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## Westphal visits Fort Rucker

By Angela Williams  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Observing Aviation training firsthand and interacting with the Soldiers going through flight school were just a few of the reasons Under Secretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal said he visited Fort Rucker Monday and Tuesday.

"I think Aviation is such a critical element in terms of the development of the force of the future," the secretary said before his departure Tuesday afternoon. "We cannot reduce our support or compromise our ability to deliver that kind of support to our Soldiers around the world."

During the two-day visit, Westphal flew in several different aircraft; experienced simulation training at Warrior Hall in Daleville; observed Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape training; visited

the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center; and spent time with Soldiers on post.

He praised the training at Fort Rucker, saying it "has been the stalwart of our efforts in the last 10 years of very significant combat operations in two theaters of war."

Westphal said his visit to Fort Rucker was an important part of understanding the role of Army Aviation and how to further investments in the branch as combat operations in Afghanistan come to a close and the Army braces for potential budget cuts.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, called Westphal's trip to the post a "critical visit."

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BERNARDO FULLER

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield gives Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal a tour of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter that they flew in Monday over Fort Rucker to give the secretary a perspective of current operations.



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## Freedom Fest

Fireworks burst in the sky at the end of last year's Freedom Fest. This year, the Lt. Dan Band returns for another tour of duty at Fort Rucker for Freedom Fest 2012 Tuesday from 3:30-10 p.m. The event also features the post's own 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band, country artist Natalie Stovall, fireworks and more. **See this week's special Freedom Fest insert for more information.**

## U.S. Army Aeromedical Center welcomes new commander

By Angela Williams  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The U.S. Army Aeromedical Center bid farewell to one commander and welcomed another during a June 20 ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

The change of command became official with the traditional passing of the colors from outgoing commander Col. Patrick N. Denman; to Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commanding general of the Southern Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center; then to the incoming commander Col. James A. Laterza.

During the ceremony, Laterza said he was delighted



PHOTO BY ANGELA WILLIAMS

Col. James A. Laterza, center, watches as Col. Patrick N. Denman passes the flag to Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong.

to be taking command of the center.

"Colonel Denman's work over the past two years has positioned this medical treatment facility and me for great success," he said. "I want to thank him for his great work and wish him and [his wife] well as they transition to their new assignment."

Laterza, a native of Windham, N.Y., started his Army career by enlisting in the Army in 1983. He obtained his commission through the Army's "Green to Gold" program and earned a degree in business administration. He went on to complete a master's of public administration.

Some of Laterza's past assignments include chief of staff and deputy commander for administration at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, executive officer for Southeast Regional Dental Command and deputy director of operations at Southeast Regional Medical Command.

He has received the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and several other awards and decorations.

"I view this opportunity as a great honor and privilege," Laterza said of his assignment to Fort Rucker. "I commit to do my best and always put the patient first in everything we do."

Denman will go on to serve as the chief of staff for human resources with the Europe Regional Medical Command in Germany.

Denman said the ceremony was his last chance to

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## Edens takes reins of USACR/Safety Center

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The former deputy commander of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence returned to Fort Rucker and assumed command of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center during a ceremony Friday.

Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, incoming USACR/Safety Center commander, assumed command as the organization's colors were passed to him from Lt. Gen. William J. Troy, director of the Army staff, from outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, to signify the transfer of command.

"I look forward to working with the exceptional Soldiers and civilians who provide the research, education, tools and resources our Army and commanders need to maximize effectiveness from a squad to the highest tactical level by expertly managing risk in complex environments," said Edens. "The mission of ensuring the safety of our Army's most valuable assets, our Soldiers and their Family members, is an honor and a duty that I eagerly accept."

Edens began his Army career in 1981 after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy and after he completed the Armor Officer Basic Course and Army Flight School, was assigned as the section leader, supply officer and attack platoon leader for A Company, 1st Aviation Battalion, Fort Riley, Kan.

His career as a leader, which ranged from commander of the 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry, in Illesheim, Germany, to his most recent assignment as deputy commanding general for Support, 2nd Infantry Division, in the Republic of Korea, more than qualified Edens to command the USACR/Safety Center, according to Troy.

"His experience in multiple divisions [and] different staff levels here in the states, overseas and deployed locations, have given him the insight to deal with the challenges of very demanding operations," he said. "Tim knows the challenges that the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center must face each day and today we pass that huge responsibility into his very capable hands."

Wolf, who is retiring after commanding the organization

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Lt. Gen. William J. Troy, director of the Army staff, passes the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center colors to Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, incoming commander of the USACR/Safety Center, who assumed command from Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.



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# Wolf retires after 33 years of service

By Nathan Pfau  
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The Fort Rucker Family said goodbye to a commander whose Army career spanned more than three decades.

Soldiers, friends and Family members were in attendance at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum for the retirement ceremony of Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, former director of Army safety and commanding general for the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

“[Wolf] spent his career training and leading Soldiers in peace and combat,” said Lt. Gen. William J. Troy, director of the Army staff. “The thing he loves best is being around hard-working Soldiers,” adding that Wolf wore his Army combat uniform to the ceremony as a reflection of his dedication to his Soldiers.

Wolf graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1979, which began his 33-year Army career that has taken him across multiple continents with assignments that ranged from section leader, operations officer for the Division Aviation Company, 5th Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Polk, La., to secretary of the general staff, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army in Germany, to his most recent position here at Fort Rucker as the director of Army safety and commanding general of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, according to the lieutenant general.

“It’s really tough to put 33 years of a career into a few short words,” said Wolf. “My career has been more than just assignments. It has been measured by the incredible Soldiers, civilians and Families that [my wife], Sandy, and I have been blessed to serve alongside.”



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Lt. Gen. William J. Troy (right), director of the Army staff, presents Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf with a certificate of appreciation for his 33 years of service to the Army during a retirement ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

Wolf was given the opportunity to command in combat, which, according to Troy, is an honor that only a select group of Soldiers are afforded.

“He did the one thing that you have to do to get ahead in this Army,” said Troy. “It’s the [one] thing I tell young officers. Take the hard jobs and do them well ... and that is exactly what Bill has done.”

Troy said it is in those times when the job is rough that shows the character of a leader

and spoke about Wolf’s time as commander of the 11th Aviation Regiment (Attack) in Karbala, Iraq. The unit was given a mission to conduct attacks against the Republican Guard on the night of March 23, 2003.

“A number of aircraft were damaged [that night] and some aircraft had to go down. The bottom line ... is that it was one tough fight,” he said. “This is when the character of a leader is revealed. It’s not when everything is going well, it’s when

some things are not going well. Bill Wolf revealed the strength of his character that night.

“He showed absolute calm, sense of purpose and his focus was absolutely intact,” Troy continued. “His Soldiers fed off that. It has got to be in many ways Bill’s finest hour as a leader.”

Wolf brought the same leadership and character to Fort Rucker when he took up the position as director of Army safety and commanding general of the

USACR/Safety Center in October 2008.

During his time in leadership, the Army experienced a continuous drop in accidental fatalities and double-digit reductions in nearly all on-duty fatal accidents during 2011, said Troy, adding that the numbers amount to about 120 Soldiers’ lives saved.

“[Wolf] is totally dedicated to protecting our Soldiers and doing what is best for our Army,” he said. “The reason for this is because for Bill, safety isn’t a job — it’s a passion.”

That passion is what drove Wolf and allowed him to take part in what he called one of the greatest privileges he’s had as a Soldier and a leader.

“I’ve traveled both near and far in this job and any time I’ve been near a major military medical center, I tried to take some time to visit our wounded warriors,” he said. “Words can’t express how proud I am of these amazing men and women. No matter the wounds they’ve suffered, they are all so very strong and inspiring in their strength and resilience.”

Wolf didn’t forget to recognize the most important person in his life, who he referred to as his rock, his strength, his best friend, his most severe critic and his pillar: his wife, Sandy.

“What more can I say than I love you,” he said, adding that he is unsure what the future may hold for them, but knows they will face it together.

“If I had to do it over again, I wouldn’t change a thing,” Wolf said. “People are our Army and what I believe in foremost. I will forever be humbled to have had the privilege to work alongside this team of dedicated professionals — the men and women whose singular mission is protecting our Soldiers.”

## AUSA celebrates Army birthday, installs new officers

By Connor Wolanski  
*Army Flier Contributing Writer*

The Association of the United States Army celebrated the Army’s 237th birthday with a luncheon, cake-cutting ceremony and the installation of new local chapter officers June 20 at The Landing.

Close to 250 people were in attendance for a ceremony that saw Fort Rucker’s oldest Soldier, retired Col. Sheldon Bailey, 91, share cake-cutting duties with the youngest Soldier on post, 19-year-old Pfc. Tyler Rundel.

“For the last 237 years ... the Army has been in existence, and you’ve never failed to answer our nation’s call,” said Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh in a pre-recorded video specifically highlighting Fort Rucker as the home of Army Aviation. “Today, you continue to answer the call, and regardless of the capacity in which you serve, your contributions and commitment to our Army and Navy will endure, as they have in the past.”

“[The Army is] the source, the continuing thing, that keeps this American constitution alive,” said Bailey, adding that all young Soldiers form a bond of brotherhood founded in discipline and a shared belief in this nation’s guiding principles.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and

Fort Rucker commanding general, and the luncheon’s primary speaker, emphasized how the strength of the Army has as its source the devotion of America’s Families and civilian population.

“The strength of our nation is our Army, the strength of our Army is our Soldiers, and the strength of our Soldiers is our Families,” said Crutchfield. “Our Army Family not only includes our Soldiers and our Family members, but it also includes our civilians. Civilians have served alongside Soldiers since the Army was formed.”

Crutchfield also stressed that although it “isn’t in [a Soldier’s] DNA” to point out his or her own accomplishments, it is important for the Army story to be told.

“We have the best-equipped, best-trained, and best-led Army in history ... and each [Soldier] volunteered to be here,” said Crutchfield. “That’s less than 1 percent of our country’s population. That less than 1 percent volunteered to serve in a time of war – you are special.”

While the Army’s birthday was the main theme at the luncheon, the AUSA also performed the installation of new officers for the local chapter, including the induction of Phillip Tidwell as new chapter president.

“They are the very heart and soul of this organization,” said Joe Fitzgerald,



PHOTO BY CONNOR WOLANSKI

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, applauds as retired Col. Sheldon Bailey and Pfc. Tyler Rundel cut the cake to commemorate the Army’s 237th birthday June 20.

Alabama state AUSA president. “They speak out for the Army at times when the Army cannot properly speak out for itself.”

“I wish you all knew how hard the people of this community work for us,”

said Crutchfield. “I’m fortunate enough to see what they do. I know that I’ve never seen another AUSA chapter as active as this, and I have never seen one that had the most active community support that this chapter has. I’ve never seen it.”

## News Briefs

### Lyster construction

Construction to install a revolving door at the main entrance to Lyster Army Health Clinic is scheduled to begin July 7. Due to this construction, the main entrance to the facility will not be accessible. Lyster officials will open several alternate entrances to allow the best possible access for patients during this time. Several entrances on the east side of the building — near the primary care clinic and behavioral medicine — will be accessible, including the handicap ramp access. Patrons will also be able to access the facility through the entrance located near the MRI area.

