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Fort Rucker honors heroes with DFC, Purple Heart

By Angela Williams
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker honored two of its heroes Friday as a Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart were awarded to members of the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment.

Capt. Andrew Wilson received the Distinguished Flying Cross and 1st Lt. Edwin Her-ring was awarded the Purple Heart.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is the highest award for Aviation acts and it is given for an Aviator's acts of valor in a combat situation, explained Lt. Col. James Ward, commander of the 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt. during the ceremony held at the post theater.

The award was presented to Wilson for his response, as a platoon leader and Air Ambulance pilot-in-command, to multiple urgent MEDEVAC missions in support of Task Force Bastogne and Operation Strong Eagle, March 29, 2011.

In the face of continuing enemy fire, Wilson and his Dustoff 72 crew, along with the PIC and crew of Dustoff 73, responded to multiple urgent MEDEVAC Point-of-Injury missions in Afghanistan's hostile Kunar Province to evacuate six critically wounded American Soldiers and retrieve three American Soldiers killed in action.

"He knew he was going into a bad situation, but [Wilson] didn't blink once. His crew launched and over the next four hours made seven turns into extremely hostile terrain at 30 and 40 degree slopes with one wheel of the Blackhawk landing, sliding down the slippery slopes," said Lt. Col. Dennis McKernan, Wilson's battalion commander during his

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PHOTO BY ANGELA WILLIAMS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, presents the Distinguished Flying Cross to Capt. Andrew Wilson as his wife, Karen, watches Friday.

Post selects Soldier, NCO of the year



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAD

Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Thomson (center), Aviation Branch command sergeant major, presents Sgt. Derek Czerniak, NCO of the Year, and Sgt. Bradley Boone, Soldier of the Year, with framed paintings of the Army Aviation Legacy during the NCO, Soldier of the Third and Fourth Quarter and Year recognition ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum June 8.

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker named its best of the best at the Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year ceremony June 8 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Sgt. Derek Czerniak, B Company, 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment, and Sgt. Bradley Boone, 98th Army Band, were both surprised as their names were announced as the winners for U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker NCO and Soldier of the year, respectively.

"I'm actually kind of shocked," said Czerniak. "I wasn't expecting to make it this far ... all of the competitors gave me a good run for my money — no doubt."

Boone said he was just as surprised when his name was called.

"We weren't made aware of this before today,"

he said. "It's quite an honor to be able to represent my unit and compete against the other fine competitors for this award."

Also recognized was the Soldier of the third quarter, Spc. James Guffey, 98th Army Band, and NCO of the fourth quarter, Staff Sgt. George Lambert, NCO Academy.

Competitors for the award came from different units and competed from the battalion level through the brigade level on to the post level, according to Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Thomson, Aviation Branch command sergeant major.

"We've got bandmen from the great 98th Army Band, mechanics, crew chiefs, air traffic controllers and flight operation Soldiers that competed," he said. "We've got a nice representation of the Aviation community that came out to compete for this great honor."

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Concert celebrates Army's 237th birthday

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

As the Army turns 237, the Music Under the Alabama Stars concert series features a Streamer Ceremony to celebrate the service's birthday.

The MUTAS concert series, designed to give people a chance to relax and listen to music, returns June 22 at 6:30 p.m. to Howze Field.

"This is all about the Army birthday. We're going to do a short patriotic concert to start," said 1st Sgt. Albert E. Kaufmann, 1st Sergeant of the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band, adding that the Streamer Ceremony will follow afterwards.

The ceremony, according to Kaufmann, is a "snapshot of Army history from the beginning."

"Each streamer on the Army flag represents a campaign that the Army has participated in throughout its history," he said, "and the color of the streamer represents a campaign that the Army has participated in throughout history."

Kaufmann, who also plays the trumpet in the 98th Army Band, said that the Streamer Ceremony will be set to music and take people on a musical journey through the history of the Army from the Revolutionary War up to modern times to correspond to each streamer on the flag.

"We'll be playing appropriate music for the era that is represented [by the streamer]," he said. "For the Revolutionary War, we will play [a song] that would have been played during that time, like 'Yankee Doodle.'"

Along with songs being played for the time of each streamer, an overview of the history of the time will also be presented.

"We have to remember what we've gone through to be where we're at right now — we've got to remember the sacrifices that were made," he said "The Army birthday is tradition; it's history and it's why we are what we are."

Unlike previous MUTAS performances, the Army birthday concert will feature different music performance teams from the ceremonial band to the rock band, Crossfire.

Crossfire will take the stage after the Streamer Ceremony to entertain the crowd with rock and roll music from different decades up to today's hits, said Kaufmann.

The 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band is made up of different music performance teams: MPT Bravo, which is the ceremonial group that plays graduations and ceremonies; MPT Charlie, better known as Crossfire, which plays rock music and is also broken down into

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FILE PHOTO

The 98th Army Band and a local reenactment group perform an Army Streamer Ceremony during a Music Under the Alabama Stars concert last year. The next MUTAS concert, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Howze Field, will celebrate the Army's birthday and again feature a Streamer Ceremony that describes the history of the service.

PERSPECTIVE

Civilian employees: safe, secure

By Frank McClanahan
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Civilian employees play a vital role in supporting leaders and Soldiers at installations and agencies across the Army, and the first week of National Safety Month is dedicated to preserving the health and wellness of these critical team members, both on and off the job.

As the sponsor of National Safety Month, the National Safety Council has outlined four key areas of civilian injury prevention — employee wellness, ergonomics, fall protection and safe driving — that leaders in both the public and private sectors can address as part of their safety efforts.

According to the NSC, individuals who are overweight or obese are at greater risk for developing heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain cancers, among other ailments. Many employers in United States, including the Army, offer worker wellness programs that emphasize the benefits of exercise, good nutrition, stress reduction and quitting tobacco.

By creating healthier employees, these programs produce obvious benefits for the sponsoring organizations’ bottom line through increased morale and productivity, reductions in absenteeism, and decreases in on-the-job injuries and costs related to healthcare and workers’ compensation. More information on the Army Employee Wellness Program can be found in Army Regulation 600-63, Army Health Promotion.

Due to a lack of visibility, the topic of ergonomics is probably not at the top of many commanders’ priority lists.

The NSC, however, classifies ergonomic injury as one of the most important safety and health issues facing organizations today. Loss of gripping strength, pain, swelling, numbness and tingling in the extremities are all indicative of ergonomic strain, but fixing the problem is as simple as fitting the job to the individual.

In offices, properly placed computer keyboards and monitors on desks and ergonomically designed chairs help prevent most repetitive motion injuries, eyestrain and back discomfort. In industrial or tactical settings, vibration-dampening hand tools help relieve the stresses associated with equipment repair and carpentry, and the use of hand trucks, dollies and wheelbarrows is advised for moving heavy objects.

Falls are another source of concern in workplace safety. Slippery floors, messy or cluttered workspaces, improperly used ladders and work platforms, and loose rugs, mats and stair treads have all resulted in countless injuries and emergency room visits. These hazards are just as dangerous at home, so supervisors and employees alike should ensure both their professional and personal spaces are dry and free of clutter, while also adhering to the basic principles of safe ladder use. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s “Portable Ladder Safety Tips” card can be found via the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center’s website at <https://safety.army.mil/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=Qmg32iP7yfU=&tabid=556>.

Privately owned vehicle and motorcycle accidents are not only the No. 1 killer of Soldiers, but also the leading cause of work-related deaths in the United States, per the NSC. Distracted driving, nonuse of seat belts, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive driv-



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ing are cited by the NSC as the top four factors most commonly associated with on-the-job driving fatalities.

Like most other safety issues, driving accidents are easily preventable when employees follow the standard every time they slip behind the wheel. Drivers can stay safe by keeping their focus on the road, not their phone or radio, for the duration of their trip; always buckling up, which studies have shown to reduce the risk of death in a crash by as much as 45 percent; calling a designated driver, friend, Family member or taxi after drinking; and planning ahead and keeping calm when dealing with traffic.

Civilian employees are a source of continuity and stability in our ever-changing Army, and leaders at all levels should ensure every member of their formations has the tools to stay healthy and productive. For more information on employee safety, visit the Workplace Safety and Civilian’s Corner pages on the USACR/Safety Center website, <https://safety.army.mil>.

Officials urge safety during summer travel season

By Lt. Col. Scott Wile
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Safety Center*

June isn’t just National Safety Month — it’s also the beginning of summer and the season of road trips and vacations, and we all have a responsibility to ensure those journeys don’t end with a one-way ticket to tragedy.

