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New facility offers stateof-the-art paint training



Col. Michael C. Aid, ACLC commander, is given a demonstration of the LaserPaint laser-guided spray training aid of the new STARAD three different areas, according to Robert Herron, Aviation program by AFS training analyst Tom Elsbernd at Cairns Army Airfield July 26

Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker is known for its state-of-the-art simulators and training facilities, and the Spray, Technique, Research and Analysis for Defense paint training program is the newest addition to the installation's commitment to training excellence.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony took place July 26 at Cairns Army Airfield in Hangar 30104 for the STAR4D program that utilizes classroom training; in-booth training; LaserPaint, which is a laser-guided spray training aid; and VirtualPaint, which is the software that the system uses to provide instant feedback, to keep the classes current and up to date, according to Graig Jolley, STAR4D program manager.

"The STAR4D program ... teaches effective spraying techniques for different components, equipment, vehicles and surfaces," said Col. Michael C. Aid, Aviation Center Logistics Command commander. "It provides customized training to meet our needs, state-of-the-art equipment, and hands-on and classroom training."

Aid said that the push to get the program to Fort Rucker was the culmination of a team effort that included organizations like the Marine Corps, Aviation and Missile Command, Training and Doctrine Command, Army Fleet Support and ACLC.

"What we're trying to do is meet some standards," said the ACLC commander. "Standards that will [keep us from] coming to a work stoppage, save money on fines, improve combat readiness and allow us to invest money that is saved back into

Seventeen painters have already been trained with the new program, said Aid, adding that all trainers will be trained by

'We're excited about this program and the benefits and capabilities that it provides to Fort Rucker in support of Army Aviation," he said.

The benefits of the new program play back into the military national standards that ACLC is trying to meet and impact

Fort Rucker honors fallen working dog

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

A muster call was performed at the Military Working Dog Kennels, and a brief silence fell as military working dog Nina's name was called during a memorial Friday.

Nina, a 4-year-old German Shepard, was deployed with her handler, Sgt. Daniel M. Wilker, 6th Military Police Detachment K9 Section, to Afghanistan where she was killed in the line of duty.

During the memorial, a commemorative plaque was presented in remembrance of the military working dog, a video depicting pictures of the dog and her handler during training and deployment was shown and a salute to the fallen dog's kennel was performed.

"Nina was an awesome dog and everyone in the unit loved her," said Wilker. "She wanted to go evwas attached to my hip.

Nina was assigned to Wilker in July of 2011 and deployed with her handler in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She conducted over 75 missions, confirmed one improvised explosive device and

found two weapons caches, Wilker said.

"Nina saved many lives and fought for our freedom every day," he said. "[She] worked hard every day and loved her job.'

Wilker said he first noticed his bond with Nina when the dog bit him during a training exercise.

"She had bitten me on accident ... and I went down on the ground when a handler came and took her off me," he said. "She laid down right next to me and had this look on her face like, 'What did I just do?' Right then I knew this dog was awesome and I

He went on to describe the bond between the military working dogs and their handlers as "unique" and "indescribable," which Staff Sgt. Donald Miller, training NCO for the 6th MP detachment K9 section. agreed with.

"It's a very strong bond and the dogs are very protective of their handlers," he said, adding that it's part of the dog's daily training to reinfo tective instinct.

"There were only a few of us [at the kennels] that got to work with [Nina] before she was deployed,"



Nina, a military working dog, was honored at a memorial ceremony at the Fort Rucker Military Working Dog Kennels Friday. She was killed in action in Afghanistan while deployed with her handler, Sgt. Daniel M. Wilker, 6th Military Police Detachment K9 Section.

Army observes Antiterrorism Awareness Month



HAZMAT team members help each other out of their suits as they return from a building where authorities received a call about a suspicious package July 26. No hazardous materials were found during the search

Army Flier Staff Writer

August brings with it the end of summer vacation and the hope of cooler temperatures, but it's also Antiterrorism Awareness Month that reminds people to remain vigilant, according to Michael Whittaker, installation antiterrorism of-

Whittaker said that the installation is revisiting the theme of "Know Your Surroundings" to promote vigilance on Fort Rucker and concentrating on the Army's iWatch program, which focuses on involving the entire community, from the school level and up, to keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

Fort Rucker experienced an incident involving suspicious activity when authorities received a call about a suspicious package July 26, and the installation deployed the Criminal Investigation

Division, military police, military police investigations and hazardous material team, said Whit-

"The government takes [these incidents] seriously," he said. "They went into full metal jacket just in case it was [a hazardous substance]. People [on Fort Rucker] need to be the same way in the housing areas, on and off post, and in their places of business."