Lyster officials said they are working to make the clinic a more patient-friendly environment and apologize for the inconvenience during the construction period.

### 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.

### 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: retail sales in children’s and ladies’ clothing stores, emergency medical technician, dental assistant, paralegal and legal secretary, dance teacher, warehouse supervisor, esthetician and massage therapist.

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

### Closed for inventory

The Directorate of Logistics Supply Support Activity in Bldg. 1212 will conduct its wall-to-wall inventory July 23-27. Normal operations will discontinue at 4:15 p.m. July 20 and officials expect normal business hours to resume July 30. Customers will be notified by the accountable officer. During this period the SSA will only accept emergency requisitions.

For more, call 255-9504.

### 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=n6K1468>.

### 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](mailto:ruck.retirees@conus.army.mil) requesting the newsletter, and also include their name and U.S. Postal address.

### 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.



# Army, TRADOC set Soldiers up for success with job credentialing

By Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Jo Bridgwater  
*Training and Doctrine Command*

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — The Army’s Training and Doctrine Command is working to increase opportunities for Soldiers to receive civilian credentialing for attending military schools.

TRADOC is responsible for teaching roughly 150 military occupational specialties to enlisted Soldiers using 15 schools across eight locations, providing nearly 200,000 Army professionals each year with opportunities to become experts in their field.

TRADOC and the Army are increasing their efforts to help Soldiers take those skills with them, through credentials, earned with their military training and experience, when they leave the Army and compete for jobs in the civilian sector.

“The knowledge, skills and abilities Soldiers possess are very valuable and marketable to civilian employers,” said Brig. Gen. Pete Utley, TRADOC’s deputy chief of staff for operations and training. “What we are trying to do is work with civilian credentialing agencies and TRADOC schools to identify credentialing opportunities for more MOSs.”

At a June 12 roundtable meeting in Washington, D.C., hosted by the American Legion, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civilian Personnel and Quality of Life Tony Stamilio, along with representatives from TRADOC and civilian credentialing agencies, gathered to discuss how to achieve appropriate recognition of military training and experience through credentialing programs.

During the meeting, Stamilio stated between 80,000 and 100,000 Soldiers leave the Army each year after earning skills provided by Army schools.

“We need to make sure we do all we can to support our Soldiers who have served and fought in war,” said Stamilio, who believes another benefit of credentialing is to “further professionalize the force” while helping the Army to “fill gaps and improve training.”

In particular the Army is looking at 10 Military Occupation Specialties, or MOSs, that have a high volume and high unemployment rate.



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS KELLY JO BRIDGWATER

Students of the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command’s Initial Military Training attend the Utility Helicopter Repairer’s Course run by the 128th Aviation Brigade located at Fort Eustis, Va., June 20: Pvt. Tuyen Phan from Columbus, Ohio, Pvt. 1st Class Miguel Telles from Dallas, and Amn. Donald Sweeney from Fayetteville, N.C.

“The guidance is to consider all MOSs, but we need to look closely at providing proper credentialing opportunities for the highly unemployed MOSs such as infantrymen, combat engineers, military police, medics, human resources specialists, motor transport operators, wheeled vehicle mechanics, logistics specialists, and food service specialists,” said Stamilio.

According to Maj. Neil Wahab, TRADOC training, plans and operations, the enlisted Soldier is the primary focus; however, the Army is also looking at initiatives for warrant and commissioned officers.

Credentials can be provided from government agencies like a commercial truck driver’s license and from non-government agencies such as the National Institute for

Automotive Service Excellence that provides credentials for mechanics.

“Soldiers are able to chart the necessary training that will assist them in obtaining professional credentialing and certification by using the Army’s Career Tracker, or ACT, said Khadijah Sellers from TRADOC’s Institute for NCO Professional Development.

“What is important is for Soldiers to understand that ACT will assist them to find MOS-related credentialing and certification that maximizes the training they received. ACT provides an integrated approach to a Soldier’s personal and professional development which capitalizes on a mutual need for lifelong learning,” said Sellers.

“Soldiers can leverage the training and experience they acquired throughout their career to obtain MOS-related credentialing and certifications,” said Sellers. “These technical certifications and credentials are valuable whether you remain in the Army or leave and work in the civilian sector.”

In addition, Soldiers may visit the Army Credentialing Opportunities On-Line, or COOL, website for information on how they can fulfill the requirements for civilian certifications and licenses that are related to their MOS. The COOL website also allows Soldiers to see what jobs are potentially available to them based on the skills inherent in their MOS.

“The Army’s Transition Assistance Program workshop uses the COOL website to help in the employment process,” said Sherman Watkins, a counselor with the Soldier Family Assistance Center and Army Career and Alumni Program on Fort Eustis. “Soldiers are having success in their job search as a direct result of using COOL.”

“In the next five years, roughly a million people will leave military service and the Army spends one-half billion dollars per year on unemployment compensation,” said Wahab. “Initiatives to assist Soldiers with job credentialing will enhance Soldier skills while serving and increase employability prior to separation.”

“The acquired skills of the professional Soldier are viable in the civilian market and the credentialing and certification program is key in providing our veterans a smooth transition from warrior to civilian,” said Stamilio.

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# Panetta outlines suicide prevention strategy

By Karen Parrish  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta Friday described a four-part strategy against what he termed “perhaps the most frustrating challenge I’ve come across” as head of the nation’s military forces: service member and veteran suicide.

The secretary said his long-term goal is for the Defense Department to be a game-changing innovator in the field of suicide prevention.

“Just as we helped foster the jet age, the space race and the Internet, I want us to break new ground in understanding the human mind and human emotion,” he said.

The secretary said key efforts involve leadership, improving quality of and access to behavioral health care, elevating mental fitness and increasing research in suicide prevention.

Speaking on the concluding day of the DOD and Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Suicide Prevention Conference here, Panetta told the audience of mental health, military, government and private sector professionals there are clearly no easy answers, and “that is no damn reason for not finding the answers to the problem of suicide.”

“We can do more. We must do more. And together, we will do more to prevent suicides,” the secretary vowed.

The military and veteran communities will face the threat of suicide long after combat in Afghanistan ends, he noted.

“More than half of those who have committed suicide in the military have no history of deployment,” the secretary pointed out. “So we’re dealing with broader societal issues. Substance abuse, financial distress and relationship problems — the risk factors for suicide — also reflect problems ... that will endure beyond war.”

An effective suicide prevention strategy requires vigilance, Panetta said. He called on leaders, particularly the noncommissioned officers and junior officers who lead troops day-to-day, to be sensitive, aware and open to signs of stress in the ranks.

“And they need to be aggressive ... in encouraging those under them to seek help if needed,” the secretary emphasized. “They also must set an example by seeking help themselves if necessary.”

Junior officers and NCOs must foster group cohesion and togetherness, he said, adding such bonds are fundamental to the military culture and can do much to improve mental health.

“My wife was a nurse [who] worked on mental health care issues,” Panetta said. “She has said to me time and time again, ‘This is a human issue, a human problem. You must look in people’s eyes. You’ve got to be sensitive to their emotions. You’ve got to be sensitive to the challenges that they’re facing. You’ve got to be aware.’”

The more leaders keep their eyes open,



PHOTO BY ERIN A. KIRK-CUOMO

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta speaks at the annual DOD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C., June 22. Panetta described suicide as one of the most complex and urgent problems facing military Families, and said the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs shared a commitment to do everything possible to prevent suicides.

“the more we can see those problems coming, the more we can do to try to help people in need,” he said.

The second pillar of the strategy is improving behavioral health care and making it more available, the secretary said.

There are more than 9,000 psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, mental health nurses and counselors working in military hospitals and clinics, he noted.

“That number has increased more than 35 percent over the last three years. Behavioral health experts are now being embedded into line units, and the department has worked to place mental health providers in primary care clinics ... to facilitate access,” he said.

Due to geographic circumstances, he acknowledged, National Guard and reserve members, Family members and some active-duty troops may still face difficulties in accessing needed care. However, officials said, online and telephone-accessed mental health consultation and information services also are helping to assist service members and Families in need.

“I want to make sure that all service members and their Family members have the quality mental and behavioral health care that they need, the kind of care that must be delivered by the best health care professionals in the world,” Panetta said.

Thanks to the efforts of many in the audience, he added, the military services are improving in their ability to identify and treat mental health care conditions.

“And we are working to better equip our system to deal with the unique challenges that these conditions can present,” Panetta added.

One example of building better care stems from reports of problems with the post-traumatic stress screening process within the military disability evaluation system, he said, noting he was very concerned at the reports and has directed a review of such screening across the services.

“We have got to do everything we can to make sure that the system itself is working to help Soldiers, not to hide this issue,” Panetta said. It’s necessary “to face facts and deal with the problems up front,” he added, “and to make sure that we provide the right diagnosis and that we follow up on that diagnosis.”

The third strategic element is to elevate mental fitness, he said. Panetta credited Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, senior enlisted adviser to the chairman, with

leading all of the services to approach mental fitness with the same level of importance DOD has always placed on physical fitness.

Advancing mental fitness involves training and equipping service members with coping skills so they can mitigate or bounce back from stress, he said.

Separately, he said, a whole-of-government effort led by President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama is working to combat veteran unemployment and boost military spouse hiring. Those initiatives are “helping to reduce the financial stress faced by military Families and veterans,” the secretary said.

The fourth part of DOD’s suicide prevention strategy involves improving understanding of suicide and related mental health issues through improved scientific research, he said.

Better research requires partnership across government and with the private sector, Panetta added.

As a step toward building that understanding, he said, DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs are building a data repository that will help mental health professionals better analyze suicides and suicide attempts, and spot trends.

In another initiative, DOD and the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund recently announced a plan to build state-of-the-art treatment centers for brain injuries and psychological disorders at nine of the largest military installations in the country, Panetta said.

“I am delighted that we were able to break ground on the first two of these centers, at Fort Belvoir [Va.] and Camp Lejeune [N.C.],” Panetta added. The centers, he said, “will complement the National Intrepid Center of Excellence in Bethesda, [Md.], and provide cutting-edge evaluations, treatment planning, research and education for service members and for their Families.”

Panetta emphasized effort in all four areas must push forward aggressively.

“All of us, and frankly for that matter all Americans, have to always support and care for those who have stepped forward to defend our country in uniform,” he said. “We are a Family, and by God we have to take care of our Family members.”

In a reference to his own heritage, Panetta added, “That’s not just Italian, that’s American. We owe it to those who protect us to do all we can to protect them.”

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Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno sat down with Foreign Affairs editor Gideon Rose June 20 in Washington, D.C., to discuss transition in the Army.

# General Odierno addresses Army’s future, budget cuts

By Katie Nelson and William Garbe  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — The Army’s chief of staff said the force will focus more in the future on supporting combatant commanders around the world, especially in the Pacific.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno answered questions about the future of the Army, June 20 at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C.

Odierno sat down with Foreign Affairs editor Gideon Rose to follow up on a commentary he authored regarding transition in the Army. The general said the Army needs to understand the current strategic environment.

“The strategic environment is changing, it’s becoming more complex, and the solutions to the strategic environment are constantly changing,” Odierno said. “And so we have to think about how we’re going to change with them.”