Most Soldiers know the drill when checking a vehicle out of the motor pool: You don’t leave the gate before you perform a technical inspection. The same principle applies before you leave your driveway. Check your fluid, coolant and oil levels, tire tread, belts and hoses, and operation of all lights and signals immediately prior to departure. If these steps are important enough to take before putting an Army vehicle on the road, they’re just as critical for



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you and your Family on the highway.

A fully operable vehicle is essential to safe travels, but the most significant function of any trip is the driver. Adequate rest is absolutely necessary, and you should be aware of the side effects of any medications you’re taking.

Fortunately, drinking and driving incidents have been on the decline in recent years, but we still lose a few Soldiers to DUI annually. Make a plan before celebrating; designating a driver or hiring a taxi is an inexpensive and easy way to stay safe. Also remember to complete a TRiPS report before

departing on longer trips — your supervisor may have valuable tips to help you mitigate potential risks along the way. Finally, be mindful that indiscipline kills. Ensure your and all passengers’ seat belts are buckled, and always follow posted speed limits and local driving laws.

Motorcycle riding is one of the most enjoyable hobbies around, but it’s definitely not carefree. In fact, indiscipline remains the top causal factor in motorcycle accidents involving Soldiers, with speed and reckless riding commonly cited in fatality reports. Riders have important considerations to keep in mind before ever hitting the road, and the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has a number of tools to help you stay safe.

Visit the Privately Owned Vehicle Safety page at <https://safety.army.mil/povmotorcyclesafety>

for relevant guidance, checklists, training information and links to successful Motorcycle Mentorship Programs, one of the single-best tools to reduce injuries and fatalities among our Army’s riding population. Also check back soon for the latest addition to our motorcycle arsenal, “Leader/Individual Motorcycle Operator Responsibilities.” This pamphlet, scheduled for release later this month, contains roles and responsibilities for both leaders riding culture across their respective units.

Whether you hit the road on two wheels or four, your attitude is the most important prerequisite for a safe trip — and that’s true not only in June, but year-round too. Enjoy your summer, but remember to always play it safe!

For more information on National Safety Month and summer safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.

Rotor Wash



Jennifer Kerwin,
military spouse
“Because of what they do for our country.”



Lt. Col. Brett Russ,
N.C. National Guard
“Because freedom isn’t free.”



Jim Sarvis,
civilian contractor
“For the protection they give us.”



Robert Turner,
retired military
“This whole country owes a debt of gratitude to the Army.”



Chaplain (Capt.)
Paul Cartmill,
Army chaplain
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1-11th Avn. earns safety award

By Nathan Pfau
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The 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment received the Order of Daedalian and was presented with the Brig. Gen. Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award for demonstrated professionalism and valuable contributions to the advancement of Army Aviation flight safety Monday.

The award was presented to Lt. Col. Mike Flowers, commander of the 1-11th Avn. Regt., by retired Maj. Gen. Ronald K. Andreson, awarding officer for the Order of Daedalians, during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

“To be awarded the [Order of Daedalian] ... by Major General Andreson is a special honor,” said Flowers.

The award is part of a national-level competition and the 1-11th had to submit a detailed narrative outlining what it had accomplished throughout the year, he explained.

According to the general, legend has it that the name of the Order of Daedalian comes from the first individual to fly a heavier-than-air machine, Daedalus, and said the name for the organization is fitting since it is made up of those that fly the nation’s aircraft in a time of war.

“What [the 1-11th] has accomplished is truly above and beyond,” said Andreson. “I have a personal affiliation with the 11th and it’s a wonderful unit.”

The general praised the unit as he spoke about his time in Vietnam in 1968 when he was the commander of the 162nd Assault Helicopter Company that was a part of one of four helicopter companies of the 11th, which has a memorial at Fort Rucker’s Veterans Park.

The 1-11th successfully accomplished almost 2.5 million military and civilian aircraft movements while sustaining a manning level of only about 70 percent of its authorized level, according to the general.

The 1-11th operated 26 facilities that included five base fields, 15 stage fields, the Molinelli Aerial Gun-nery Range Complex, two civilian municipal airport towers, two ground control radar approach facilities and the Army’s largest Army Radar Approach Control facility, despite the personnel shortages.

“That’s truly exceptional,” said Andreson. “There is nothing more important than safe flight operations. [This unit] has done a super job – you all are certainly above the best.”

Safety is the top priority for the unit and helps sustain what Flowers calls “the Army’s most precious resource” – Soldiers.

“Proactive safety measures save lives,” he said. “[It] decreases mission distractions, reduces operations costs and overall enhances opportunities for success at every challenge we face as Soldiers.”



Lt. Col. Mike Flowers, 1-11th Avn. Regt. commander, accepts the Brig. Gen. Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award, from retired Maj. Gen. Ronald K. Andreson, awarding officer for the Order of Daedalians, during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Monday.

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Sick call aims to get students back in class

By Angela Williams
Army Flier Staff Writer

For decades, sick call has been a regular part of Army life, but its purpose has evolved.

In the past, the purpose of sick call was to prevent disease outbreak, but today, the main goal of sick call is to get students back in class, according to Lt. Col. Sean Hollonbeck, deputy commander for clinical services at Lyster Army Health Clinic.

“It started when we had huge massive troop formations to separate out injured or ill folks from the folks that were training,” he said. “Now we’re at a training post. We have a student population. So, we still have sick call.”

Sick call, weekdays from 6-6:30 a.m., is for Soldiers who are dealing with a specific issue that appeared within the last three to five days, said Staff Sgt. Antoinette Dingle, NCOIC of the primary care clinic.

“Maybe you’ve been trying to treat it yourself but it’s not getting better, or it’s getting worse. That’s a sick call issue,” she

said, adding that “life, limb or eyesight” issues should go straight to the hospital.

If a Soldier has been dealing with an issue for months or years, but is having more severe problems one particular day, they still need to make an appointment, Dingle said.

“We’re just going to give you ranger candy, as we call it, and you keep on trucking. That’s not going to solve the issue for something that’s long term,” she said. “You need to be under a doctor’s care. Instead of treating something for a second, they can treat it for the long term, so eventually you’ll get better.”

Sick call is not for profiles, changing a profile or trying to get put on quarters, she added.

All permanent party members, including instructors, are expected to make an appointment rather than go to sick call where students receive top priority, Hollonbeck and Dingle emphasized.

“That’s what we have the rest of the clinical day for,” Hollonbeck said. “We don’t want people to be frustrated when they show up at sick call and they’re being told, ‘You’re not supposed to be here.’”

Another potential source of frustration is the end of sick call.

“At 6:31 a.m., sick call is over,” Dingle said. “You have missed sick call.”

Sick call has to stop at a specific time to allow the staff to prepare for the day’s appointments, Hollonbeck explained. “It sets the stage for every single day.”

“If we keep letting the stragglers come in at 6:30 and 6:45, everyone is going to be late,” Dingle said. “We have to have a stopping point.”

Dingle said Soldiers should be triaged at the unit level to determine if they are dealing with a sick call issue; then released as soon as possible to go to sick call.

“I understand about being accounted for,” she said. “But some Soldiers are telling us they had to stay for formation and they weren’t released until afterwards. But that just affected the unit and us because instead of getting them in a sick call slot, they might have to go to an appointment.”

Soldiers who are released to go to sick call should bring a completed sick call slip with them, Dingle said. It should include why they are there and who is sending

them.

Soldiers should also have their yellow cards – the cards showing their insurance information is current – when they arrive at sick call, she said. If they don’t have a yellow card, they will have to complete one while they are there.

Soldiers will also be required to complete a suicide-prevention form at sick call, she added.

“We have some people who come who do not want to fill that out,” she said. “Unfortunately, it’s not optional.”

Flight students reporting from the emergency room don’t have to go to sick call, Dingle said. Instead, they should report to the flight surgeon of the day at 7:45 a.m.

While the main purpose of sick call may have changed over the years, trends still do appear. Because of this, Hollonbeck encouraged Soldiers in training to be more aware of weekend activities.

“We see a lot of preventable injuries,” he said. “We’re spending all this time with people getting injured and hurt and not finishing training, so people should be more cautious on the weekends.”

News Briefs

Change of command

The 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment hosts a change of command ceremony Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. on Howze Field. Lt. Col. Steven M. Pierce will assume command of the unit from Lt. Col. Darren V. Cox.

ACAP Employer Day

The Army Career and Alumni Program hosts an Employer Day featuring Waffle House, CSX Railroad and the U.S. Navy Reserve Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 5700 in the second floor break room. The event is open to active duty military, retirees, veterans and their spouses.