No hazardous materials were found during the incident, but if something seems out of the ordinary, people should still report suspicious activity in case of a real emergency, said Whittaker.

"There is no call that is considered ignorant or a waste of our time," he said. "We never know what's going to happen, so if you notice something, get what information you can without putting yourself in jeopardy and report it to the

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PERSPECTIVE

Guidelines help keep Soldiers part of the voting process

USAG Grafenwoehr Public Affairs for Army News Service

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany - With partisan vitriol ablaze and the presidential election quickly approaching, political identity is gaining importance for many citi-

But, while under the employ of the Army or Department of Defense, what kind of political self-expression is allowed? Can a Soldier or DOD civilian post their political views on Facebook? Can they Tweet support to their favorite candidate?

And how can a Soldier, spouse or anyone living abroad exercise their right of franchise and vote on Nov. 6?

In communicating partisan sentiments, Soldiers and federal civilian employees represent two distinct catego-

Service members have far fewer freedoms in their political life than do civilians. There are restrictions for Soldiers when donating to candidates already employed by the U.S. government. Soldiers may be card-carrying members of a political party and may support candidates via signs, stickers and buttons. They may participate as spectators during political rallies, provided they are out of uniform and off duty.

They cannot, however, identify themselves by their official titles while politicking. And, while attending rallies and gatherings as participants passes scrutiny, Soldiers are banned from speaking publicly at them.

"It's your right as an American to choose your leaders, but it's your duty as a Soldier to support the American government as a whole," explained Jess Hofberger, administrative law attorney at the Grafenwoehr Law Cen-

"Your vote counts the same as anyone's, but remember that your uniform, rank and duty position belong to the American people."

Campaigning for a particular candidate or party is also off-limits. This includes soliciting funds from others,

marching in a partisan parade, distributing literature and working as part of a campaign.

Civilians, meanwhile, may participate in almost every form of political theater. They can attend rallies and fundraisers, distribute literature, openly support a candidate and even act as a political party delegate or officer. They can also run for nonpartisan office and donate freely to candidates of their choosing.

A main tenant for both civilians and Soldiers is drawing the line between personal opinions and those of the Army or Department of Defense. Soldiers and civilians have political opinions, can discuss and foster them, but they cannot insinuate that the Army or DOD holds the

This means that civilians can't claim to speak for the DOD while professing ideas and Soldiers may never wear their uniform to a political event.

A YouTube video entitled "Election2012 -- Know the Facts," distributed by the Army sums it up: "You represent your own views, but your uniform represents so much more.'

Social media

The ubiquity of social media has created a wide frontier for political expression and campaigning. The armed forces have developed highly nuanced regulations for service members on the Web.

Soldiers can "friend" or "like" a political party, candidate or ideal, and "follow" politicians and candidates on Twitter. Posting, tweeting or blogging about personal political views passes muster if the writer makes it clear that their views do not reflect those of the Army or federal departments

Disallowed activities are often only a shade different than allowed ones, and easy to stumble onto for avid social media users. For example, Soldiers must refrain from linking directly to the webpage of any political party, partisan political candidate, campaign, group or cause. Linking is considered literature distribution by the Army, which is off-limits for service members.

Soldiers are also barred from commenting on any par-

tisan Facebook pages or tweeting at any political entity. Public suggestions to "like," "friend" or "follow" any political person or group is deemed as campaigning or soliciting and is a no-go under Army standards.

Soldiers who state their rank and service on any social media site are advertising their association with the Army and are under increased scrutiny.

Voting assistance officers are provided at the unit level to help answer questions and smooth the process of voting absentee:

1. Long Distance Voter, www.longdistancevoter.org, provides state-specific information on how to register to vote and how to apply for an absentee ballot.

The site is more tailored toward absentee voters living within the United States and directs them to voting application forms that don't take into account the special needs of voters living abroad.

2. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (www.fvap. gov) caters to Americans living overseas, particularly service members and their dependents. The process is simple and straight-forward, walking ballot applicants through their states' requirements and allowing for CMR boxes as a stand-in for a temporary residence.

3. For Soldiers, voting assistance officers at the unit level can help answer questions and smooth the process of voting absentee.

FVAP.gov recommends voters to send in their ballot three weeks before elections, which means for all those wishing to vote in the national elections on Nov. 6, marked and voted ballots should be in no later than Oct. 16.

FVAP.gov ballot applications necessitate a driver's license or, for nondriving residents, an ID card that desig-

FVAP.gov will also pay for postage assuming the solicitor has a standard number 10 envelope at the ready for the postage-paid envelope template, but faxing and e-mailing the application is also an option for many states.



Fort Rucker schools are back in session Aug. 6. How should parents prepare their children for the new school year?



Jennifer Asiatico, Army spouse

"Start to get them up early a week or so before school starts, that way they get out of the summer sleep in."