### Shift toward a broader force

The general cited the necessity of creating a force prepared for situations beyond the Middle East.

“We’ve taken them [Soldiers] to conduct missions in

Iraq, Afghanistan and other places,” Odierno said. “So one of the first priorities I have is making sure that they remain now dedicated to the Pacific region as we shift our emphasis.”

Throughout the 2000s, the Army grew to meet the demands of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, Odierno said. Now, it must adjust once again.

“As we look to the future, as I mentioned, we have to look at the strategic environment,” he said. “And what I worry about is we have to maintain a balanced portfolio within the Department of Defense in order to deal with the great uncertainty that is out there.”

### Threat of looming sequestration

Odierno also addressed the topic of sequestration as a “forcing function” established by Congress to achieve agreement on deficit reduction. The general said the effects of sequestration would be devastating to leader development and could cause the Army to fall on contracts.

“If I just look at the parameters of the bill, which says every line item in the Department of Defense budget will take a 10-to-12-to-15-percent cut across the board, [that] creates all kinds of chaos within our system,” he said.

Should the Joint Select Committee on Budget Reduction fail to find an effective way to slash \$1.2 trillion from the national deficit, or pass alternate legislation, money from government programs will be sequestered. The bulk of those funds will be taken from the military. The Army is already cutting \$487 billion from its budget.

Odierno said the Army would have to re-evaluate defense strategy if sequestration took place. This reevaluation would require a reduction in troops, and a combined reduction of the active and reserve components.

“I think it would put us beyond the fringes of what I consider to be acceptable risk, for us to be able to respond to this broad variety of threats,” Odierno said. “So, to me, I think it’s dangerous.”

The general said Americans should be mindful that people around the world pay attention to the actions of the United States, and that decisions, or lack of decisions on the part of American lawmakers, could heavily influence global opinion of the United States.

“If we continue to be perceived as being in a political deadlock where we’re not getting much done, I think that might be interpreted in some cases as being weak,” Odierno said. “And I think we have to be careful about that.”



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# Westphal: Army Aviation ‘absolutely critical, essential’

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“I think the important thing is it gives him insight into what’s happening down here at Fort Rucker and how we conduct Aviation training,” Crutchfield said, adding that he did not anticipate any cost-cutting measures that would degrade the training conducted on post.

“We are not facing any drastic resource cuts in this branch,” he emphasized. “Army Aviation is the best-resourced branch in the Army and that’s not going to change.”

One of the highlights of Westphal’s visit to Fort Rucker was a flight in a new Chinook model, a CH-47F.

The secretary said he wanted to learn about the differences between the Fox model and the more standard models the Army has used over the past 10 years.

Westphal spoke to the pilots of that aircraft to learn exactly what those differences meant for the Soldiers who would be using the equipment.

“Learning about that, seeing how it operated, feeling the ride, understanding the role of that aircraft and understanding a little bit about the training and what our Soldiers are going through to learn to operate it was very, very instructive,” he said.

The best way to learn about Aviation training, he said, wasn’t reading a briefing, but visiting the Soldiers where they are and talking to the people who actually fly the aircraft.

“Those are reasons I think it was important for me to come here,” he explained.

During his time at Fort Rucker, Westphal said he was able to ask Soldiers pointed questions about the installation, training, redundancies, equipment and training schedules.

He also spoke with almost every level of Soldier, from junior enlisted to senior officers.

“I think their candidness and



Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal interacts with Soldiers over lunch at Fort Rucker Monday.

their willingness to share their experience is pretty valuable,” Westphal said. “I think they feel that in their own way, this is another way they can contribute to the Army and their country because they realize that these types of conversations lead to decisions down the road.”

Westphal maintained Army Aviation is an “absolutely critical and essential” piece of that plan for the future.

“The Army needs Aviation. The nation needs the Army to be mobile and needs the Army to have the kind of assets that it needs to get our Soldiers to places they need to get to,” Westphal said, adding that Army Aviation is also an essential element of disaster relief and homeland defense.

“Coming here gave me a very good perspective on how we sustain that readiness in Army Aviation,” he said.



Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal talks to Army helicopter pilot trainees Monday to gain a better appreciation of what kind of education and equipment they need.

## CRC: Commander eager to take on new responsibilities

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for almost four years, also shared the confidence that Troy had in the incoming commander.

“Tim has seen and done much in his long career,” said the outgoing commander. “[He] brings a fresh perspective to the safety center, unmatched by nearly anyone in our Army today. He values duty, country and Family above all else and I have no doubt that the safety center will flourish and continue to thrive under his solid leadership.”

The change of command came at a “remarkable time for U.S. Army safety” when the work that the safety center has done in the past decade has reduced preventable accidents during a time of war, which Troy said was almost unheard of

in the history of the Army.

“We’ve been at war for the past 10 years, we’ve had an incredibly high operations tempo, yet, the Soldiers and civilians here [at the safety center] have reduced accident fatalities over the last 6 years,” he said. “We’ve experienced ... a continuous drop in accidental fatalities every year since 2005 and we’re now approaching levels that we were at before the war started.”

The way that the safety center achieved this was through education, Troy added. Educating Soldiers on proper safety while on and off duty and having them understand that sometimes the greatest danger to a Soldier can be themselves.

“Today’s the beginning of the next chapter in the safety center’s history —

history that is marked by an enduring effort to safeguard our courageous men and women in uniform,” said Wolf. “There is no nobler goal than saving the lives of our brothers and sisters in arms. You could not ask for a better assignment.”

Edens expressed his excitement and eagerness to take on his new responsibility, but also for him and his wife, Leslie, to be back in the Fort Rucker area.

“Leslie and I are excited to become active participants in the Wiregrass community once again,” he said. “Nowhere else does an Army installation enjoy as much support from its surrounding communities as Fort Rucker. I pledge my very best efforts to contribute to the incredible work of so many before me.”

## Lyster: Denman uses ceremony to motivate staff members

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say something to motivate the staff and also look back on his time at the aeromedical center and Lyster Army Health Clinic. But, he said, it would be impossible to capture the extent of everything that happened in the past two years with just a few words.

“We’ve supported Army Aviation, we’ve consolidated clinics, we’ve saved money, we’ve renovated, we’ve increased the de-

livery of wellness and we’ve saved lives,” he said. “Nothing that I can say would be good enough for what you all have done.”

Denman thanked the patients, the Fort Rucker Community and the Wiregrass area for the support that led to the clinic’s success.

He went on to ask Laterza to take care of the Lyster Family and the command team.

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# ‘Big Red One’

## *Soldiers learn to fly Army’s smallest UAS*



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Pvt. Patrick Hernandez, 1st Bn., 5th Artillery Regt., 1st HBCT, 1st Inf. Div., practices launching a RQ-11B Raven June 12 at the Mock Airfield at Fort Riley, Kan. About 30 “Big Red One” Soldiers received operator and master training courses from a mobile training team from Fort Benning, Ga.

By Pamela Redford  
Fort Riley Public Affairs

FORT RILEY, Kan. — A mobile training team from Fort Benning, Ga., arrived at Fort Riley June 7 to teach 15 Fort Riley Soldiers how to fly one of the smallest unmanned aircraft systems used by the U.S. Army — the RQ-11B Raven.

With two military instructors and two civilian contractors, the team took “Big Red One” Soldiers through a two-week operator class, followed by one week of master training.

“We’re here to train Raven operators and provide Fort Riley with a valuable asset in the war on terror,” said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Galusha, MTT instructor, 2nd Battalion 29th Infantry Regiment, 197th Infantry Brigade, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Galusha and his team stayed at Douthit Range Complex’s barracks and used the Mock Airfield, which is equipped with a

control tower, terminal, hangar, a 72-by-800-foot runway, a UAS classroom, latrines and telephones.

But not all of the students will make it to the master training level, Galusha said.

“The challenge is to absorb the information that gets put out. There is a lot of information in a short period of time. It’s death by PowerPoint, but they have to know all of the emergency procedures in the air and be able to react. There’s so much that can go wrong,” he said.

The RQ-11B Raven is a hand-launched UAS powered by a lithium-ion battery.

Developed for the U.S. military, the Raven can fly for a duration of 60 to 90 minutes and travel anywhere from 30 to 60 mph at an altitude of up to 500 feet above ground level, according to Gary Smith, range liaison, Douthit Range Complex, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

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PHOTO BY CPL. KIM JAEYOU

U.S. Army Apache attack helicopters from the 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., participate in a live-fire exercise Friday in Pocheon, South Korea.

## Allies conduct exercise to mark Korean War anniversary

By Walter T. Ham IV  
Eighth Army Public Affairs

POCHEON, South Korea — American and South Korean forces conducted a large live-fire exercise to mark the anniversary of the Korean War at a range close to the Korean Demilitarized Zone.

More than 2,000 South Korean and U.S. troops and 38 military units participated in the live-fire training exercise Friday, three days prior to the 62nd anniversary of the start of Korean War.

The exercise was attended by numerous South Korean and U.S. government and military officials, including Republic of Korea Prime Minister Kim Hwang-sik, Republic of Korea Defense Minister Kim Kwan-jin and Eighth Army Commanding General Lt. Gen. John D. Johnson.

Marshalling together the alliance’s combined military might, U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division Apache attack helicopters Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles and U.S. Air Force 51st Fighter Wing A-10 Warthogs trained with units from the

Republic of Korea, Army and ROK Air Force.

During the integrated air and ground operations, artillery units, tanks, fighting vehicles, tactical aircraft and attack helicopters peppered and pummeled their targets in a precise fusillade that echoed across the range and filled the summer air with the acrid smell of gun smoke.

The exercise culminated with a ROK Army airborne unit parachuting into the mountains on the eastern end of the rugged training range.

According to Col. Andrew C. Mutter, Eighth Army public affairs chief, the exercise sends a clear message about the alliance’s enduring commitment to deterring aggression on the Korean Peninsula and maintaining security in northeast Asia.

“ROK and U.S. forces train together all year round here to ensure we remain ready to fight and win,” said Mutter. “Our ability to conduct such complex combined, joint live-fire exercises is a testament to the professionalism and readiness of our militaries.”

## Afghan flight medics train for air treatment

By Sgt. Daniel Schroeder  
25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — On June 19, Staff Sgt. Miguel Valdez, a flight medic from C Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, taught medevac skills to Kushmal Muslimyar, a flight medic with the Kandahar Air Wing on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

As part of medical training, coalition forces have been training Afghan flight medics in the proper procedures for receiving a patient and providing treatment in flight.

Coalition forces have been training Afghan forces to conduct independent operations. Since the start of transitioning operations, Afghans have been trained in Aviation maintenance, ground maintenance, air assault operations and medical treatment.

During the training session, Muslimyar was shown how to receive, assess and administer care to patients who are in flight to a medical facility. The first aspect covered was properly assessing the patient.

“The assessment is very important,” said Valdez, originally from Phoenix, Ariz. “It is the basis for everything we need to do for a patient. In order to perform an accurate assessment, we conduct a systematic approach to checking the patient.”