For more, call 255-3932.

Knowledge Magazine survey

This month, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is conducting an online readership survey to help improve Knowledge Magazine and ensure it is meeting the needs of its audience.

People are welcomed to take a few minutes to participate. The survey is available at <https://tools.safety.army.mil/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n6KI468>.

Electronic retiree newsletter

The annual retiree newsletter is now available via email. To receive the newsletter electronically, people should send an email to ruck.retirees@conus.army.mil requesting the newsletter, and also include their name and U.S. Postal address.

Help wanted

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness staff stands ready to help members of the Fort Rucker community find jobs. The staff maintains a list of job opportunities in the area, and can also give out tips and inform about resources to help people find the right job for them.

Some current opportunities on employment readiness’ “hard to fill” list include: pet groomer, licensed practical nurse, certified management accountant, retail sales in a children’s store, emergency medical technician, dental assistant, and medical billing and coding.

For more on employment readiness’ services, call 255-3949.

Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of

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

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.

Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon, unless it falls on a holiday weekend and then the shop will be open on the second Saturday. The thrift shop needs people’s unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible. For more, call 255-9595.

Weather operations pushes info via app, social media

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The job of a pilot can be stressful enough without the hazards of weather to worry about.

To make sure Aviators are aware of those hazards, Fort Rucker weather operations is making it easier for pilots and Aviators to get weather updates by using existing technology, according to Cindy Howell, weather forecaster for Fort Rucker weather operations.

“We’re trying to utilize free technology to further our cause and get information out to pilots and other customers,” she said, adding that there are three main things that will be utilized to achieve this: Facebook, Twitter and a mobile app.

“Facebook is a big one,” said Howell. “Every morning we post a five-day forecast and we outline the hazards for the day for Aviators.”

These posts are currently on the weather operations Facebook page, but starting Tuesday, Howell said that they will begin posting all mission execution forecast, amendments and all watches, warnings and advisories.

Tuesday will also mark the day that weather operations will join Twitter to use as another medium to get information out to Aviators, according to the weather forecaster.

“We’re brand new to Twitter and we’ll do the same type of postings to Twitter as we will on Facebook,” she said. “The cool thing about Twitter is that you can set it up so that you can receive a text alert and the information can be pushed to you, which we think can be very valuable to Aviators.”

“Utilizing social media is a need because the technology is there and it’s just another method to reach people,” said Howell. “People check their Facebook all the time and people are receiving texts all the time. If that little beep makes you go in and check the latest weather data, then that’s great.”

The third technology that Fort Rucker weather operations will be utilizing is a mobile weather app that will be available Tuesday that is tailored specifically to pilots and Aviators and will show all the MEFs, amendments, watches, warnings and advisories that are im-

portant for them to have, according to Howell.

The concept for the app was thought up months ago, said Howell, and with the help of TTC, Inc., the company that programmed the app, the weather app will soon be available for people to use.

“We’ve got to leverage technology,” she said. “We’ve got a lot of young student pilots coming in and even the more advanced pilots are trying to embrace technology.” She added that the app will be free and is available on both Android and iOS platforms.

The goal of utilizing these technologies and social media is to make it easier for pilots to get their weather forecasts, check for updates and check live radar with observations.

One of the ways the mobile app makes getting information easier for pilots is by offering a scrolling banner, much like a news ticker that updates immediately when any warnings, watches or amendments are issued, said Howell.

“The scrolling updates will keep pilots and Aviators updated with the most recent information and updates to the weather,” she said.

The information that Fort Rucker weather operations puts out, like the MEF, is put out three times a day for the seven different areas of operation, and covers 32,000

square miles of airspace, she said.


“We cover up to Montgomery, almost to Mobile, down the Florida coast and all the way to Valdosta, Ga.,” said Howell. “It’s quite a large flying area ... that we have to forecast for each and every flight period,” adding that the three flight periods are the a.m., p.m., and night-flying.


“We’re really excited about [these changes] and we want people to know that nothing about the way we’ve been doing business has changed,” she said. “We’re still going to do the normal methods. This is just to go above and beyond.”

To get the most recent weather updates, MEFs and amendments, visit facebook.com/fruckerwx, or follow Fort Rucker weather operations on Twitter at @fruckerwx.

To download the weather app Tuesday, visit www.frucker.mobi.



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Awards: Ceremony honors sacrifice

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2011 deployment to Afghanistan.

He did this while coordinating Apache gunship support and synchronizing the efforts of the ground crews, all while holding hovers for wounded to board, McKernan said.

“I’m elated,” Wilson said. “It’s a huge honor to receive such an award. I definitely want to recognize the crew that I was with. It takes a lot of people to conduct this kind of mission and I was with a bunch of great guys and gals that really would do anything to bring our Soldiers home.”

“I’m very proud of him,” added Wilson’s wife, Karen. “I’m proud of him, award or not. They have an excellent mission and it’s so important. I’m just always so proud of him. He does a great job.”

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who are wounded or killed by enemy fire, Ward explained during the ceremony.

“It symbolizes the sacrifice the men and women of our armed forces have endured in defending our country’s freedom,” he said. “The Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not recommended for it, rather, he or she

is entitled to it.”

Herring was a sergeant with a scout sniper platoon in the 1st Infantry Division when he suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of about 17 improvised explosive device attacks within a three-month period during a 2007 deployment to Baghdad, Iraq.

He also received an Army Commendation Medal of Valor during that deployment for saving one of his fellow Soldiers, Ward said.

“This is a significant day and it is important that we recognize your combat injuries and your contributions to the Army,” he said to Herring. “I’d like to thank you for all of your service.”

Herring said the award was a “huge honor.” “The injury took place in 2007, so I’ve been fighting it for as long as I could,” Herring said after the ceremony. “There comes a point where you have to finally admit that you can’t carry on the way you have been. That point came for me when I realized if I carried on the way I was, I would be putting my men at risk. That’s always been the opposite of what I tried to do.”

Herring’s 4-year-old son, Eddie, attended the ceremony and stood by his dad on the stage as Maj. Gen. Anthony G.

Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, presented the Purple Heart.

“He’s right at that age where he’ll remember this,” Herring said. “It’s good to have him here. I hope he has a sense of pride one day because this award is more for my Family than for me.”

Herring said he wanted to thank his former unit that recommended him for the award when leadership found out about the extent of his injuries.

“I was honored by them and I’m truly grateful to all the staff here,” he said. “There are so many people who have helped to make this happen.”

Ward said standards were high for both awards because of the dangers Soldiers face while deployed.

“Over the last 10 years of war, many of our men and women have been subjected to these dangers,” he said. “These heroes came through. They helped bring themselves and their compatriots back with honor.

“Both of these awards are very significant,” he continued. “It’s an incredible honor for me to help recognize the great things they’ve done for our Army, for our Soldiers and for their country.”

Year: Recipients remain humble

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The NCO of the year winner said the competition consisted of physical fitness tests, hands-on competitions and multiple board appearances where competitors are asked questions at random regarding regulations and knowledge they should be familiar with.

The competition is not an easy task to get through and both winners emphasized that it takes a lot of time and effort to compete.

“[The competition] is rigorous and it does take time,” said Czerniak. “You can’t learn this stuff overnight — it

takes months of training and lots of muscle memory.”

“It takes time to gather all this knowledge and be physically ready for it,” Boone added.

Thomson commended the winners and all of the participants on the commitment that the competition demands.

“The path to get here is not easy,” he said. “[The competitors] all have full-time jobs as Soldiers and leaders. It’s really a lot of hard work, and I will tell you and they will tell you, too — they are not doing it for themselves.”

Those that win are awarded with gifts ranging from money and gift

certificates, to plaques and memberships to various organizations, but the main reason that Soldiers compete is to represent their unit, according to Czerniak.

“I didn’t do it for the perks,” he said. “I appreciate all the accolades that I’m receiving, but I did it to represent my unit and I hope I’ve done that well.”

Thomson said that the competitors’ willingness to go through the demanding competition to represent their unit is a testament to their character.

“It shows their commitment to our Army profession,” he said. “They are the epitome of what the Army profession is about.”

MUTAS: Concert aims for fun, stress relief

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the jazz combo; MPT Delta, which is the blackout brass band; and MPT Echo, which is the brass quintet.

There is a lot of integration between the MPTs, said Kaufmann, and some members play in more than one music performance team, not only out of necessity, but out of their shared love for music, he added.

“We love to play music and this is what we came in [the Army] for. There is no greater honor than to play for the troops. The Army band ... tells the Army story and gives

everybody a sense of patriotism,” said the first sergeant. “We want everybody to feel good and we want them to forget their troubles for a while ... just let everything go and enjoy themselves.”