Craig Lewis. military veteran

"Try to go to the school's orientation so the child can see the new classrooms and familiarize themselves with the new school"



2nd Lt. Tyler Lewis, B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"Give them a good breakfast, so they start the day off right with enough energy.



Amanda Mcgehee, civilian

"Make sure they have all of their supplies, that way they are prepared."



Bailie Welk, Army spouse

"Begin searching for a good study group so they can begin as soon as possible."

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Escort your buddy

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- Escort to the chain of command, a chaplain, a behavioral health professional or a primary care

Immunizations important to children, parents

Army Flier Staff Writer

Having a child get a vaccination is never the highlight of a parent's day, but the nurses at Lyster Army Health Clinic feel it's vital that children are properly immunized for school registration as well as health.

Parents must provide proof of immunization for children to attend school or day care each year, according to Carolyn Peterson, a licensed practical nurse and allergy immunology technician at Lyster. A "blue card" is the documented paperwork that parents need filled out for children to be allowed in

To get into school, "4 year olds need a DTaP(diphtheria, tetanus, acellular), Pertussis, Polio, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) and a Varicella shot. And if they are in DOD schools, they also need two Hepatitis A vaccines. After these shots, 4 year olds tend to have a little bit of a fever. It is normal because they are live virus, it's just what parents should expect," she said.

Eleven and 12 year olds going into sixth grade in a DOD school need a Tetanus, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular) and Meningitis. Public schools only need the Tdap," she said.

She added that children can get the needed vaccines up to the day before school starts in order to begin school on time, but Peterson recommends going as soon as you are able.

August is the peak season. "So come early," she said. "The best time is first thing in the morning, from 7:30-9 a.m.



Lawonda Dunford, an occupational health patient, sits and anticipates the prick of a vaccine given by Jeanie Eddy, an LPN and allergy immunology technician at Lyster Army Health Clinic July 23.

The rush is usually around lunch time." The clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. every third Wednesday

Peterson is familiar with the rush of patients that come to Lyster for shots at the end of each summer and advises

of the month.

not to wait until the last minute, because Families might find themselves waiting

"We are a walk-in clinic, so we see everyone and there are no appointments for school year vaccinations," she said.

Adults shouldn't forget that their immunization health is just as important as

exposed to have a lot of diseases that aren't as prevalent here, and Soldiers need to be up to date on all vaccines, according to the Center of Disease Control, depending on which country they are going to or coming from," she said.

Though Soldiers are usually punctual, we find that some think they don't need to come in," said Jeanie Eddy, an immunization nurse at Lyster.

"People on base travel more than most civilians. They pick up a lot more germs overseas like Pertussis, which adults are carriers for," she added.

Eddy stated that concerns over side effects of vaccinations or over vaccination may prevent some parents from vaccinating their children.

"The stigma of autism, developmental issues and supposed mercury in the vaccines frightens some parents enough to not want their child vaccinated- a lot of times its from what parents hear and read, and it's really scary to them. They decide to delay appointments or avoid them altogether, which is scary in itself because a lot of diseases that are supposedly eradicated are so because we vaccinate for them. They are not gone. If we do not vaccinate, they are going to come back. The outbreak of measles and whooping cough are proof of that,"

"There is no scientific evidence that links vaccines to autism," she added.

For more information on immunizations, or the safety of vaccines, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at http://www.cdc.gov/.



AER scholarships

Mike Burden, financial readiness program manager, Mimi Brooks, Army Emergency Relief officer, and William C. Allen, director of Army Community Service, present Ashley Halverson, Ivanisse Asencio-Acevendo and Tiffany Wilson with scholarships to help alleviate the costs of college. Halverson and Acevendo received the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship for Dependent Children, and Wilson received assistance through the Spouse Education Assistance Program. AER is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial assistance to Army Soldiers and their Family members. The education program of the AER is a secondary mission to help Army Families with the costs of education. Not pictured are Blade Bullis, Alexandra Rogers and Anrick Smith, who also received scholarships. To apply for an AER scholarship visit www.aerhq.org.

Fort Rucker Exchange offers deals, rewards for upcoming school year

By Susie Antonello

Fort Rucker Army and Air Force Exchange Service

With a new school year right around the corner, AAFES is stocking the shelves to help students with all their school needs and offering a program to help them get freebies in exchange for earning good grades.