The assessment is a visual inspection for bleeding or noticeable injuries followed by a tactile inspection for unseen injuries or bleeding from head to toe. Also during the assessment, the patient might have



PHOTO BY SGT. DANIEL SCHROEDER

Staff Sgt. Miguel Valdez, a flight medic with C Co., 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB discusses defibrillator measurements with soldier Kushmal Muslimyar, a flight medic with the Kandahar Air Wing, during a training session on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, June 19.

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# UAS: Soldiers trained for 7 weeks at Mock Airfield

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It's rather small compared to the MQ1C Gray Eagles that belong to the Combat Aviation Brigade; the Raven's wingspan is 4.2 feet, and it weighs a little more than four pounds.

The payload consists of a high-resolution day and night camera and a thermal imager.

Pvt. Patrick Hernandez, 1st Bn., 5th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, said he enjoyed the operator class and was trying to learn all of the safety measures.

"There are many factors that affect how the Raven flies. It's a really cool (UAS) — definitely some high-tech equipment here," he said.

Teams of instructors from Fort Benning's official Raven school typically visit Fort Riley about five times a year, Smith said, but they aren't the only visitors who take advantage of the Douthit Range Complex facilities and amenities.

Last March, members of the 1st Bn., 52d Aviation Regiment, 16th CAB, from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, sought training and ratings on various pieces of Aviation equipment at Fort Riley to gain knowledge to assist weather landing and recover capabilities at Army tactical airfields, Smith said.

The 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Avn. Regt., CAB, 1st Inf. Div. partnered with the visiting unit by rating its Sol-



PHOTO BY PAMELA REDFORD

Gary Smith, range liaison, Douthit Range Complex, Fort Riley DPTMS, left, introduces Pvt. Patrick Hernandez, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery Regeiment.

diers as they trained for seven weeks on the Mock Airfield.

As recently as May, both Kansas State University -- Salina and the University of Kansas' Aviation programs received support from the Douthit Range Complex when they flew the UAVs at the Mock

Airfield.

State and local law enforcement, National Guard and Reserve units, ROTC units and others also have taken advantage of Fort Riley's training capabilities in recent years, strengthening partnerships.

"The Mock Airfield is an out-

standing training area," Galusha said. "Fort Riley is one of the best that I've seen, Armywide, (and is) by far one of the easiest (installations) to work with. This area is real conducive to how we do training."

Galusha has traveled to installa-

tions all over the world, including Germany and Hawaii. The best part of the job, he said, is seeing different installations and training Soldiers there how to take what they've learned back to their units and become leaders themselves.

Adding to the versatility and flexibility of the Mock Airfield is the external load training block training area, recently installed at the CAB's request.

Equipped with six pads constructed with gravel and railroad ties, the external load training block training area allows the CAB to access weighted sling-load training blocks varying from 4,000 to 18,000 pounds, which they use for lifting calibration and sling-load training, according to Fred Siebe, manager, Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex, Douthit Range Complex, Fort Riley Range Support, DPTMS. Additionally, the heavy training blocks are properly stored and accounted for any time the CAB wants to use them.

"The Mock Airfield is their favorite place for training because it saves time and resources," he said. "The idea is to meet the needs of Soldiers with the best quality training we can offer."

"We're always looking for opportunities to improve training," Smith added.

To learn more about Range Support and the Training Division, DPTMS, visit [www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=DPTMS](http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=DPTMS). Train.

## Medics: Future training will go further in depth with treatment

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to be rolled onto their side to check the back for injuries in the event bleeding was noticed.

"Every part is important; the learning, teaching, and treating the patient," said Muslimyar. "This course is more in depth than the training we previously had. This is the first time I got to receive this training on an important part of our mission."

After the hands-on instruction of assessing a patient was complete, next Muslim-

yar was trained on how to receive a patient after landing, load the patient and administer proper care in the aircraft. To simulate receiving a patient, he received information on casualty wounds and previously conducted care. Using the information, he gave instructions to the training crew on how the patient should be loaded.

Muslimyar began his assessment of the patient and hooked up a defibrillator to record the vital signs and output levels of the patient while in the back of a UH-60 Black Hawk MEDEVAC helicopter.

"He was already familiar with the defibrillator, but not familiar with what it can do," said Valdez. "There are a lot of functions they don't touch on the machine. I showed him the different sizes of pressure cuffs, what each component does and where to apply it to the patient."

Next the training was taken indoors to better explain the readings on the defibrillator's monitor. This was to teach Muslimyar what to look for when administering aid to a patient.

"During your assessment you get feed-

back from the body. Our training is progressive because one subject leads to the next. One of the most important things to remember is that all patients are different," Valdez said.

C Co., 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB has been conducting flight medic training to prepare Afghan flight medics to treat other Afghans in need during MEDEVAC mission since January. Future training will involve using the Afghan Soldiers' supplies and go further in depth with treatment, and reactions to medications.

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JUNE 28, 2012

# Music Under the Alabama Stars

## Concert, streamer ceremony commemorate Army birthday

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

With patriotism in the air the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band took to Howze Field to honor the Army and provide a relaxing evening for the people who had laid out their picnic blankets and lawn chairs at the Music Under the Alabama Stars concert.

The concert series returned to Howze Field Friday with a cake cutting and special streamer ceremony to commemorate the Army's 237th birthday.

"Today we celebrate the continued honor, loyalty and bravery of our Soldiers in this noble calling," said CW4 Jesse Pascua, 98th Army Band commander. "This 237th Army birthday and streamer ceremony commemorates America's Army, Soldiers, Families and civilians who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong."

Before the streamer ceremony started, a cake cutting was done with Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Thomson Jr., Aviation Branch command sergeant major, and two Soldiers chosen to represent the youngest and oldest Soldiers.

As the ceremony got under way, an explanation was given of the history and birth of the U.S. Army and the streamer ceremony, and why the streamers are significant to the Army's flag.

"When the 13 original colonies began their fight for freedom at Lexington, they had neither an established Army or national flag," explained the narrator for the ceremony, adding that the fighting force for the nation was largely made of militia units.

The units of this period had local banners that reflected, in many cases, the sentiment of the time including mottos such as hope, liberty and don't tread on me, and symbolic representations such as beavers, pine trees and anchors, she said.

The U.S. Army was formed June 14, 1775, and the Army's flag was dedicated and unfurled for the first time during the Army's 181st birthday in 1956 by then Vice President Richard Nixon at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, said the narrator.

"The 183 streamers attached to the Army flag represents campaigns fought by Soldiers throughout our nation's history," she explained. "The colors of the streamers are derived from campaign ribbons authorized for service during that action or war."

The streamer ceremony began as a local reenactment group attached all 183 streamers to the Army flag while dressed in uniforms appropriate to the time of the conflict that the streamers represent, while the 98th Army Band played music to correspond to the time period to add an authentic feel to the ceremony.

"I really enjoyed the performance and the ceremony," said Rebecca Prosceno, Army spouse. "It's important to have a ceremony like this because it's the history of everything the



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

A local reenactment group and the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band perform a streamer ceremony by attaching streamers that represent different conflicts throughout the nation's history to the Army's flag during the Music Under the Alabama Stars concert series at Howze Field Friday. The streamer ceremony commemorated the Army's 237th birthday.

Army stands for. It shows their evolution from what they were to what they are today."

The streamers that were attached to the flag ranged from those that represented conflicts in the Revolutionary War, to the more current conflicts such as Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As the ceremony came to a close, people in attendance were treated to the music of the 98th Army Band's rock band, Crossfire.

"I really like the music that [Crossfire] plays," said Davina Tindoll, civilian who attended the concert. "I really like the different genres in music when they perform. Some of it reminds me of high school even though that wasn't very

long ago for me."

The ceremony was also a time for the 98th Army Band to recognize Crutchfield as one of their biggest supporters, said Pascua, and presented him with framed 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band logo that was signed by each member of the band.

"Sir, we wanted to say thank you," said the band commander. "When you came [to Fort Rucker], you actually asked for us by name and we thank you for all your support."

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

## Theater group prepares children for weekend performances

By Angela Williams  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Big voices, big motions and a big commitment to rehearsals are just three of many ingredients necessary to make this weekend's performances starring Fort Rucker youth a big success, the Missoula Children's Theatre directors said Monday morning during auditions.

The traveling theater group and the children of Fort Rucker will take the stage twice this weekend for a full-length production of "Jack and the Beanstalk." Children auditioned for parts Monday morning, the show was cast and rehearsals will continue throughout the week until the first performance Friday afternoon.

"For many of these children, this is their first experience on stage," said Mia Sage Lawry, tour actor and director. "It's really giving them an opportunity to blossom and bloom and show off what they can do."

"We're excited to see what this show is going to be like," added Ashley Boyd, also a tour actor and director.

Auditions started Monday with a dramatic explanation of the roles available and an emphasis on the importance of rehearsals. The children lined up in a circle around the stage then took turns saying their names and ages "loudly and clearly." The directors presented them with different situations then asked the children to say their names and ages again, but with the emotion and expressions they would use in that situation.

Next, they sang "Row, Row, Row Your



PHOTO BY ANGELA WILLIAMS

Mia Sage Lawry, left, and Ashley Boyd, tour actors and directors, talk to a group of children about performing "Jack and the Beanstalk."

Boat" as a group and then as smaller groups.

"I was awed by the creativity of the cast," Lowry said. "We had a small group, so we were able to give them more opportunities to be creative during our creative games. They were so open-minded about exploring their own creativity. They came up with some wonderful stuff."

"They were very well-behaved. They listen well and they pick up on things quickly," she added.

The initial rehearsals helped small groups of cast members learn individual parts, Boyd explained. On Wednesday,

some of the small groups started working together to see how their individual parts fit into the whole play.

"They don't really know where they are in the play until we get them all together," she said. "Then, we slowly go through the show so they can see how it all goes together."

"Repetition is a key to all of the skills," Lawry added. "That's how we guide them and help them master so much in such a short amount of time."

Lawry first experienced Missoula Children's Theatre when she was in the fifth grade and continued participating in the

organization through elementary school.

One year, she remembers her Family moved and she did not have much time to make new friends. But, during the week with Missoula, she knew she was "really special," she said.

"That week I made connections and from then on, I knew this was something I wanted to do because I knew how much it meant to me," she explained.

Now, she is a third-grade teacher and travels with Missoula for 10 weeks during the summer.

Boyd said the more she learns about the mission of Missoula, the more she likes what the group does.

"I like the idea of going to a different town and starting new every week," she said. "You always get something different. It's really exciting."

The constant change is one of the reasons Trevor Christensen, 14, auditioned for a role in this year's production even though he's been in three other Missoula plays.

"It's always new each year," he said. "There are new directors, new sets, new costumes and new people. Everything is new."

Last year, Christensen had a lead role in Missoula's "Wiz of the West." This year, he'll play the character Jack in "Jack and the Beanstalk."

"I'm definitely excited," he said.

Performances of "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be at the post theater Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free and the performances are open to the public.



# ON POST

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

### Newcomer's Welcome

Army Community Service hosts a Newcomers Welcome the third Friday of each month 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.

### Friday Steak & Lobster

The Landing Zone offers its Steak & Lobster Special to the first 100 customers who visit Friday from 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.

For more, call 255-9108.