Also in celebration of the Army’s birthday, The Landing Zone will serve free cake today, according to Janice Erdlitz, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director, adding that they will start serving at 11 a.m.

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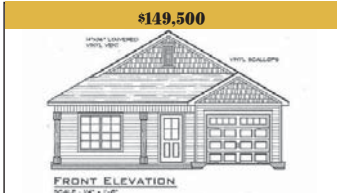
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James Shultz, director of Army Programs and Field Systems for Bell Helicopter, Textron, Inc.; Lt. Col. Paul A. Cravey, squadron commander, 1-6th Air Cavalry Squadron in Fort Riley, Kan.; Col. Christopher B. Carlile, commander of Corpus Christi Army Depot; and Lt. Col. Matthew Hannah, Kiowa Warrior product manager commemorate the completion of the first Wartime Replacement Aircraft OH-58D Kiowa Warrior.

Army returns 1st Wartime Replacement Aircraft to fight

By Corpus Christi Army Depot Public Affairs
Army News Service

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The Army delivered the first OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, upgraded under the Wartime Replacement Aircraft Program, to the warfighter at a roll-out ceremony at Corpus Christi Army Depot June 7.

Col. Christopher B. Carlile, commander of Corpus Christi Army Depot handed over the aircraft's log books to Lt. Col. Paul A. Cravey, squadron commander for 1-6th Air Cavalry

Squadron, from Fort Riley, Kan., during a ceremony in Hangar 44.

The Wartime Replacement Aircraft, or WRA, program is the Army's initiative to replace OH-58D Kiowa Warriors, the primary air cavalry helicopter. The Army is aggressively pursuing ways to sustain the fleet and is looking to its industrial base and the entire Aviation enterprise to support ongoing fleet upgrades that address obsolescence, improve reliability, increase capability and put OH-58Ds back in the fight.

The Army is approved for a complete fleet of 368 OH-58D

Kiowa Warriors. Since production of the KW ended in 1999, increasing the number of 58Ds to the Soldier is crucial at a time when cost-effective measures are critical. The Army recognizes the cost-saving opportunities from investing in its depots and their partnerships.

The WRA Program is a joint effort with CCAD, the Armed Scout Helicopter, or ASH, Project Office, the Aviation Field Maintenance Directorate and Bell Helicopter providing the

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CAB performs heavy lifting

By Sgt. Daniel Schroeder
25th CAB Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Units of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade came together to execute a sling load operation on an Mi-17 helicopter in the Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, June 3.

Three battalions throughout the brigade all brought unique capabilities to the mission to ensure mission success for recovering the damaged Mi-17 aircraft.

Task Force Hammerhead, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th CAB, was asked to assist in the movement of the Mi-17 helicopter due to the lift capabilities of the CH-47F Chinook helicopter amongst its ranks.

"Due to the weight of the Mi-17 and the small area it was located in, there were only two aircraft that could get to and lift it. One was the Mi-26 with Russian air company 'Vertical T' and the other is the U.S. Army's CH-47F Chinook," said CW4 Brian Clyde, material Aviation officer for 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, and a native of Hot Springs, Colo. "All parties involved did an outstanding job to com-

plete this operation in a safe and timely manner."

For the mission, a Chinook helicopter from B Company, 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., was used to sling load the damaged helicopter and transport it back to Kandahar Airfield for repairs. TF Lightning Horse, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, contributed during the hook up and transportation of the Mi-17 by providing OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopters for security for the CH-47F Chinook crew.

Before the aircraft was hooked up and transported, it had to be prepped to standard ensuring the safety of everyone involved. This is where Task Force Lobos, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th CAB stepped in.

"We had to prepare the aircraft to meet the proper guidelines for sling load such as weight restrictions, altitude to be flown at, temperature in order rig it properly to be lifted in a safely manner," said CW2 Jorge Parra, the downed aircraft recovery team officer in charge for B Co., 209th ASB, 25th CAB. "Along with the aircraft able to

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PHOTO BY SGT. DANIEL SCHROEDER

A CH-47F Chinook helicopter from B Co., 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, flies steadily over the Afghanistan countryside with an Mi-17 helicopter sling loaded on its way back to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, during an aircraft recovery mission on June 3.

Bragg paratroopers, Afghan soldiers disrupt insurgents



PHOTO BY SGT. MICHAEL J. MACLEOD

First Lt. Lashka Khan, an Afghan National Army officer, explains to villagers gathered outside a mosque for prayer why they should support the Afghan government and not the Taliban during a clearing operation of their village June 2 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. The officer found the villagers to be very receptive to his message.

By Sgt. Michael J. MacLeod
Army News Service

FORWARD OPERATING BASE AR- IAN, Afghanistan — Insurgents are learning that U.S. and Afghan forces will go anywhere at any time to disrupt and destroy their capabilities, said a U.S. military commander in southern Ghazni Province June 8.

After dramatically reducing the occurrence of roadside bombs along Highway 1 here, U.S. Army paratroopers and Afghan forces are beginning to take the fight to insurgent safe havens, said Lt. Col. Praxitelis Vamvakias, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

The paratroopers from Fort Bragg, N.C., concluded a multi-day helicopter assault June 5, that resulted in the destruction of at least five insurgent weapons caches in a number of remote "safe haven" villages in

the mountains west of the Qara Bagh District Center, said Vamvakias.

"This is part of our plan to keep the insurgents off balance, allowing Afghan National Security Forces and the district governance space and time to gain traction in improving security, governance and economics," he said.

Cleared were the agricultural-based settlements of Barlah, Lar and several smaller villages, all of which are located at nearly 8,000 feet of elevation in a remote valley.

One of the company commanders involved in the operation, Capt. Robert Gacke III, said that such operations are intended to knock insurgents out of their comfort zones, causing them to make mistakes that U.S. and Afghan forces may capitalize on.

Along Highway 1, for instance, high pressure from route-clearance teams has led to a slate of civilian deaths caused by roadside bombs likely meant for military

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Missoula

Theatre group gives Fort Rucker children chance to display talents

By Angela Williams
 Army Flier Staff Writer

The Missoula Children's Theatre makes a return trip to the Wiregrass to give the children of Fort Rucker a chance to perform on the big stage.

The nonprofit group travels across the country teaching children about performing arts and brings along everything needed to produce a musical version of "Jack and the Beanstalk" featuring the children of Fort Rucker.

"Participation in the Missoula Children's Theatre is a great opportunity for the children of Fort Rucker to work with professional actors," said Kathy Vickers, program operations specialist for child, youth and school services. "It gives them a chance to explore a new interest."

Last year, the group produced "The Wiz of The West," a western version of the "Wizard of Oz," she said. "It was a big success."

Auditions for roles in "Jack and the Beanstalk" start at 9 a.m. June 25 at the Spiritual Life Center and are open to all eligible military, contractor and Department of Defense civilian youth, grades 1-12. Children must be registered with CYSS and able to commit to a week of rehearsals.

Free performances of "Jack and the Beanstalk," featuring the children of Fort Rucker, will be at the post theater June 29 at 4 p.m. and June 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Also during the week, the Missoula Children's Theatre will offer free small group workshops, Vickers said. The "What



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Director Leann Casey Bjornrud puts the finishing touches on 6-year-old Carter Prisk's character, a cow, for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast," at USAG Wiesbaden, Germany. Fort Rucker youth can join in the fun when the theatre visits next week.

If" workshop June 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., is for grades 3-5. The "Acting Up" workshop June 27, 1:30-2:15 p.m., is for grades 6-8 and the "Mime You Own Business" workshop, June 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m., is for grades 9-12.

Everyone who auditions is not guaranteed a part in the play, but all children are invited to attend the workshops, according to Vickers.

"The Missoula Children's Theatre helps the children to develop social skills, communication skills, self discipline, self-esteem and teamwork," she said. "It's fun for the whole family."

For more information on the Missoula Children's Theatre, call 255-0666.



Military youth portray a group of street urchins in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Pinocchio" at USAG Wiesbaden, Germany.

Freedom Fest offers Family fun, fireworks, music

By Angela Williams
 Army Flier Staff Writer

Mark your calendars — Fort Rucker's largest annual event is just a few weeks away.

Freedom Fest, scheduled for July 3, is expected to attract more than 20,000 people and will include musical performances, fireworks, food and craft vendors, static displays, games and more, said Janice Erdlitz, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director.

"It's a great way to celebrate our nation's independence and it's a great time to recognize what Fort Rucker does for our community," Erdlitz said. "It's a great time to thank our Soldiers. There's not a better celebration than on a military installation."

