must be in full Army combat uniform including boots, M-16 rifle, rucksack and load-bearing equipment assembled with water in canteens and reflective belt on the rucksack, said Clark.

Dawson competed in the swimming portion for his team and said that he prepared by swimming in pools, but it was nothing like having to swim in the lake.

"The swim was a lot harder than I thought it would be," he said. "This was the first time I've swam in open water and it's a lot harder with the wind blowing waves in your face and the currents than compared to swimming in an indoor pool."

The competition is held once every AVC3 class and is based on voluntary race participation, said Clark, but the event requires mandatory participation from those that are not competing.

Another way that Aviators can participate in Iron Aviator without competing is acting as crewmembers for their team, said Clark.

Crewmembers help the competitors transition into the next event of the competition and provide them with water and equipment they might need for the next event, he said.

The Spc. James D. Seigars, Iron Aviator Excellence in Crewing Award was given to the team with the best theme, which went to Team 6 who were presented with an award that read, "Anyone can compete, but few can crew."

Seigers said he came up with the award for best pit crew because the crew members weren't getting the proper recognition for what they were doing for their team.

"It's been a really fun day and it's been a great team-building experience," said Foster. "It's always good to be able to get out of the classroom."

After the winners were recognized, the members of the



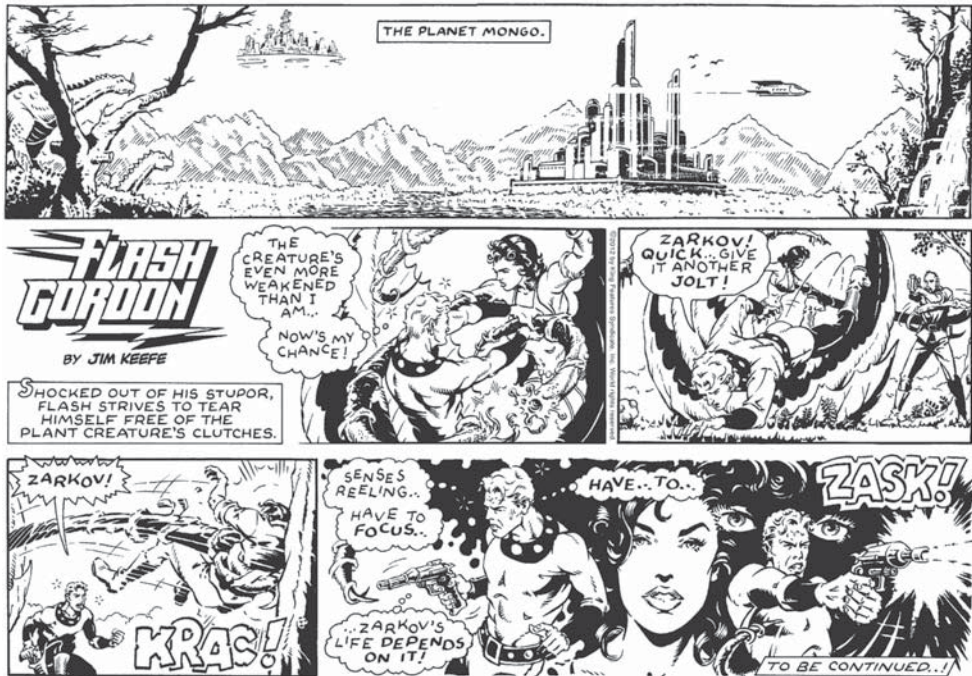
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Capt. Adam Geer (front), member of Team 9, and Capt. Zachary Foster (rear), member of Team 7 and Iron Aviator individual winner, make their way to the starting point where the ruck march began to get ready for the next event during the AVC3 Iron Aviator competition April 19 at West Beach.

Aviation Captains Career Course stayed at West Beach to celebrate the day of friendly competition.

"It was a good day and good event, and we had a lot of good participation," said Clark.