### Financial Readiness Training

Army Community Service offers Financial Readiness Training July 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center in Rm. 284. The free training session 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 (E-1 through E-4). Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

For more, call 255-2594 or 255-9631.

### Credit Repair Workshop

Army Community Service offers a Credit Repair Workshop July 16 at 4 p.m.



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## ACS Family Bowling Night

Army Community Service offers a Family Bowling Night for all active duty military Families with special needs, Family Readiness Groups and Hearts Apart Families July 19 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Rucker Lanes. Cost is \$1 per game and \$1.50 for shoe rental. Registration is required no later than two days prior to the event. For more information and to register, call 255-9277 or 255-3735.

at the Soldier Service Center in Rm. 371A. The free workshop teaches people ways to improve their credit scores and negotiate successfully with creditors. Discussions will include credit reports and scores, what information is used to determine credit scores, how to contact and negotiate with creditors, and other credit- and debt-related information.

For more, call 255-9631.

### Divorce/Separation Co-Parenting Workshop

Army Community Service hosts a Divorce/Separation Co-Parenting Workshop July 18 from 9–11:30 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street. The workshop focuses on the commitment of parents to stay focused on their children, and effective communication and negotiation skills. The workshop helps people reduce parental conflict, and to understand children's needs during and following a divorce. It is free and open to active duty military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and Family members. People need to register by July 13.

For more, call 255-9641.

### BOSS Atlanta Trip

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program will take a trip to Atlanta from July 13-15. The trip cost for Soldiers is \$120. Soldiers who would like to volunteer at Freedom Fest Tuesday with BOSS can get \$8 an hour credited towards the trip price, bringing the price down to \$60 for three days in Atlanta. The trip includes transportation to and from Atlanta, lodging at a five-star hotel, The Atlanta City Pass (which includes the Georgia Aquarium, Coca-Cola factory, CNN Studio Tour, one visit to either the Fernbank Museum of Natural History or High Art Museum, and one visit

to either the Atlanta Zoo or Atlanta History Center) and a Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority bus and rail pass to get Soldiers around the city.

For more information or to sign up, call 255-2677.

### AFTB Level III

Army Community Service offers its Army Family Team Building Level III training July 24-25 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 371F. Classes include: communication skills for leaders, leadership styles, building cohesive teams, managing group conflict and more. Advance registration is required.

For registration and childcare information, call 255-2382.

### Children's craft making

The Center Library hosts a craft making activity for children ages 3-11 July 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register. Light refreshments will be served.

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

### Get R.E.A.L.

Army Community Service hosts its Army Family Team Building training, Rucker Experience, Army Learning, July 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center in Rm. 371F. Get REAL helps those new to the Army learn about the lifestyle, make sense of the terms and acronyms, and learn about the resources available at the post. The free, interactive day of learning and meeting new people includes topics such as: acronyms, Army customs and courtesies, military rank, community resources and more. Advance registration is required.

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Steve Maxham, museum director, speaks about the Phase 2 model on display at the entrance of Fort Rucker's U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

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# Making history

## Model of 'Phase 2' on display at Aviation Museum

By Angela Williams  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Almost 40 of Fort Rucker's hidden treasures are one step closer to being displayed as a scale model of a future addition to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum has been completed and placed at the entrance of the museum.

The model offers visitors a glimpse into the interior of a facility that will include numerous video screens, two theaters, a computer simulation lab, exhibits of major helicopter components and almost 40 additional aircraft, several of which are the only example that exists in the world, according to Steve Maxham, the museum's director.

"This is what's coming next," he explained.

The theme of the new building will focus on research and development, Maxham said. It's more about the science and engineering than military history.

"If you come into [the current] building, everything you see is history," he said. "But this will be the technology that

gave us that history."

The additional aircraft for the new building are already a part of the collection at Fort Rucker, but are not displayed for the public, according to Maxham. Some of the aircraft slated for display include the first tandem-rotor craft and the only Lockheed CL-475 ever built.

"These represent key steps in the evolution of helicopter technology," Maxham said. "They represent the thinking that got us to where we are today."

Many of the aircraft are also singular examples of rotary-wing technology, he added.

"They're the only ones that exist," he said. "If we keep them locked up, no one gets to see them."

The museum addition will also feature a large central atrium surrounded by video screens playing clips of various aircraft in flight or simply a view of the sky.

"It will be like sitting down, looking up and watching them fly around," Maxham said.

The building project has always been a part of the museum's plan, Maxham said,

but the model was the first real step toward the plan's completion. The next step is a fundraising campaign through the Army Aviation Museum Foundation.

If you're going to be raising money to do something, you need to be able to show people what you want to do, Maxham said of the model.

"You can have all the ideas you want, but if you can't paint that picture in someone's head, they don't know what they're giving you money for," he said.

Though the museum has added the model and has big plans for the future, it is also reducing the number of hours it is open each week. Starting Sunday, the museum will be closed on Sundays. The museum will continue to be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

For more information on the museum, visit [www.armyavnmuseum.org](http://www.armyavnmuseum.org). For more information on the Phase 2 project, visit [www.usaamuseum.com](http://www.usaamuseum.com).



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# Challenges make a good year

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

What were your best days and years in life? The days I am talking about are the days that when you think of them, they make the whole year look like a good year.

As a guess, I would say the days that brought you great happiness — maybe the day you got married or the day your child was born. Perhaps it was the time you left your last duty station or the week you reported to your gaining unit for a new assignment.

Possibly, it was when you moved into a new home, or saw your child graduate from school or college. Perchance a retreat that turned out to be the best vacation ever tops the list. Perhaps a promotion headed the list.

Surely, those are the kinds of memories that when you look back at them they determine whether a year turned out to be a good year or not.

Would it shock you terribly if I propose that you evaluate a good year not according to events of pleasure, but according to experiences of challenge and afflictions?

Would it sound dreadfully pious if I suggested that the best days and years are not the ones of unbroken sunshine, but dark days when trouble or disappointment clouded your sky and obstructed your view?

Now that we are almost completely through the second



quarter of the new year we would do well to soak our souls in that sonorous psalm that frankly faces up to the littleness of time and the greatness of eternity.

In the midst of majestic phrases that reflect on the fleeting nature of human life the psalmist offers this remarkable prayer, “Make us glad for as many days that you have

afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble,” Psalms 90:15.

The apostle Paul did that with his bad days, and he had plenty of them. For some reason, he fairly flung a catalog of his sufferings in the face of Christians at Corinth when he said, “We are afflicted in every way ... perplexed ... persecuted ... struck down ... always carrying in the body the death of Jesus.” Then he said, “But we do not lose heart.”

Why? “Because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things unseen are eternal.”

That is how Paul reacted to his afflictions. He did not allow them to crush and embitter him, but he looked beyond them to the things that really matter — those eternally real and imperishable values of the spirit that the world cannot destroy or death take away. By doing so, his worst days became his best days.

We do not have to be reminded that there will be good days and bad days — we know that. Neither do we have to be reminded that the bad days needn't be all bad — they can be good days.

They can even be our best days if they bring out our finest qualities of character and strengthen our ties with other people and bring us into closer touch with the eternal God.

## Religious Services

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Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

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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.

### Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Wings Chapel, Bldg 6036. Childcare provided. For more information, call 255-9894.

### Military Council of Catholic Women

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

### Catholic Adult Fellowship

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# EFMP eases challenges

**By Lisa Daniel**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Military relocations are stressful in their own right, but add the disabilities or special needs of Family members and a permanent change of station move can be overwhelming.

The Defense Department's Exceptional Family Member Program aims to change that by considering exceptional Family needs in relocations and in giving local support when service members and their Families change duty stations. Rebecca L. Posante, deputy director of DOD's Office of Community Support for Military Families with Special Needs, which oversees the program, said.

Posante described the program in a June 19 interview with American Forces Press Service and The Pentagon Channel.

The Exceptional Family Member Program supports more than 120,000 enrolled Families, but Posante thinks there are many more who could use the help. A diagnosis of a disability is not enough to qualify for relocation consideration, she said, a Family member must be enrolled in the program.

"I wish I could get across to people that your child's medical needs will be considered [under the program]," she said. "If you're not enrolled, they won't be considered."

It also helps to be enrolled well before relocation is to take place, Posante said. In the Army, she said, less than 1 percent of Soldiers missed an assignment or had to be returned to their previous duty station when their families were enrolled in the program.

"If you're not already enrolled, it holds up the process," she said. "The entire purpose ... is to ensure that Family members' needs are being considered in assignments."

The program is open to anyone who needs specialized care, Posante said, and that can range from stuttering or special education to cancer or multiple sclerosis. The consideration may be temporary, based on the condition, and can extend to others, such as a parent, if they are a dependent of the service member's, she said.

The program has three parts: the identification and documentation of needs, the coordination of assignments based on the needs, and support to Families, Posante said.

The identification and documentation of needs must be performed by healthcare professionals or school administrators, Posante said. All infants and toddlers receiving early intervention services or children receiving school-based special education are automatically enrolled, she said.

Enrollment documents, known as Form 2792, once completed by a medical or education professional, are then sent to the service's assignments office, which will make the final determination as to whether the next duty station would be able to support the Family's needs, Posante said.

Once a Family is accepted into the program, they can receive support from program coordinators and others at their installation, Posante said. Every installation library has EFMP resources, she added, and childcare center workers have been trained on meeting exceptional needs.

“Most of the services our Families need are outside the gate,” she said. Those services may include federal assistance, such as the Women, Infants and Children’s program, nonprofits like Special Olympics, and public schools.

While National Guard and Reserve members cannot take part in the Exceptional Family Member Program since they typically don't have forced Family relocations, they can receive support through installation Family centers and Military OneSource where they can speak with specialists, Posante said.

The Army and Marine Corps have worked with the special needs of Family members for about 30 years, Posante said, and the Navy and Air Force started programs more recently.

Jeremy Hilton knows the challenges of relocations firsthand. Hilton, husband of Air Force Lt. Col. Renae Hilton, is a stay-at-home dad to the couple's two young children, one of whom has multiple disabilities. The cou-

The Hiltons' experience propelled Jeremy, who was named Military Spouse of the Year last spring, to Capitol Hill where he fought for laws and policies to better support military Families with special medical and educational needs.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act created the DOD Special Needs office and expanded funding for the Exceptional Family Member Program. All the services now budget for the program, Posante said.

The program has seen progress in the past year, including 120 new playgrounds for children with disabilities, training in all childcare centers, a parent toolkit of information, and a directory of special needs resources, Posante said. She encourages those with exceptional Family members to reach out to new Families coming onto the installation.

"If you've been dealing with this issue, consider being a sponsor to people in your community," she said. "Families are going to know better than us the best places to take your child [with special needs] to a dentist, or the best schools [for their needs]."

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



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# Alabama Road Trip: Foley, Elberta feature art, antiques, model trains

By Alabama Department of Travel  
Press Release

Eight miles north of the white sand beaches of Alabama’s Gulf Coast sit two small towns rich in culture and heritage, Foley and Elberta.

You’ll find everything from modern art, antiques, a train depot and a medical museum where visitors have claimed to have seen ghostly spirits, to a soda fountain and, in Elberta, a museum with artifacts from pioneer days.