One of the most anticipated events is the return of Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band. The group will perform from 7-9 p.m. at the Festival Fields and fireworks will immediately follow.

"We're really proud to have Gary Sinise back to Fort Rucker," Erdlitz said. "He did a great job last year and everyone loved him. We're really, really fortunate to get him back."



FILE PHOTO

A group of ladies join Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band onstage during one of the band's numbers at last year's Freedom Fest. The annual Independence Day celebration returns, along with the Lt. Dan Band, to Fort Rucker's Festival Fields July 3.

The 30-minute fireworks display is choreographed to music, so it's a spectacular show, Erdlitz said,

adding that Families should bring blankets or lawn chairs to the field so they can sit back and enjoy the

show.

Country music star Natalie Stovall will kick off the music

entertainment portion of Freedom Fest at 4:30 p.m. and the 98th Army "Silver Wings" band will perform throughout the evening.

Erdlitz said Natalie Stovall performed at The Landing a few months ago and was "phenomenal," so they thought she would be a great fit for Freedom Fest lineup.

"Of course we're always proud when we have our own 98th Army Band," she added.

Children's activities will be open from 3:30-10 p.m. and will include vendors, games, an inflatable fun zone, pony rides and train rides. Fees for the activities vary, but tickets and wristbands will be available for purchase, according to Erdlitz.

Freedom Fest has something for the entire family and it continues to grow every year, Erdlitz said. Families throughout the Wiregrass area make Freedom Fest their main Fourth of July celebration.

"It's definitely one of our must-attend events of the year," she said. "If you've never been, you should put it on your calendar. It's fun and admission is free."

For full coverage of Freedom Fest 2012 see the special pull out section in the June 28 edition of the *Army Flier*.

ON POST

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

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The Landing offers a Father's Day Feast Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal will be served buffet style and will cost \$18.95 for adults, \$8.95 for children ages 6-12, \$4.95 for children ages 3-5 and will be free for children 2 and younger. A military Family special will be available for two adults and two children to eat for \$45. Reservations are encouraged.

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

Newcomers Welcome

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

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

Craft making activity

The Center Library hosts a Summer Reading Program craft making activity Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 65 children present. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register, stop by the library or call 255-3885.

Get R.E.A.L.

Army Community Service offers its Army Family Team Building Level I and Rucker Experience, Army Learning program Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 371F to help those new to the Army make sense of the lifestyle, terms, acronyms and services offered. The interactive day of learning includes topics such as acronyms, Army customs and courtesies, military ranks, community resources and more. Advanced registration is required.

To register or get information, call 255-2382.

Single Parenting Workshop

The Family Advocacy Program offers a Single Parenting Workshop Wednesday from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center. The workshop will focus on single parents taking care of their children and themselves, balancing parents' time with children's time, enjoying a loving relationship with children, and effective communication and negotiation skills. People need to register by Friday. The workshop is open to active duty and re-



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Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and also the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon, unless it falls on a holiday weekend and then the shop will be open on the second Saturday. The thrift shop needs people's unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible. For more, call 255-9595.

tired military, Department of Defense employees and Family members.

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

June EDGE! Programs

People can sign up their children now for June EDGE! Programs. EDGE! is open to youth ages 6-18 from 2-4 p.m. during the week. Activities include tubing, bowling, a book club, water basketball, and framing. Cost for ages 6-10 is \$5 per hour and the programs are free for ages 11-18. A valid child, youth and school services registration is required to participate. Enrollment for all EDGE! activities is at parent central services in Bldg. 5700, the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 193 or online at webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/ruckercyms.html.

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

AFTB Level II

Army Community Service hosts its Army Family Team Building Level II training June 25-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in Rm. 371F. Topics include communication, stress management, time management, acknowledging change and more. Advance registration is required.

For registration and childcare information, call 255-2382.

2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest

The 2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest runs now 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.

Friday Steak and Lobster

Every Friday in June The Landing Zone offers its Steak & Lobster Special to the first 100 customers who visit 5-9 p.m. Patrons can enjoy an eight-ounce flat iron steak and lobster tail with fries for \$12 with the purchase of a beverage. Other side items are available, including a side salad for \$1. The offer is for dine-in customers only and cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.

For more, call 598-8025.

Story Time

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

For more, call 255-0891.

Youth Skate Night

The youth center hosts two sessions of Skate Night every first and third Friday of the month. The first session, from 6:15-7:15 p.m., is for skaters 12 years and younger, and the second session, from 7:30-10:15 p.m., is for all ages. Participants must be child, youth and school service members. Cost is \$2 for the first session and \$5 for the second session.

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Got milk?

Mobile Dairy Classroom teaches students the real value of a cow

By Connor Wolanski
Army Flier Contributing Writer

The Center Library hosted the Southwest Dairy Farmers Mobile Dairy Classroom Friday, as hundreds of attending youths learned about the anatomy of a cow and the nutritional value of milk.

“Basically it’s a mobile dairy on wheels,” said Amanda Griffith, Mobile Dairy Classroom instructor, adding that she operates on a year-round basis except for late July and early August, when temperatures during the day can get dangerously high. “I travel throughout the whole state of Alabama and do free milking demonstrations for the general public.”

There was much more to see than a free milking demonstration on Friday morning, as Griffith instructed hundreds of people on the different types of cows, the types of food cows eat to produce milk, and the importance of pasteurization – or “past-your-eyes,” as the children learned the phrase.

They also learned that cows can produce up to 50 pounds of milk a day, the equivalent of about eight gallons. Griffith explained that a cow’s teats must be sterilized before milking can begin, and then surprised the crowd of youngsters by playfully squirting a little milk in their direction.

“It extends their education as far as being exposed to different things,” said LaChelle Garcia, an instructor with the child, youth and school service’s Strong Beginnings program, adding that Griffith did a great job of engaging the children and explaining things in depth while keeping it simple.

Kiley Davis, one of the children with Strong Beginnings, was eager to tell what she had learned. “The cow has four teats,” she said, adding that her favorite part of the class was “when the milk got

in the machine.”

Jonathan Schwegler, one of Kiley’s classmates, also wanted to show how much he remembered from the lesson. “The cow has four stomachs in one,” he said. “Cow’s milk has vitamin C and vitamin D. [My favorite part was] petting it.”

“Most of the time it’s schools that I reach out to, but this time of year we do libraries, summer camp programs and weekend events,” said Griffith. “A lot of these younger kids aren’t exposed to cows and milk, and if you ask them where their milk comes from they think it comes from Wal-Mart or Publix.”

“They kind of take the cow out of the equation, so we show them that their milk really does come from a cow,” she said.

“It’s a wonderful experience,” said Sandy Milstead, education technician with the child development service program. “We do 4-H club during the year, so it’s just neat to know that they have this for our children. [We bring them] for them to learn proper nutrition.”

Even after the teaching and milking demonstration was done for the day, several parents stayed in the area with their children for a chance to get up close and pet the cow.

“We’re here because we signed her up for a reading program,” Andrea Clubb said with a nod to her young daughter, who was busy stroking the cow’s head. “I think she had a good time.”

“The main thing is just talking about the importance and the nutritional value of milk, because a lot of people don’t realize how much nutrition is in milk,” said Griffith when asked about her main goal and drive as a Mobile Dairy Classroom instructor. “I love dairy; I just love working with cows. This is my fourth year doing this program. They’re pretty gentle animals and very relaxed.”



Amanda Griffith (center), Mobile Dairy Classroom instructor, let children examine the “milk claw” after explaining its part in the milking process behind the Center Library Friday.

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Tuscumbia pays tribute to ‘First Lady of Courage’

Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association
Press Release

Decatur — For the past 33 years, the town of Tuscumbia has paid tribute to one of its heroic natives with a four-day celebration attracting thousands of visitors from across the country.

The annual Helen Keller Festival celebrates the life of Helen Keller and her remarkable achievements to overcome a world of silence. The 34th annual event is set for June 21-24 in Spring Park in downtown Tuscumbia.

The event kicks off June 21 at 6 p.m. with a parade along Main Street and a Street Dance/Block Party at 6:45 p.m. Local businesses will keep their doors open late, special vendors will fill the streets and bands will play following the parade.

The annual event is centered around the Helen Keller Festival Arts and Crafts Show featuring original artwork and activities for children on the North Bank of Spring Park. From noon to 6 p.m. June 22, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 23 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 24, festival-goers can shop for original works of art and limited edition reproductions by accomplished jury-selected artists from across the southeast. For children, the Imagination Station offers fun, creative hands-on activities. June 22-23, children can create their own works of art with a little imagination and some unexpected materials to take home as a souvenir. A car and truck show will take to the streets in downtown Tus-

cumbia from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 23.