DOWN TIME



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA

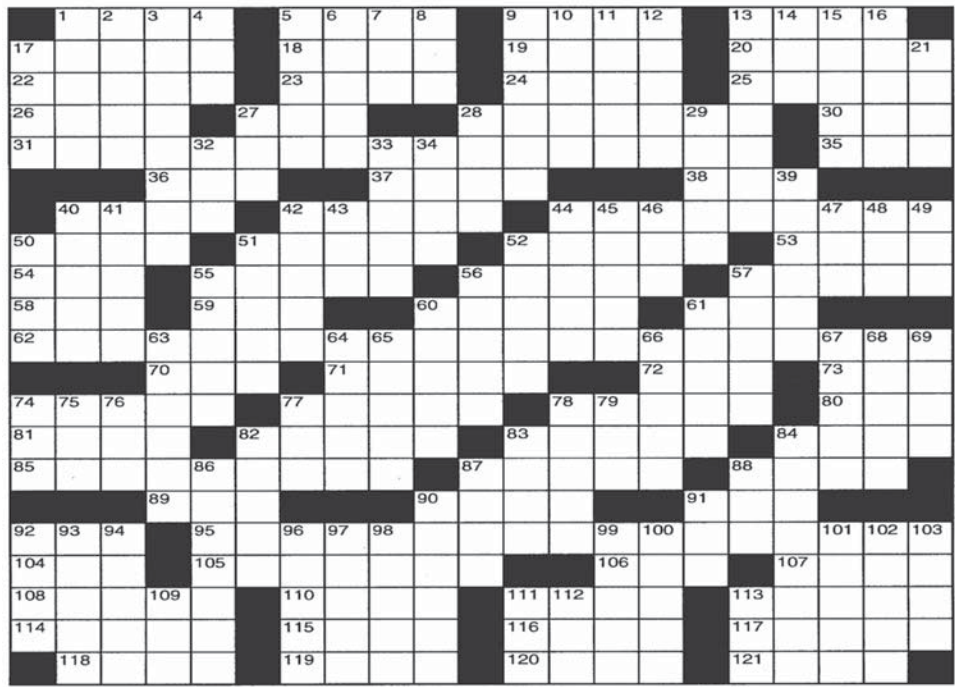
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3. ASTRONOMY: What planet is named for the Roman god of trade, thieves and travel?
4. HISTORY: When did the United States repeal Prohibition, which forbade sales of alcohol?
5. LEGAL: What is an affidavit?
6. RELIGION: Which book of the Bible describes the Israelites' deliverance from slavery in Egypt?
7. MONEY: What European country's basic monetary unit was the escudo — prior to the euro?
8. POLITICS: What was the nickname for Teddy Roosevelt's Progressive Party?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the purpose of gills in fish?
10. MUSIC: What kind of bird was featured in the Disney song "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