Foley is a small town that’s big on places to shop, while Elberta is home to the German Sausage Festival and Baldwin County Heritage Museum.

**Model trains, roses, art and medicine**

The Foley Alabama Railroad Museum (125 E. Laurel Ave.; (251) 943-1818; [www.foleyrailroadmuseum.com](http://www.foleyrailroadmuseum.com)) is located in the Old L&N Railroad Depot and houses Foley’s archives. The first depot was built in 1905 when John B. Foley of Chicago used some of his own money to bring the railroad to the southern part of Baldwin County. This first depot burned and a second station took its place in 1908. The museum contains reminders of the days when Foley was a thriving agricultural center and the railroad played a major role in its prosperity. It’s open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Step inside the railroad museum where Families will enjoy the “O” gauge model train exhibit with one-fourth mile of track. The layout represents the 1950s era, when the rail lines were in the transition of being run by steam to running on diesel fuel.

There is a Main Street USA, complete with a fire station, car wash, church, bus station and a city park with an “N” gauge train that carries children around the park. You will see a farm, a sawmill and a coal company on one end of the layout and an oil refinery on the opposite end. Also, “Thunder Road,” an old Robert Mitchum movie, is playing at the Hub Drive-In.

After touring the train museum stop to smell the roses, literally. Take a leisurely stroll along the Wilbourne Antique Rose Trail and camellia path that begins just outside the train depot. The paved public walking trail winds through



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**The Foley Alabama Railroad Museum.**

the heart of downtown Foley following the path of the old railroad line. You’ll enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the roses along the 1-mile trail. Enjoy the camellias in Heritage Park and continue north across Violet Avenue where the rose trail begins.

The Holmes Medical Museum (111 W. Laurel Ave.; (251) 943-1818; [www.visitfoley.org](http://www.visitfoley.org)) served as Baldwin County’s first hospital from 1936-1958 and remains mostly unchanged since it was in operation. On display are many original medical artifacts including surgical instruments, operating room machinery and a human skeleton. It’s said that some of the former patients are still around keeping watch. Visitors have told stories of seeing ghosts.

Downtown Foley is also home to two art galleries and studios. Jan’s Art Studio (115 W. Laurel; (251) 971-3836) sells arts and crafts by local artists and also offers art supplies and art classes. The local crafts make great gifts and souvenirs. Across the street from Jan’s is the non-profit art center and gallery, the Foley Performing Arts Center (116 W. Laurel Ave.; (251) 943-4381; [www.foleyartcenter.com](http://www.foleyartcenter.com)).

As you shop, you just might discover your hidden gem. Displays in the large gallery include paintings, mixed media, pottery, jewelry, clothing and many other crafts. The center also offers art classes.

**Visit Elberta**

Just 10 minutes and 5.8 miles from downtown Foley on Hwy. 98 awaits the community of Elberta, founded by farmers from Germany in the early 1900s.

Experience German heritage every October in Elberta when you can sample locally made sausage, dance, listen to music and be entertained at the Original German Sausage Festival. For more on the festival, visit [www.elberta-fire.com](http://www.elberta-fire.com).

The Baldwin County Heritage Museum (25521 US Hwy. 98 E.; (251) 986-8375; [www.baldwincountyheritagemuseum.com](http://www.baldwincountyheritagemuseum.com)) offers a place for visitors to reconnect with the early history of Baldwin County. The museum has created a home for historically significant buildings, tractors, farming materials, documents and artifacts.

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

For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www.andalusialegionpost80.org](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.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](http://wiregrassmuseum.com) or call 794-3871.

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**ONGOING** — Visit Enterprise is proud to announce a summer internship with the Enterprise Tourism Office. This opportuni-

ty allows interns to explore and work with new marketing techniques used to promote Enterprise as a tourism destination, such as event marketing and social media marketing. The internship runs mid-May through August. The internship is unpaid, but the student gains valuable experience that will assist them when they are ready to start their career. If interested, please send a resume to [director@visitenterprise.com](mailto:director@visitenterprise.com).

**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

**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 Saturday and will close Aug. 4. An opening reception will be held Saturday, from 6-8 pm. For more information, call 774-7145 or visit [www.ruddartcenter.org](http://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 that 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](http://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](http://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 is today 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](http://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 and July 6.

## Pier Park Summer Concert Series

People can relax and enjoy free music on the lawn at Panama City Beach’s Aaron Bessant Amphitheater. The concerts are open to the public and free of charge. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets for more comfort.

Food and coolers are allowed. Scheduled bands include Heritage on July 5, George Porter Jr. and the Runnin’ Pardners on July 12, The Lee Boys on July 19 and Boukou Groove on July 26. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit [pcbeach.org](http://pcbeach.org).

## Performance on the Green

People can enjoy a relaxing summer evening at Blount Cultural Park and watch the Montgomery Ballet’s captivating and magical “Performance on the Green,” July 15 and 16 from 8-10 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call 409-0522.

## Slimy Saturday

McWane Science Center hosts the slimiest day of the year. Visitors can run across the oobleck pool, take a plunge down the slip n’ slide and even make their own slime at the center in Birmingham July 14. For more information, visit [www.mcwane.org](http://www.mcwane.org).

## Capital City Shape Notes Concert

Traditional singers perform from shape note hymn books published in Alabama, including “The Sacred Harp” and “Christian Harmony.” The free, daylong concert is July 19 in the Old Alabama Town Reception Center. For more information, call (888) 240-1850.

## Dark Knight Rises Premiere

*The Dark Knight Rises* opens at 12:01 a.m., July 19, in the IMAX Dome Theater at the McWane Science Center in Birmingham.

For more information, visit [www.mcwane.org](http://www.mcwane.org).



# DOD supports job, homeowner proposals for military, veterans

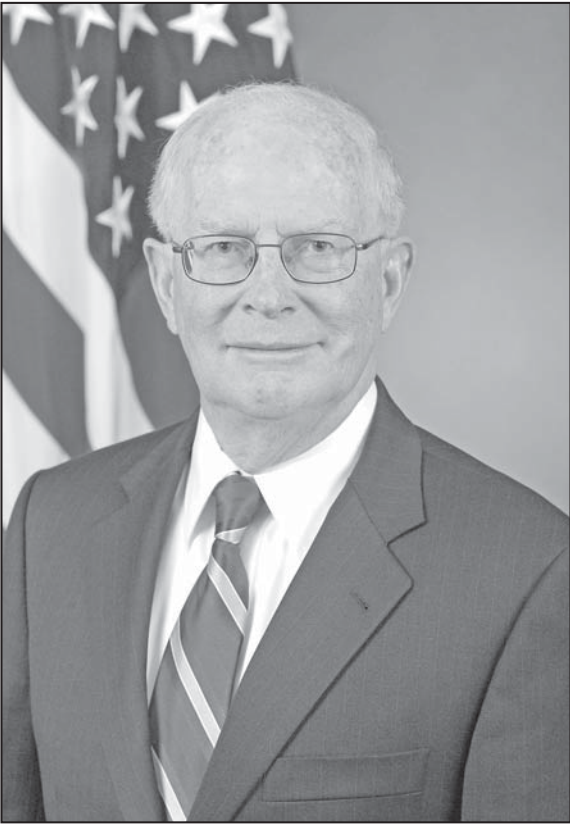
By Donna Miles  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department supports legislative proposals that would provide increased career support and homeowner protections to military members and veterans, a senior defense official told Congress today.

“Taking care of our military before, during and after their service to our country is one of the Department of Defense’s highest priorities,” Frederick E. Vollrath, who is performing the duties of the assistant secretary of defense for readiness and force management, told the House Veterans Affairs Committee’s subcommittee on economic opportunity. He thanked the committee for efforts to address some of the economic challenges service members and their Families face during active duty and as they transition into civilian life.

Vollrath joined representatives of the Veterans Affairs and Labor departments, as well as veterans organizations representatives, to weigh in on four bills he said would significantly affect service members and veterans. The hearing was cut short so the subcommittee members could get to the House floor for a vote, but Vollrath submitted written testimony outlining the Defense Department positions.

Two of the proposed bills, the Hire at Home Act and the Help Veterans Return to Work Act, focus on jobs.



Frederick E. Vollrath

DOD supports the Hire at Home Act, which encourages states to consider training when granting civilian credentials, Vollrath said. If passed, the law would require states to consider a veteran’s military training when processing applications to become nursing assistants, registered nurses,

emergency medical technicians or commercial drivers.

Vollrath noted the new DOD-led Credentialing and Licensing Task Force stood up to help service members and veterans apply skills learned in the military to earn credentials, certifications and licenses across a broad range

of civilian occupations.

The task force, Vollrath explained, will identify military specialties that readily transfer to high-demand jobs, initially focusing on the manufacturing, health care, information technology, logistics and first-responder sectors. It also will work with civilian credentialing and licensing associations to address any requirements not covered by military training, will and help service members get greater access to certification and licensing exams.

“The Department of Defense provides high-quality training to service members, and this high-quality training is closely linked to many of the high-demand, high-growth occupations in the civilian sector,” Vollrath told the panel.

“Our men and woman have done incredible work, mastered cutting-edge technologies and adapted to unpredictable situations,” he continued. “Those skills are what America needs for the jobs and industries of the future.”

Vollrath was less enthusiastic about language in the Help Veterans Return to Work Act, which he said actually would limit use of an “undue hardship” defense under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. As written, he said, the bill would limit this defense so it could be claimed only by small businesses.

“The Defense Department shares the goal of ensuring that the undue hardship exception is used in ways that reinforce the

law’s intent,” he said.

DOD supports the intent of two other bills that would expand the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to increase mortgage protections to military members, Vollrath reported.

The Military Family Protection Act seeks to improve protections for service members and surviving spouses against mortgage foreclosures. It seeks to expand protections for troops serving in support of contingency operations, veterans who are disabled at retirement, and surviving spouses of service members whose deaths were service-connected or occurred while supporting a contingency operation. The bill also would extend these protections to cover obligations made both before and after military service.

The department also supports the Fairness for Military Homeowners Act, Vollrath told the panel. If passed, it would ensure that military members who move away from their principal residences for active duty aren’t prevented from refinancing the mortgages on those properties.

Vollrath said this measure is consistent with the overall goals of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to ensure the consumer rights of military members are not unfairly limited because they serve in the military.

He expressed concern, however, that the legislation could affect loan subsidy costs, and said DOD will continue to review the bill and offer technical help as needed.

## VA boosts staffing, programs to prevent suicide

By Cheryl Pellerin  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is making progress in suicide prevention, adding staff and programs to treat the “invisible scars” carried home from the war by service members and veterans, the VA undersecretary for health said Friday.

Speaking at the June 20 to Friday annual DOD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference here, Dr. Robert Petzel addressed hundreds of mental health professionals, clinicians, military leaders and Family members.

“America’s veterans particularly deserve the best care this nation and our departments can offer them, as do America’s service members,” Petzel said.

He said metrics for progress at the VA include, for example, a constant suicide rate they use for middle-aged male veterans as rates for the same age group in the general population rise.

And “we’ve decreased the suicide rate among younger veter-

ans, those 18 to 29 years old who use VA health care services,” Petzel said, noting suicide rates are lower among veterans in general who receive mental health treatment at the VA.