The June 24 festivities feature ongoing live music. Slated to perform are Chelsea Yarber, Hello August, Chris Little, The Boatwrights and the Archie Hubbard Band. Other activities to take place throughout the festival include nightly water shows, guided historic walking tours, cemetery tours, a 5-mile and 1-mile fun run, a 5-mile and 23-mile Family bike ride, golf tournament and art exhibits.

An admission fee of \$3 will be charged for festival events in Spring Park June 22 beginning at 4:30 p.m. and \$5 June 23 beginning at 9 a.m. For a complete schedule of events, map of downtown Tuscumbia, or more information, visit www.helenkeller-festival.com.

Daily tours of Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller, are also offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The home is located at 300 North Commons Street West in Tuscumbia. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$2 for children.

Live performances of William Gibson’s world-famous drama, “The Miracle Worker,” are offered Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. on the grounds of Helen Keller’s birthplace. Reserved seats are \$10 and general admission is \$8. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Helen Keller Home at (256) 383-4066 or (888) 329-2124.

For more ideas of things to do in Alabama, visit the AMLA website at www.northalabama.org.



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Helen Keller at age 8 with her tutor, Anne Sullivan, on vacation in Cape Cod, Mass., in 1888.

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Call 222-6612 for more information.

ONGOING — The American Legion Post 80 hosts bingo nights Tuesdays and Fridays at the Legion Hall, 32335 N. US Hwy. 29, from 4:30 - 9 p.m.

The organization also has a dance, with live music, every Saturday from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. All proceeds from the bingo events go to help local veterans and their Families, as well as causes such as Girls State, Boys State and scholarships for high school students.

For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegiopost80.org.

ONGOING — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall.

For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegiopost80.org.

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

ONGOING — The Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts First Saturday Family Day the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. Children and parents will learn about color, shape, texture and different types of art such as painting, drawing and collage. The event is

recommended for elementary aged children. For more information, visit wiregrassmuseum.com or call 794-3871.

ENTERPRISE

JUNE 28 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will conduct an Installation of New Officers luncheon at Po Folks Restaurant at 6 p.m. During this luncheon, Po Folks will offer Chapter 99 a special meal at a special price. Members and guests will dine Dutch treat. People should RSVP no later than June 25 by calling 718-5707.

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

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

GENEVA

ONGOING — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank.

For more information, call 248-4495.

MIDLAND CITY

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

For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Every Tuesday and

Wednesday, Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton police station. The officers can help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, VA pension, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans’ job programs and other veteran services. All veteran services provided are free of charge. For more information, please call Chuck Lobdell at 718-5707.

OZARK

JUNE 25 — Mark your calendar for Ozark’s Business Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For those few hours, the Ozark Civic Center will transform into a veritable buffet of city retailers and services. So come discover what Ozark has to offer. It’s free, open to the public and you might even win a prize. For more information, call the Ozark Chamber at 774-0321.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 4 — The Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum is sponsoring an exhibit of nature-related art, the 2012 Nature Show. Artists 18 years or older are eligible to enter up to three pieces, in any combination of painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking and photography with a theme that relates to nature. Works must be original (not from a kit) and all works must remain in the gallery for the duration of the show. Previous contest winning pieces may not be entered. Entry fee is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members of DCCAH for the first entry and \$5 for each additional entry, up to three total entries. Entry fees are not refundable. The “Nature Show” will open on June 30 and will close Aug. 4. An opening reception will be held June 30, from 6-8 pm. For more information, call 774-7145 or visit www.ruddartcenter.org.

AUG. 18 THROUGH SEPT. 28 — The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the 12th annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition which will

be held at the Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum. Entry fee for non-members is \$35 and \$30 for DCCAH members for the first entry. One or two additional entries are \$5 each (three is the maximum that can be entered). Offered awards will be \$250 for first place, \$150 second place, \$100 third place, and four \$50 merit awards. Due date of entry fees and art work is Aug. 4, 1- 4 p.m. Opening reception and award presentation is Aug. 18, 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.ruddartcenter.org.

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.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

NOW THROUGH JULY 27 — The Wiregrass Tennis Association will be offering eight weeks of free tennis lessons in Enterprise, Eufaula, Ozark and Troy on different days throughout the week. For more information or to register for the free lessons, call 439-1128 or visit www.wiregrasstennisassociation.com/CommunityRelations.html.

Beyond Briefs

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 June 21 from noon-1 p.m. and is entitled “History of Automobile License Plates in Alabama.” For more information, call 353-4726 or visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Chicago Street Farmers Market

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 starts at 5:30 p.m. with local bands and a movie at dusk. The market will be held on Fridays on these dates: Friday; June 22, 29, and July 6.

State Blueberry Festival

Saturday, The Brewton Blueberry Festival features original arts and crafts, an antique car show, motorcycle show and ride, live entertainment, children’s area, blueberries, blueberry bushes, cookbooks, T-shirts and more. For more information, visit www.alabamablueberryfestival.com.

Alabama Sports Festival 30th

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Habits: *Do they control you?*

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

Dr. John Maxwell, from Enjoy Life Ministries in Bonita, Calif., wrote the following: “You may know me. I’m your constant companion. I’m your greatest helper; your heaviest burden.

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“Show me exactly how you want it done and after a few lessons I’ll do it automatically. I am the servant of all great men and women; of course the servant of failures too. But I work with all the precision of a marvelous computer, with the intelligence of a human being. You may run me for a profit, or you may run me to ruin; it makes no difference to me. Take me. Be easy with me and I will destroy you. Be firm with me and I will put the world at your feet. Who am I? I’m habit.”

In the Bible, Daniel 6:10 states: “Now when Daniel learned the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God as he had done before!”

Daniel had a habit of prayer. Earlier in the book of Daniel we learn that out of habit Daniel listened to God and ate things that were good for his body. Listen to the following concerning habits:

- Like Paul, I shall forget those things that are behind and press forward;
- Like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills whence cometh my help – help comes from the Lord;
- Like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God;
- Like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly father;
- Like Jehoshaphat, prepare my heart to seek God;
- Like Moses, choose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season;
- Like Daniel, commune with God at all times;
- Like Job, be patient under all circumstances;
- Like Caleb, and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers;
- Like Gideon, advance even though my friends are few;
- Like Aaron and Hur, uphold the hands of my leaders with prayer and practical support;
- Like Andrew, strive to lead my brothers and sisters to God;
- Like Stephen, express a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my heart; and
- Realizing that I cannot hope to achieve those objectives from my own strength. I shall rely upon the power of God, for I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.

We all have habits. Some are good and some are not so good. Habits should help build us up and not tear us down.

Take a few moments to examine the habits you have. Are there some that control you? Are there some that hinder your relationship with God? Are there some you have been meaning to start and have not?

After you take this habit inventory, ask God for courage and willpower to discard those habits you do not need and begin the ones you do need.

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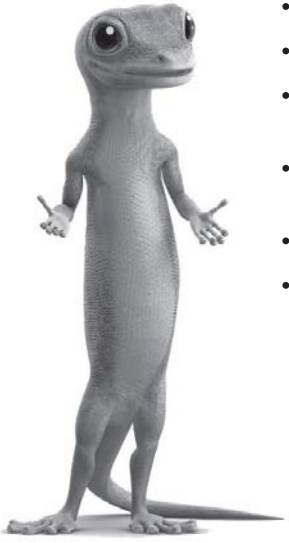
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JUNE 14, 2012

Pipelayers crowned mid-season champs

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Intramural softball season runs through July, but players and fans of the sport didn't have to wait until then for a championship game.

The B Company Pipelayers beat the A Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, Bottom of the Fifths, by winning two straight games for the title of 2012 mid-season champions June 7.

"It was a struggle [to win the mid-season championship], but it was worth it," said Tim Wildes, coach for the Pipelayers. "We've got a lot of talent on this team."

The first game got off to a quick start as the Bottom of the Fifths brought in three runs in the top of the 1st inning — a feat that the Pipelayers weren't able to match during their time at bat, which brought in only a single run.

The Bottom of the Fifths had the advantage going into the 2nd inning, but were unable to match the momentum they had in the 1st as their opponents didn't allow them to advance by catching every pop fly and line drive, and sent them into the outfield with no runs.

The B Company team had better luck connecting with the ball during their time at bat and hit multiple base hits that brought in a run, but were unable to overtake their opponents.