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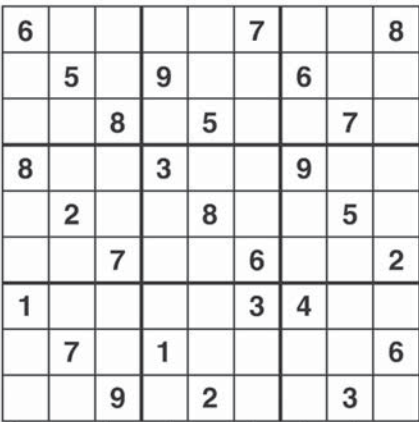
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 - 20 Sanctuary
 - 22 Hood's handle
 - 23 Admiral Zumwalt
 - 24 Tiny part of a second
 - 25 Wagner work
 - 26 Annealing oven
 - 27 Flagon filler
 - 28 Newspaper
 - 30 Take-home
 - 31 Start of a remark
 - 35 Ring stat
 - 36 Thwack
 - 37 Compact cotton
 - 38 "Great Expectations" character
 - 40 Cad
 - 42 Mythical being
 - 44 Hateful
 - 50 Give a little
 - 51 Green
- DOWN**
- 2 Yesterday's thrasher
 - 53 Lillian or Dorothy
 - 54 Ivy Leaguer
 - 55 Fancy
 - 56 First dog in space
 - 57 Where cats congregate
 - 58 Pie — mode
 - 59 Lofty peak
 - 60 Distribute the donuts
 - 61 Keats composition
 - 62 Middle of remark
 - 70 Born
 - 71 '87 Peace Prize winner
 - 72 Solidify
 - 73 "— Shook Up" ('57 smash)
 - 74 Corny
 - 75 Goddess?
 - 77 Colossal commotion
 - 78 Malicious to the max
 - 80 Where rams romp
 - 81 Bus starter?
 - 82 Thirteen, to a baker
 - 83 Soprano
 - 84 — impasse
 - 85 Dachshund or donkey
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 - 2 Nobelist
 - 3 Root
- DOWN**
- 3 Stiffened a shirt
 - 4 Contains
 - 5 Expand
 - 6 Free-for-all
 - 7 City on the Danube
 - 8 Day —
 - 9 Finger food
 - 10 Stun
 - 11 Less loopy
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 - 13 Symbol of immortality
 - 14 Drink like a Doberman
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 - 67 "Big Three" site
 - 68 New York city
 - 69 — Bator
 - 74 — au vin
 - 75 Aussie walker
 - 76 Cell stuff
 - 77 Dandy
 - 78 Hailing from
 - 79 Aberystwyth
 - 82 Swash-buckling novelist
 - 83 '48 Hitchcock film
 - 84 Texas town
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 - 87 Tour-de-France vehicle
 - 88 Adjectival suffix
 - 90 Aptitude
 - 91 Say please
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 - 93 Extend
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 - 102 "Ora pro —"
 - 103 Painter Paul
 - 109 Word on a pump
 - 111 Bowie or Bakker
 - 112 Author Umberto
 - 113 Cosset a corgi



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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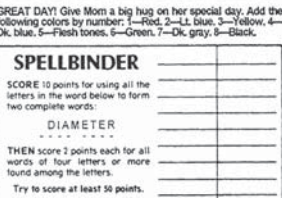
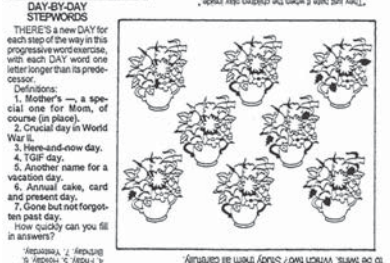
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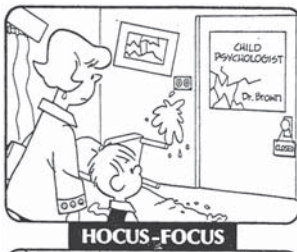
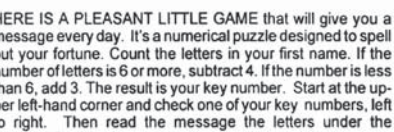
KID's CORNER

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



Wishing Well



3 Soldiers make Olympic wrestling team

By Tim Hipps
IMCOM Public Affairs

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Three Greco-Roman wrestlers in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program earned Olympic berths at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials for Wrestling Saturday and Sunday

Sgt. 1st Class Dremiel Byers, Sgt. Spenser Mango and Spc. Justin Lester won their weight classes at Carver-Hawkeye Arena to earn spots on Team USA for the 2012 Olympic Games, scheduled to run from July 27 to Aug. 12, in London. All three Soldiers are stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

Two-time Olympian Byers won the 120-kilogram/264.5-pound division in two straight matches of a best-of-three final series against Michigan Wrestling Club's Steve Andrus of Manhattan, Kan., by scores of 1-0, 1-0 and 2-0, 2-0.