More veterans than ever turn to the VA for help, Petzel said, adding that the organization has seen a 35 percent increase since 2007 in the number of veterans who receive mental health care.

Today the VA spends \$6.2 billion a year on care for about 1.5 million veterans, he said.

“To meet this increased need and demand, [VA Secretary Eric K.] Shinseki has increased the number of programs, people and resources that we’re devoting to veterans’ mental health services,” Petzel explained.

The VA employs 21,000 mental health professionals, and in the last four weeks VA officials announced that it is hiring another 1,900 mental health providers.

“Within six months,” Petzel said, “we expect to have onboard approximately 23,000 clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, psy-

chiatric social workers, psychiatric mental health nurses and clinical counselors.”

The VA is also making progress in addressing some of the troubling mental health problems that many veterans face and that are correlated with suicide, he added.

“For the past decade we’ve made significant improvements in substance-use-disorder treatment using evidence-based psychotherapies for problems like depression and providing mental health care in our primary care ... clinics,” he said.

The VA also developed a therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder that has been shown to work in clinical trials.

The therapy treats “PTSD by repeatedly exposing veterans to the triggers that make them anxious,” Petzel said. “These prolonged exposures help veterans get used to their bad memories so that they can eventually be free of the debilitating consequences of those memories.”

During his presentation, Petzel announced that the VA is

launching a new program to help veterans with PTSD. The About-Face campaign, he said, features personal videos of veterans from all eras who have experienced PTSD and turned their lives around with treatment.

“Through the videos, viewers meet veterans and hear how PTSD affected them and their loved ones,” Petzel said. “But most importantly, visitors to this website can also learn the steps to gain control over their lives.

AboutFace was designed as a complementary campaign to VA’s Make the Connection campaign, which uses personal testimonials to illustrate true stories of veterans who faced experiences, physical ailments or psychological symptoms, and reached out for help and found ways to overcome their challenges.

Petzel also announced that the VA has set a goal to conduct more than 200,000 clinically based teleconferenced mental health consultations in 2012.

This follows the decision last month to stop charging veterans a copayment when they receive

mental health care at home, he said.

“VA health care professionals do this by using video teleconferencing, connecting with patients or connecting with patients and a consulting physician,” he explained.

The VA is reaching more veterans through tele-mental health and mobile technologies, the undersecretary said, adding, “I believe that VA is the largest user of tele-mental health and the largest user of tele-health across the country.”

Despite progress in many areas, Petzel said, the VA recognizes “that we cannot meet this challenge alone. To ensure that service members, veterans and their Families get the care they need and deserve, we all must collaborate and we must collaborate with the community.”

All mental health and substance abuse health care providers across the government, communities and the private sector “must partner and all must share responsibility for zero tolerance for suicide,” Petzel said.



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PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAM

Andrew Walsh, player for the Sons of Pitches, dives onto home plate to bring in a run for his team during an intramural softball game at the Fort Rucker softball fields Tuesday. The Sons of Pitches beat the Guardian Eagles, 26-6.

# Sons of Pitches dominate Guardian Eagles Tuesday

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Despite forecasts of storms, the weather at the Fort Rucker softball fields was right as rain allowing fans and players to enjoy the intramural softball games.

The 6th Military Police Detachment's, Sons of Pitches dominated their opponents, the 1-58th Airfield Operation Battalion's, Guardian Eagles Tuesday by a score of 26-6.

"We were working awesomely together and everybody was doing their part to contribute [to the win]," said Ocie Conner, pitcher and coach for the Sons of Pitches. "We basically wanted to go hit for hit and score runs and beat the team to the end."

The game started off in good spirits for the Eagles as they brought in two runs during their first at-bat, but their opponents followed suit by bringing in a 2-run shot during their time at the plate.

The Sons of Pitches asserted their dominance early on in the game by hitting back-to-back base hits, which allowed them to lead their opponents by 11 points early on.

The 1-58th AOB's offense seemed to be lacking in the first inning, but at this point it was anybody's game and the Eagles had the chance to get back in the game and close the gap.

Luck didn't seem to be on their side as two of their batters hit pop-ups early in the inning leading to two outs putting more pressure on the team to score runs.

They began to show some promise when their offense started to pick up speed and they kept the ball on the ground, allowing them to score four runs during the inning and inch closer to their opponents.

The 6th MP detachment took to the plate in the 3rd inning with their still substantial lead as two of their players were walked, which allowed the next base hit to load the bases.

They maintained their lead and pulled further away from the Guardian Eagles by hitting multiple base hits and double-hitters while their opponent's defense seemed to dwindle.

The Sons of Pitches continued to conquer the scoreboard throughout the inning as Eric Brown hit an in-the-park home run and brought in two runs to add to their already sizable lead.

Their time at bat finally ended with a pop-up to center field, but the Guardian Eagles had their work cut out for them if they were going to have any hope of turning things around.

That hope was quickly lost as the 1-58th AOB swiftly racked up three outs and officials called the game at the end of the 3rd inning as the Sons of Pitches led by 20 runs, 26-6.

Capt. Brian Wheat, commander of the 6th MP detachment, was proud to be in the crowd and support his team throughout the season.

"I'm glad to see they got another win on their record," he said. "I want them to win the commander's cup this year. The bragging rights would be nice."

Wheat admitted he isn't a softball player when asked why he wasn't on the field with his team, but more of a flag-football guy, adding that he supports his team in other ways.

Conner, however, enjoys the sport as an athlete and a father who coaches his kid's teams.

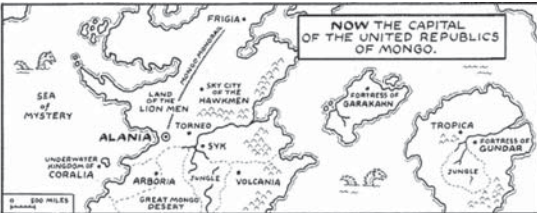
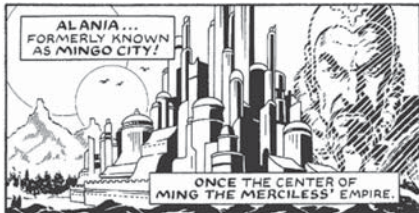
"I've always been athletic my whole life growing up," he said. "This is the closest thing I can do outside of coaching my kids and watching them play sports. It's also good exercise."



Eric Brown, player for the Sons of Pitches, rounds third base as he runs to score a run for his team during an intramural softball game at the Fort Rucker softball fields Tuesday.



# DOWN TIME



### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

## TRIVIA

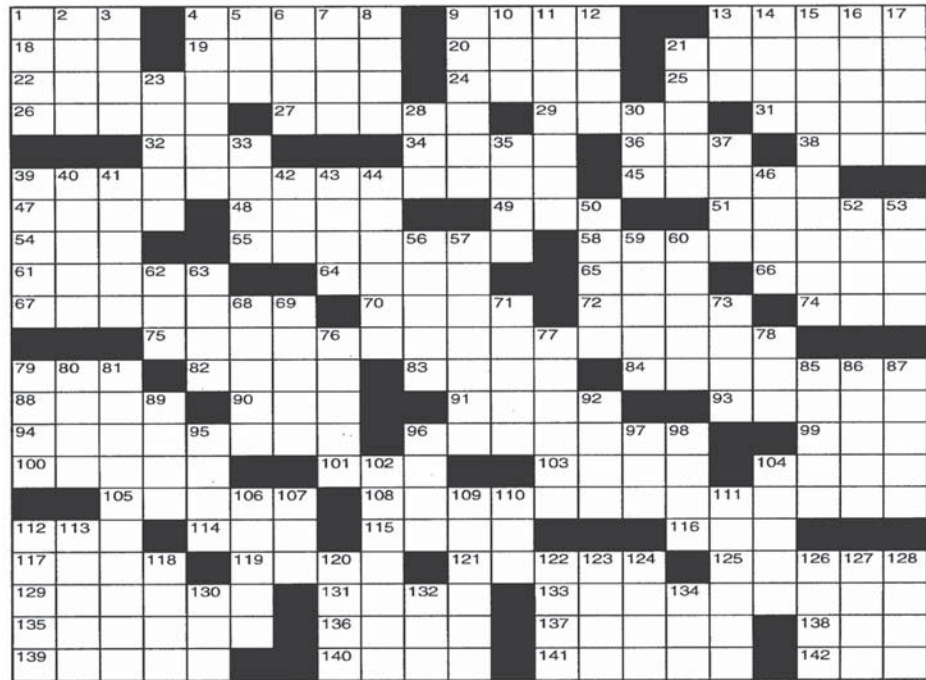
1. ADVERTISEMENTS: What product's slogan is "When it rains, it pours"?
2. ANATOMY: Where is a more common name for the tympanic membrane?
3. MUSIC: Who had a hit album in the 1970s titled "Innervisions"?
4. LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays contains the line, "By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes"?
5. MYTHOLOGY: What country was ruled by Midas, the king with the golden touch?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Portugal?
7. TELEVISION: What famous TV couple of the 1950s lived at the fictional address 623 East 68th Street?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Grand Canyon State"?
9. POETRY: What is a heroic couplet?
10. HISTORY: Who was Jesse James' brother and partner in crime?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