The Bottom of the Fifths still led their opponents 3-2 going into the next inning, but were unable to keep the ball on the ground as they hit back-to-back pop-ups, which led to early outs in the inning. The early outs didn't stop them, though, and they put two men on the bases before hitting a 3-run home run to widen their lead before the inning ended.

The Pipelayers wouldn't be shown up and they continued to creep up on their opponents and kept them from pulling too far ahead with two runs during their time at bat, staying within striking distance of A Company.

Going into the 4th inning, it was still anybody's game, but the A Company offense seemed too much for the Pipelayers as they pulled ahead by five runs.

During the Pipelayers time at bat, they put man after man on



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Adam Saeger, player for the Pipelayers, takes a swing during the 2012 mid-season intramural softball tournament June 7. The Pipelayers went on to win the tournament by beating the Bottom of the Fifths in two straight games.

base until the bases were loaded and followed it up with a 2-run shot to center field.

As their confidence began to build, the B Company team started bringing in the runs more consistently and eventually overtook their opponents as they ended the 4th inning up 10-9.

They went into the next inning and played defense as aggressively as their offense and didn't let their opponents advance during their time at bat, which gave the Pipelayers the opportunity to pull further ahead of Bottom of the Fifths.

The A Company team was only facing a 2-run deficit going into the 6th, giving them an opportunity to score some runs and retake the lead. They managed to score a run and stayed on the heels of their opponents, but were unable to

overtake the Pipelayers, who continually hit base hits to stay ahead of Bottom of the Fifths.

Hitting base hits was the strategy that seemed to be working for the B Company team, and that's what they stuck to, said Wildes, who also plays shortstop for the team.

"We just wanted to hit the ball and keep the ball on the ground," he said, which allowed them to pull farther away from their opponents as they consistently brought in run after run.

As the 7th inning began, the Bottom of the Fifths had one more chance to score some runs and overtake their opponents to win the championship and hopes seemed high as they brought in three runs during their time at bat, but were unable to pull out a win and sent the teams into a second game for

the championship title.

The tournament was a double-elimination tournament, which meant that each team had to lose twice throughout the tournament to be considered out of the running, said Edd Ellis, intramural sports coordinator, adding that the Bottom of the Fifths were undefeated going into the championship game.

As the final game got under way, the Bottom of the Fifths started off strong again as they hit multiple base hits, but only managed to bring in one run for the inning.

The Pipelayers went up to bat with the same aggression they showed in the previous game and continued their base hit strategy that allowed them to bring in seven runs in the 1st inning alone.

But as the Bottom of the Fifths started the next inning with an in-

the-park home run followed by a 3-base hit that brought in a run and ended the inning only three runs behind B Company.

It wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of the Pipelayers as they hit a 3-run homerun to regain their commanding lead. They continued to dominate throughout the game as they consistently brought in runs and eventually extended their lead by more than 10 runs, which ended the game in the bottom of the 4th, 17-5.

Despite having played three games the previous night, the Pipelayers were tired but determined to pull out the win, according to Luke James, player for the Pipelayers.

"I'm just really tired," he said. "Last night we played three games and two today — I used to be in better shape for this kind of stuff, but it's pretty cool that we won."

Leisure travel provides discounts, vacation planning

By Connor Wolanski
Army Flier Contributing Writer

As the traditional vacation months of summer arrive, Fort Rucker's Families have their own travel agents available and ready to help design every step of their vacations — at a discount.

"[We're here] to provide members of the military community with information, and to provide access to a diverse range of leisure travel, on post and off," said Kristen Hartwell, program manager for leisure travel. "Leisure travel always has the best information for the military as far as special deals, discounted rates and travel rates go."

Leisure travel (formerly known as the information, ticketing and registration office) provides a much wider variety of services than just tickets to the most popular amusement parks in the southeast. The office regularly connects Fort Rucker's Families with sporting events, cruise lines, recreational areas such as parks and camps, hotels and city attractions like Atlanta's Georgia Aquarium or the Ripley's Believe It Or Not museum in Orlando, Fla., according to information provided by Heather Linnell, travel clerk.

They also host a travel show every March, with different themes highlighting the various destinations and opportunities available to customers.

Leisure travel works with both active and retired military, Department of Defense employees, Army Reserve and Na-



PHOTO BY CONNOR WOLANSKI

Charlotte Alan (left), travel clerk, assists CW4 Ronald Smith, Aviation Center Logistics Command, with planning a summer vacation June 7.

tional Guard personnel, contractors and Family members. The office can connect customers with events and attractions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

"I think that's one thing a lot of people do not realize — we can help [De-

partment of Defense employees]," said Hartwell, emphasizing that anyone who works for the military is eligible for nearly all of the benefits made available by leisure travel.

"[Department of Defense employees] can purchase all tickets except for the

military-only ones offered by Walt Disney World and Sea World," she said. "They're actually at a contracted rate that is cheaper than anything they'll find off-post."

Hartwell shared that as the vacationing season kicks off, Disney, Sea World and Medieval Times are all getting an early start on marketing to Soldiers and their Families, offering specials and upgrades that, in the case of Medieval Times, extend to Department of Defense employees as well.

"I've always been in travel," she said, adding that she has worked with leisure travel for five years. "I love my job. During [the Soldiers'] time that they're on leave — it's very precious to them. We try to accommodate them any way we can; to send them on trips and to make memories for them."

"We also deal with Soldiers who have [been reassigned] to different bases and who will come back to us because of a certain agent who has fulfilled their dreams before. It's a trust issue. It's very rewarding for us. That's what we're doing — making people's dreams come true," Hartwell said.

To contact leisure travel in Bldg. 5700 Rm. 130, call (334) 255-2997 or (334) 255-9517. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The office also maintains a Facebook page with further details on vacation opportunities as well as a comprehensive price list.

DOWN TIME



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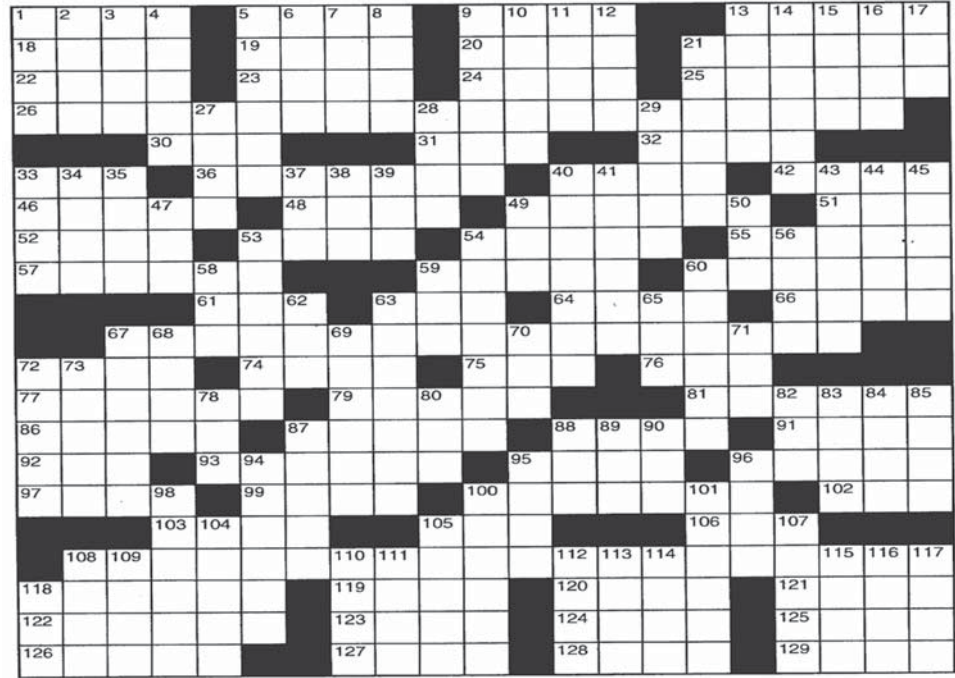
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2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The House of Mirth"?
3. HISTORY: Who was the last pharaoh of Egypt?
4. AD SLOGANS: What company's well-known advertising slogan is "M'm! M'm! Good!"?
5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time"?
6. INVENTIONS: What machine did Johannes Gutenberg invent?
7. MATH: A fraction is an example of what kind of number?
8. MUSICALS: The song "New York, New York" comes from what musical?
9. SCIENCE: What does a herpetologist study?
10. MOVIES: In what 1960 movie did the character Norman Bates make his appearance?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