"Just know that I did everything that I can do to get this done, that's the plan," Byers, 37, of Kings Mountain, N.C., said of heading to London with the goal of winning an Olympic gold medal. "That's the way I'm going into it. I'm just on a mission, and I'm not letting any distractions, including my own, get in the way. I just have to get this done.

"Nothing is more important than this medal right now. Nothing. I can put a dent in a tank right now the way I feel. I'm just going to keep this training going and stick with it," he added.

Mango took the 55-kilogram/121-pound division by pinning New York Athletic Club's Max Nowry of Wheeling, Ill., at 1 minute, 53 seconds of their first match, and prevailing 1-0, 3-0 in the second.

"Everything went my way today," Mango said. "Everybody's tough. We wrestle each other all the time. Fifty-five is such a tight-knit group. We've wrestled each other multiple times and we know what each other's go-to moves are, so it's tough."

Mango, too, will be making his second Olympic appearance.

"The first time, I'll admit, I was surprised myself," he said. "I knew I could do it, but I hadn't done it yet. This time, it's all business — need to bring home some medals.

"I've wrestled almost all the top guys in the world in my weight class. I know what I need to do — just really get out there and get after it. You can't make any mistakes on the world level; the guys are too good. I just need to keep sharpening what I do and constantly work on defense."

Mango joined the Army since his first Olympic experience and expects the move to



PHOTO BY T. ANTHONY BELL

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program Greco-Roman wrestlers Spc. Justin Lester, Sgt. 1st Class Dremiel Byers and Sgt. Spenser Mango earn berths on Team USA for the London Olympic Games at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials for Wrestling April 21-22 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa.

reap dividends in London.

"The Army has the best program in the United States," he said. "In the training room, I have Marco Lara, Nate Engel, Jermaine Hodge, Jeremiah Davis — all those guys right around my weight that are great wrestlers doing great things by helping each other, sharpening each other. I'm just really grateful for the opportunity that the Army has given me."

Mango, 25, of St. Louis, Mo., has matured immensely since competing in the 2008 Beijing Games.

"I do feel more like a veteran," he said. "Lester and Byers are a little in front of me experience-wise, they've been doing it a little bit longer, but I'm definitely not the new kid on the block anymore."

Lester defeated Minnesota Storm's C.P. Schlatter of Minneapolis in two straight

matches to claim the Olympic berth at 66 kilograms/145.5 pounds. After winning the first match, 1-0, 2-0, Lester scrambled to a 2-0, 1-2, 1-0 victory to avoid a third match.

"That sounds a lot better than just world team member Justin Lester," he said of being announced as a U.S. Olympic team member. "I'm definitely glad to tack that onto some of my accomplishments, but this is only the first part. We've got a lot to do before we get to London."

Lester, 28, of Akron, Ohio, wrestled throughout the day and night with a businesslike approach, willing his way through the pain of undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery Jan. 17.

"It was a good day," he said. "I had some tough opponents, but I really couldn't get going the way I wanted to go, that's partly because of my competitors being so tough,

and my knee also hampering me a little bit. But I got the job done. That's all that matters.

"The only thing I kept hearing in my mind was my mom saying, 'You better win. Get it done. You better win.' That's the only thing I could think of the whole time," he said.

The Army almost put a fourth Soldier on Team USA, but Sunkist Kids' Ben Provisor of Colorado Springs, Colo., defeated WCAP Sgt. Aaron Sieracki of Fort Carson two matches to one for the Olympic berth at 74 kilograms/163 pounds. Sieracki will serve as an Olympic alternate.

WCAP Sgt. Iris Smith earned a No. 3 spot on the U.S. National Team for 2012-2013 with a 1-0, 0-4, 1-0 victory over Gator Wrestling Club's Kristie Davis of Yukon, Okla., in the women's true third-place match at 72 kilograms/158.5 pounds.