### SWEET GNAW-THINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pugilistic poke
  - 4 Silenced a squeak
  - 9 Fuel source
  - 13 "Turandot" tenor
  - 18 Heady quaff
  - 19 Savanna sight
  - 20 Lhasa —
  - 21 Arbus apparatus
  - 22 Rodent's favorite
  - 24 Lost in thought
  - 25 Nuclear
  - 26 Brimming
  - 27 Join up
  - 29 Take into account
  - 31 Hook's mate
  - 32 — reaction
  - 34 Diva
  - 36 Moon crawler
  - 38 Relative of -ator
  - 39 Rodent cheese-cake?
  - 45 Laundry problem
  - 47 Frigga's fellow
  - 48 Young boxers
  - 49 Relished a roast
- DOWN**
- 1 Secure spot
  - 2 — mater
  - 3 Rosary part
  - 4 Speak freely
  - 5 Roth —
  - 6 Exist
  - 7 Temptation location
  - 8 Earl — Biggers
  - 9 Living room
  - 10 Antipollution grp.
  - 11 "The —" (50 film)
  - 12 Carry
  - 13 Purrfect pet?
  - 14 Grandpa
  - 15 Rodent refreshment?
  - 16 Pisces follower
  - 17 Sapphire side
  - 21 Future officer
  - 23 "We've Only Just —" ('70 hit)
  - 28 Hockey legend
  - 30 Urban transport
  - 33 Sugar amts.
  - 35 Barbecue
  - 37 Christmas visitors
  - 39 Voting venue
  - 40 Turn of phrase
- ACROSS**
- 51 "Taras Bulba" author
  - 54 Emulate
  - 55 Brandy cocktail
  - 58 Protect with plastic
  - 61 Resident
  - 64 "Yours, Mine and —" (68 film)
  - 65 Keatsian creation
  - 66 Redact
  - 67 "The Bartered Bride" composer
  - 70 Serenade accompaniment
  - 72 TV's "South —"
  - 74 Road curve
  - 75 Rodent's educational level?
  - 79 Dit's cousin
  - 82 Read quickly
  - 83 Actress
  - 84 Peepers protectors
  - 88 Oomph
  - 90 Tokyo, once
  - 91 Like some cellars
  - 93 It may suit you
  - 94 Closet
  - 96 Calculator features
- DOWN**
- 99 Winter hazard
  - 100 Trattoria treat
  - 101 TV chef
  - 103 "— Shuffle" ('77 song)
  - 104 Seaweed product
  - 105 Bobby's flashlight
  - 108 Rodent's Olympic motto?
  - 112 Broad st.
  - 114 "Gotchat!"
  - 115 Article
  - 116 "— Night" ('58 hit)
  - 117 Apt rhyme for squirm
  - 119 "L—, c'est moi"
  - 121 Matches
  - 125 Inception
  - 129 Cartoonist
  - 131 Writer
  - 133 Fictional rodent?
  - 135 Rink rental
  - 136 List elder
  - 137 "Peer Gynt" composer
  - 138 Psychic
  - 139 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
  - 140 Surrender
  - 141 Big revolver?
  - 142 Sticky stuff
- DOWN**
- 41 Sib's kid
  - 42 On the — vive (alert)
  - 43 Summer coil
  - 44 Tristan's tootsie
  - 46 Actress
  - 47 Sky
  - 50 Take the honey and run
  - 52 Mayberry town drunk
  - 53 "Why don't we?"
  - 56 Sadistic
  - 57 In the saddle
  - 59 Saying
  - 60 Cheerful
  - 62 Bk. convenience
  - 63 Neighbor of Thailand
  - 68 Used the microwave
  - 69 Digression
  - 71 Prose piece
  - 73 Boat bottom
  - 76 Atlanta campus
  - 77 Indentation
  - 78 Mintz or Whitney
  - 79 Johnny of "Chocolat"
  - 80 Soap additive
  - 81 City of rodents?
  - 85 Architect
  - 86 Jones
  - 87 McCarthy's trunkmate
  - 89 West.
  - 92 Brace
  - 95 Asta's mistress
  - 96 Snarl
  - 97 Banned pesticide
  - 98 London district
  - 102 Shake up
  - 104 Actor's actor?
  - 106 Spassky's game
  - 107 "Pillbox, e.g."
  - 109 Bit of a beach
  - 110 Medical grp.
  - 111 TV's "Eight is —"
  - 112 About to sink
  - 113 Screwdriver ingredient
  - 118 Spouse
  - 120 Composer
  - 122 Prod
  - 123 Binchy's "— Road"
  - 124 Tend the sauce
  - 126 Wallop
  - 127 Architect
  - 128 Small combo
  - 130 Gibson or Tillis
  - 132 Unbalanced
  - 134 Wager



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

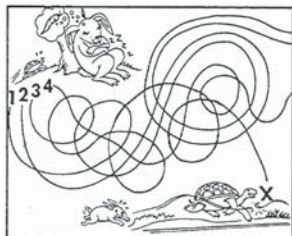
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

# KID'S CORNER



**HARE THIS!** Sweet dreams, Mr. Rabbit, but your turtle pal is winning the race. Which path leads to the finish line?

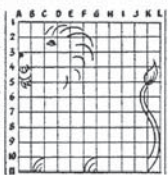
**CERTAIN AGE!** Take your age, add seven, double result, add 16, double result again, divide by four and subtract 15. Answer will be your age, whether you are 1 or 100. Give it a try, then challenge someone else.

**STRING ALONG!** You are challenged to insert names of five musical instruments in blanks at right, and to do so in such a manner that letters in squares showing musical notes may be rearranged to form the name of a sixth instrument — one of six letters, usually having six strings. Use five of the following five-letter names to comply: Banjo, viola, piano, bugle, cello, organ, flute.

1—flute, 2—piano, 3—bugle, 4—cello, 5—organ, 6—banjo.

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



### LION IN WAIT FOR DETAILS

**HEADS UP!** It seems the king of the jungle, at left, has all but disappeared. To restore missing details, simply draw lines in accord with these letter-number coordinates:

Begin at B-4, draw to C-5 to D-5 to E-4.

Start again at D-5, draw to D-6 to C-10.

Draw from C-11 to D-11 to E-7 to H-9 to H-8 to J-8. Add E-6 to E-7; also add H-9 to H-10 to G-10; add G-11 to K-11.

Draw from K-11 to K-8 to F-3. Add A-3 to C-2 to complete the task.

If crayons are handy, add an appropriate color or two. How long will it take you to finish?

## Wishing Well®

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

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

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



**FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.**





PHOTO BY C. TODD LOPEZ

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno met with Soldiers during the Department of Defense Warrior Games Recognition Ceremony Monday in the Pentagon Courtyard. Each of the five Warrior Games teams selected 10 members to represent their team at the ceremony. Soldier representatives at the event were: 1st Lt. Lacey Hamilton, 1st Sgt. Rhoden Galloway, Staff Sgt. Michael Kacer, Sgt. John Masters, Sgt. Fred Prince, Sgt. Margaux Vair, Cpl. Brian Miller, Spc. Elizabeth Wasil, Sgt. Anthony Robinson and Lt. Col. Danny Dudek.

# Warrior Games athletes recognized at Pentagon

By William Garbe  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — Military and Olympic leaders recognized 50 Wounded Warriors, including 10 Army athletes, for their athletic achievements at the 2012 Warrior Games during a ceremony Monday in the Pentagon courtyard.

The games, which provide wounded, ill and injured military members and veterans the opportunity to compete for medals, are hosted by the U.S. Olympic Committee and were held in Colorado Springs, Colo., from April 30 through May 5.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta joined Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno and United States Olympic Committee Chief of Paralympics Charlie Huebner in congratulating the active and veteran athletes.

"I cannot tell you how much you inspire us with your courage, with your determination, with your athletic prowess, with your physical strength," Panetta said to the warriors. "It's an incredible inspiration."

Panetta, who presented each representative with a coin, said the determination and guts of the warriors to overcome obstacles

is nothing short of a miracle of emotional, physical and mental strength.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Odierno shared his experience of attending this year's games.

"I had the opportunity to attend these games, and as I expected, I was inspired," Odierno said. "It was truly compelling to see the unprecedented drive and talent of these young men and women, who have sacrificed so much for our country."

The general said the warriors collectively demonstrated resiliency, and represent the "survival and conviction of the heart" that helped them overcome challenges on their way to the games.

"Each of you has a story of how or what inspired you to get to where you are today," Odierno said. "You represent the best of our military, and what's best about this great country of ours."

Odierno noted that the warriors present at the ceremony represented 220 athletes who competed. Representing the Army were 1st Lt. Lacey Hamilton, 1st Sgt. Rhoden Galloway, Staff Sgt. Michael Kacer, Sgt. John Masters, Sgt. Fred Prince, Sgt. Margaux Vair, Cpl. Brian Miller, Spc. Elizabeth Wasil, Sgt. Anthony Robin-



PHOTO BY C. TODD LOPEZ

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III and his wife, Jeanne, meet with 1st Lt. Lacey Hamilton, during the Department of Defense Warrior Games Recognition Ceremony Monday in the Pentagon Courtyard. Lacey participated in the recent 2012 Warrior Games in Colorado Springs, Colo. She was one of ten Soldiers asked to represent all Army participants of those games at the Pentagon ceremony.

son and Lt. Col. Danny Dudek.

Hamilton, who competed in the 100- and 200-meter sprints and cycling, said this time last year she was just regaining her balance after she was ejected

from a motor vehicle in Afghanistan. She said the camaraderie she shared with the other athletes motivated her through her recovery to the games. Receiving a coin from the Secretary of De-

fense is something Hamilton said she won't soon forget.

"I can add it to my collection of awesome coins," Hamilton said. "It's definitely one that will beat everyone in the coin toss."

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

TRIVIA

Answers

1. Morton Salt
2. Eardrum
3. Stevie Wonder
4. "Macbeth"
5. Phrygia
6. Lisbon
7. Lucy and Ricky Ricardo
8. Arizona
9. Two rhymed 10-syllable lines of poetry
10. Frank James

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

J	A	B		O	I	L	E	D		P	E	A	T		C	A	L	A	F		
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COURTESY SCREENSHOT

# Adaptation surpasses expectations

By Jim Van Slyke  
Contributing Writer

Thank goodness that “The Amazing Spider-Man” is set after the events that take place in the movie coming out this summer and not based on the events in the movie, because we know that those video games always stink.

This time around, Spidey gets to roam freely throughout Manhattan (at least in PS3 and Xbox 360 versions). The game’s story takes

place right after the movie stops, so fans can find out happens next.

The web-crawler has a new ability this time around. He can perform a Web Rush that is a sneak attack that can wipe out enemies from above when they aren’t aware of Spider-Man’s presence. The combat is similar to what we saw in “Batman: Arkham City” with Spidey trading punches and kicks while trying to block and evade enemy attacks. As he takes damage, Spider-Man’s suit starts to

disappear.

The plot has Spider-Man trying to save Manhattan from a variety of enemies including Rhino and Iguana. The open world means that Spider-Man can pick up plenty of side missions including solving minor crimes and going on photo assignments.

This is one of the better video game treatments of Peter Parker’s alter ego. Spidey is a notch or two more interesting and gamers will be treated to some of his back-

ground story that hasn’t been common knowledge before. The plot drags at times, but the big events help keep things interesting.

The open world of “The Amazing Spider-Man” will give gamers a great view of what Spidey sees when he swings through the city. This isn’t quite an “amazing” game, but it’s perfect for some summer fun. At the very least it will keep you out of the heat.

Reviewed on Xbox 360



**Publisher**  
Activision  
**Rated**  
Teen  
**Systems**  
Multiple  
**Cost**  
\$30 - 60  
**Overall**  
3 out of 4

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### FALL YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Fall youth sports registration takes place Sunday through July 31. Fall sports include tackle football for ages 8-12, cheerleading for ages 4-12, tennis for ages 7-18 and soccer for ages 4-17. Children must meet age requirements by Sept. 1. A current sports physical, and child, youth and schools services registration are required for participation. For more information, call 255-9105 or 255-0950.

### RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility hosts a racquetball tournament July 21. Novice, D, C, B, and A players begin at 8:30 a.m.; open players begin at 10 a.m.; and doubles players begin after open players. Players will referee games. If an overflow of participants register, some games may start July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$15 per person for singles only, \$15 per person for doubles only, and \$25 per person for participants playing both singles and doubles. All pre-registered patrons will receive a T-shirt. Participants must register by July 18. Refreshments are provided and the event is open to the public. For more, call 255-3794.

### RIDING STABLES RULES

Riding Stables staff reminds community members that letting horses out of their stalls can be dangerous to the horses and motorists. Visitors are also reminded to stay on the main roadways, do not approach any of the horses without owners' permission, stay out of the pastures and obey the speed limit of 10 mph at all times. For more information, call 598-3384.

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**\$750** Ranger Owner Loyalty\*  
**\$3750** Total Factory Rebates Plus Military Appreciation Plus 0%

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**\$750** Ranger Owner Loyalty\*  
**\$2750** Total Factory Rebates Plus Military Appreciation Plus 0%

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