PRESENT DANGER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer
 - 5 Gusto
 - 9 Complains
 - 13 Helium and hydrogen
 - 18 Israeli airline
 - 19 Cultural grp.
 - 20 "Picnic" playwright
 - 21 Actress
 - 22 Strauss' — sprach
 - 23 "Chacun a son —"
 - 24 Lassie's father
 - 25 Diva
 - 26 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
 - 30 Iron —
 - 31 Center of gravity?
 - 32 — Pea (Popeye's kid)
 - 33 Health resort
 - 36 Swore off
 - 40 "Little Man —" ('91 film)
 - 42 Mock
 - 46 Polished the Pontiac
 - 48 R&B's Johnny
- DOWN**
- 1 Page
 - 2 Raines or Wilcox
 - 3 "Boss"
 - 4 Hello
 - 5 Croatian capital
 - 6 Slaughter or Cabell
 - 7 Lobe
 - 8 "Cheerio!"
 - 9 Ached for
 - 10 In reserve
 - 11 Taj town
 - 12 — -do-well
 - 13 Lawn ornament
 - 14 Comes to terms
 - 15 Big rig
 - 16 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
 - 17 Bernardino, CA
 - 21 Response
 - 27 "Heavens to Betsy!"
 - 28 Montand or Tanguy
 - 29 Cosmetician
 - 33 Trade
 - 34 Sunscreen ingredient
 - 35 Lipinski
 - 37 Happiness
 - 38 Actress
 - 39 — Tin Tin
 - 40 Logical
- ACROSS**
- 49 Harsh
 - 51 Latin I word
 - 52 Help in a heist
 - 53 Baseball's Nolan
 - 54 Hiawatha's transport
 - 55 Very cold
 - 57 King's quarters
 - 59 Brilliant bird
 - 60 Common antiseptic
 - 61 Prone
 - 63 Shepard or Snead
 - 64 Poet in the past
 - 66 Particle
 - 67 Middle of remark
 - 72 Writer
 - 74 Memo start
 - 75 Brenda or
 - 76 Gob
 - 77 Speaker
 - 79 Singer
 - 81 "Barry —" ('75 film)
 - 86 Defamation
 - 87 Shoelace part
 - 88 Charity
 - 91 French airport
 - 92 "Unaccustomed — am . . ."
- DOWN**
- 93 Storage sites
 - 95 Burn remedy
 - 96 Steep rocks
 - 97 Curl up with
 - 99 Ho Chi —
 - 100 Mobile home?
 - 102 Dogpatch's Daisy —
 - 103 Famous fellow?
 - 105 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 106 Stout relative
 - 108 End of remark
 - 118 "Peter Pan" extra
 - 119 Comic
 - 120 Seaport or Canal
 - 121 Circus sound
 - 122 Put on
 - 123 Disoriented
 - 124 Run in neutral
 - 125 Taft
 - 126 Stereo component
 - 127 Trawler gear
 - 128 Tumbled
 - 129 TV's "— the Press"



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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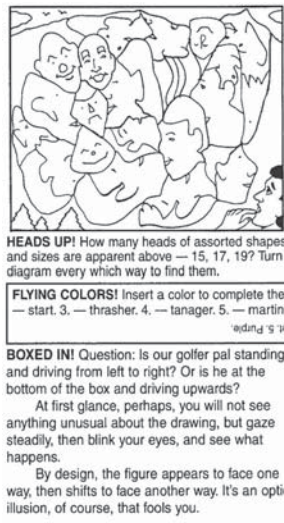
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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KID's CORNER



Soldier, battle buddy complete 4-day, 100-mile road march for charity

By T. Anthony Bell
Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Kelly, a cancer survivor, possesses only a fraction of the physical abilities he once had. A weakened immune system and removal of his gallbladder have slowed him down, not to mention the side-effects of a drawer-full of medicines required to keep him healthy.

But none of those obstacles stopped him from completing a four-day, 100-mile road march June 4 in support of cancer research. The Mike Company, 244th Quartermaster Battalion, 23rd QM Brigade Soldier said it was a mental and physical beast of a challenge.

“In my mind, I thought it (100 miles) was a feasible number and an obtainable goal,” said the advanced individual training platoon sergeant at the 85-mile mark. “After day one, I thought it was going to be a lot rougher than I originally thought. Day two was worse. We pushed through day three. Coming into day four, it was all over but the crying. We just pushed through it.”

The Road March for Cancer, as it was dubbed, began at 4 a.m. June 1 at the Post Field House. Kelly and Sgt. William Strickland, an old battle buddy from Fort Carson, Colo., each set out with 50-pound ruck sacks and marched in a circular route on the installation. The pair covered 25 miles each day.

A host of senior officers to include Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham, quartermaster general, cadre and support personnel from Mike Co. and its higher headquarters, non-commissioned officers from the Logistics NCO Academy as well as the Advance Individual Training warriors from Kelly’s platoon took part in the march at various points.

Financial support was even greater than the moral support for the event. Fans gave through Kelly’s website and motorists and passersby tossed currency and coins into plastic buckets on hand at the field house and brandished by support personnel at busy intersections along the march route. In the end, he raised more than \$15,000 for the American Cancer Society.

“Everyone did their part to support the cause,” said 244th QM Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Clarence Richardson, who helped to oversee operations for the event. “All along the way, the support was there. People in the housing areas (along the march route) were asking if we needed anything and offering their help. It’s great to see the community come together.”

The community came out in large numbers at the finish as well. Maj. Gen. James Hodge, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee commanding general, and various other senior leaders were on hand to witness Kelly and Strickland hobble to the Post Field House around 7 p.m. The pair was subsequently joined by roughly 100



PHOTO BY T. ANTHONY BELL

Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Kelly (black hat, far right) and his battle buddy, Sgt. William Strickland (center), lead a procession of fellow Soldiers, friends and Family around the Post Field House track for the last segment of a 100-mile road march at Fort Lee, Va., June 4. Kelly and Strickland marched 25 miles a day for four consecutive days to raise money for cancer research.

supporters as they paraded around the field house track for the last two miles to hip hop and rock anthems like “Eye of the Tiger” playing on the loudspeaker system.

As the sun slowly set, casting golden highlights on those gathered for the occasion, Kelly and Strickland crossed the finish line and in ritualistic fashion, dropped their rucks in unison, saluted one another then embraced to applause and cheers.

On the podium, Kelly thanked Strickland, his wife, Cori, the chain of command and everyone for their support in raising funds and awareness. Brigade Quartermaster, a Post Exchange retailer, matched the donation amount, helping the effort to surpass its initial goal by \$10,000.

Kelly was diagnosed with a rare cancer in 2010. He has since undergone chemotherapy and other treatments. While his cancer is currently in remission, Kelly sought to use his good fortune to help others and make a statement about resilience.

ARMY STRONG TRIATHLON

B The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the Army Strong Triathlon Saturday at 7 a.m. at West Beach, Lake Tholocco. The event features a quarter-mile swim, 10.6-mile bike ride and 3.1-mile run. Registration costs \$50. Registration for relay teams (maximum of three people) is \$80. Cash awards will be given to top finishers and the top relay team. The event is open to the public.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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TRIVIA

Answers

1. North Carolina
2. Edith Wharton
3. Cleopatra
4. Campbell’s Soup
5. Steven Wright
6. Printing press
7. Rational number
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10. “Psycho”

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COURTESY SCREENSHOT

Wait for *Inversion* price drop

By Jim Van Slyke
Contributing Writer

Will “Inversion” turn your gaming world upside down — or just fall flat on its face? The third-person shooter follows the story of police officer David Russell as he tries to save his daughter after she’s abducted during an alien invasion. Russell is joined by his partner Leo Delgado. While the two cops lack personality, they do get to use arm-mounted Grav-Link devices that fire rechargeable energy packets which can make the gravity high or low in a limited area.

Low gravity can be used to make enemies float, move debris and solve puzzles. High gravity can pin down enemies, pull down things for cover and make new paths. Using both the high and low gravity together creates an area attack that can explode the heads of nearby enemies. While all of this sounds fun, there are too many restric-

tions in the game — especially in the early stages — to make it much fun. There are also places in the game where a gravity burst should impact the environment — because the same tactic has worked in other areas — and it fails. There are some fun and creative uses of gravity that keep things interesting from time to time, but they aren’t frequent enough.

The arena-based multi-player is basic, but fun. There’s a co-op mode available if you and a friend want to slug through “Inversion” together. It’s slightly more fun with another human on board, but don’t get too excited about it.

The story is bland and the characters aren’t much better, but at least “Inversion” tries something different. Don’t even think about paying full price for it. Wait until the price drops — and it will — or pick it up used.

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