SPORTS BRIEFS

SURVIVORS AND FALLEN HEROES RUN

The Fort Rucker community will show its support for the Families of fallen heroes during the Survivors and Fallen Heroes 5k run Saturday. Put on by the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the members of Bravo Company, 1st battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment and the Survivor Outreach Services program, the run at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility is designed to honor survivors and those that have made the ultimate sacrifice, according to Beth Gunter, financial counselor for SOS.

During the day of the run, B Co. will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for the survivors to enjoy and food and beverages will be available to the rest of the community in attendance to purchase, said the SOS counselor. There will also be inflatables and different activities for people to take part in so that the community has the opportunity to come together, she added. B Co. Soldiers requested that any proceeds that go above the cost of the run be put toward the SOS program so that they can put on additional programs for the survivors, said Gunter.

The run will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and registration costs \$25.

For more information, call 255-3794 or 255-2286.

GOLF SUPER DEMO DAY

Silver Wings Golf Course hosts its Super Demo Day May 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering people a chance to experience the latest and greatest that golf technology has to offer. The driving range will

be equipped with plenty of golf balls, assure course officials. Food and beverages will be available.

For more, call 598-2449.

OPERATION GOLF 4 LIFE

Silver Wings Golf Course hosts its Operation Golf 4 Life to help people decide if golf is for them. The operation includes free golf clinics May 5 at 10 a.m., May 8 at 5 p.m., May 15 at 5 p.m. and May 26 at 10 a.m. SWGC invites people to learn the game with free golf clinics during May. The one-hour sessions will teach people golf basics, winning techniques and how to play the game — people are welcome to attend just one session or all four as they will learn something new each time. Novice golfers are welcome and all equipment is provided.

For more information or to register, call 598-2449.

SPRING GOLF INTRAMURALS

Spring golf intramurals begin Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. For people to get started, they must designate a team captain and put their roster together. There is a one-time league fee of \$10 per person and a \$5 cart fee per player each time they play. There are two leagues: the Tuesday Stroke Play and Thursday Four-Person Scramble. Intramurals are open to all active duty military personnel, members of the Reserve and Guard, Department of Defense civilian employees and their family members, and contractors. Family members must be at least 19-years-old to take part.

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TRIVIA

- Answers
- Between Scotland and Iceland
 - "Friends"
 - Mercury
 - 1933
 - A written statement made under oath
 - Exodus
 - Portugal
 - The Bull Moose Party
 - To take in oxygen and release carbon dioxide
 - A bluebird

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Video Game Spotlight >>

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COURTESY SCREENSHOT

Prototype 2 might offer too much for gamers

By Jim Van Slyke
Contributing Writer

Some games don't try hard enough and fail. Some games try to do too much and fail. And then there's "Prototype 2."

Though its predecessor was mostly a mess, "Prototype 2" has a lot going for it. Almost too much, in fact. With a complex plot and a main character who can destroy almost anything, the game will overwhelm many casual button mashers. But those who persevere will enjoy the crazy ride.

Gamers become Sgt. James Heller, a Soldier who finds his Family murdered and is nearly killed himself before he is injected with a virus that not only saves his life, but also gives him powerful tendrils that can tear apart tanks and cars, a sonar pulse to find key objectives, the ability to absorb other people's memories and also morph into their likenesses. There are also claws and other weapons to use; plus the ability

to upgrade many of the incredible powers.

Viruses have taken over Heller's world and he's dead set on trying to find out why. He's even more interested in trying to find Alex Mercer, a man who might have killed Heller's family. But of course things aren't quite that simple – not by a mile.

"Prototype 2" is so much better than the first game that it might have made more sense to name it something else so no one would think they are connected. The third-person gameplay is better, the graphics are improved and the story, while sometimes confusing, will pull in a lot of gamers. If you ever wanted to be a super-powered hero in a world swarming with viruses, grab "Prototype 2."

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