"Every product is, of course, tax free every day at the Fort Rucker Exchange," said Don Walter Jr., main exchange store manager. "As a result, shoppers with exchange privileges aren't subject to the restrictions and limited savings opportunities available through the upcoming 'tax holiday.' In fact, military shoppers who shop the Fort Rucker Exchange during this year's 'tax holiday' will see an added benefit as local sales tax percentage discounts will be matched, by catego-

The exchange will effectively double the exchange's tax-free benefit from Friday-Sunday, Alabama's designated tax holiday, offering an additional percentage off that is the equivalent to the local sales tax rate. Additional information about Alabama's tax holiday can be reviewed on http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/.

Regardless of when they shop, parents can expect more while paying less with the exchange's back-to-school savings. On average, customers save 24 percent and the price match policy can save shoppers even more.

'The exchange's buying staff has done its homework over the past year and we're ready to pass the savings lessons on to military Families," Walter said, "Even though we've crammed to deliver the best back-to-school shopping experience possible, we're always prepared to match the lowest local price to ensure authorized shoppers are

getting the best value for their back-to-school dollars.'

According to the Military Child Education Coalition, an estimated 80 percent of military-connected children are forced to move between six to nine times as they complete their kindergarten through 12th grade education. Along with geographical moves, come changes in educational settings and curriculums.

With these unique challenges in mind, AAFES rewards military students who excel. Students who receive a report card with an overall B average or better can pick up an array of free and discounted products through the Fort Rucker Exchange's "You Made the Grade" program.

Now in its 12th year, "You Made the Grade" offers include a free Burger King hamburger kids meal, Subway 6-inch combo, a magazine of their choice and even a complimentary haircut, to name a few.

Students "making the grade" can also register for a drawing to win a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 exchange gift

"Military students who excel in the classroom despite multiple moves and deploying parents deserve to be recognized," Walter said. "While good grades are their own reward, this program recognizes the hard work and dedication required of pupils at the head of the class."

To receive a "You Made the Grade" booklet, eligible students can simply present a valid military ID and proof of an overall B or better average to the Fort Rucker Exchange. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the gift card drawing only once per grading period.

Military Families can contact the Fort Rucker Exchange for more information about "You Made the Grade" at 503-9044 Ext. 211.

News Briefs

USAACE change of command

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence hosts its change of command ceremony Aug. 10 at 9 a.m. on Howze Field. Maj. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum will assume command from Mai, Gen, Anthony G Crutchfield

Funded Legal Education Program

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under the program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2013 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested Fort Rucker officers should contact the Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 255-2547 for more information.

Lost and found

Fort Rucker Community Police have two bicycles, one boy's and one girl's, that were found in the housing area on post in its lost and found de-

To get more information or to check if it is their bike, people can call 255-2861 or 255-1359.

CIF closure

The Fort Rucker Central Issue Facility will be closed for inventory Aug. 20-24.

For more, call 255-1095

Post honors retiring Soldiers, civilian

By Jim Hughes Command Information Officer

Members of the Fort Rucker community packed the post theater to honor 14 Soldiers and one civilian retiring from government service during a ceremony Friday.

Col. Brian D. Bennett, commander of the 1st Aviation Brigade, hosted the event that celebrated the careers that encompassed more than a combined 353 years of service to the Army, the Department of Defense and the country.

"Service to our nation is indeed an honor and a privilege, and for those that have given the lion's share of their lives to support their nations, we owe then extra gratitude for their commitment," Bennett said. "It is the story of seemingly ordinary Americans with extraordinary careers serving our great nation.

"Like past generations, they answered when their nation called," he said. "The group we honor today served in campaigns and operations with names like Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Provide Comfort, Restore Hope, Joint Endeavor, Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom. These and many more exercises and missions formed their the 1st Battalion, 212th careers.'

He also praised Family members for providing support to their loved ones and sharing the sacrifices military careers require.

"So, for those who we recognize today who've earned our country's highcitizens' broad support, we are all grateful for your service, for your sacrifice for our nation," he said. "We wish you Godspeed as you begin the next chapter of your lives.'

The retirees:

Maj. Ellie M. Vance

Vance received a Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of outstanding military service culminating as the S6 of outstanding military for the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group. She and her husband. Jerry, have two daughters and they plan to reside in

Capt. Brendan M. Tucker

Tucker received a Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of outstanding military service culminating as commander of C Troop of the 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment. He and reside in Newton.

CW5 Richard L. Harmon

Harmon received the Legion of Merit in recognition of 30 years of outstanding military service culminating as the chief of the academic 24 years of outstanding instructor division of the Warrant Officer Career College. He and his wife, Lori, have two children and three grandchildren. They plan to reside in Dothan.

CW5 Michael T. Nysewander



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

The 14 Soldiers and one civilian who retired during a ceremony Friday at the Post Theater.

recognition of 25 years of outstanding military service culminating as the director of the Warrant Officer Staff Course with the Warrant Officer Career College. He and his wife, Cindy, have four children and three grandchildren. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

CW5 Nathan C. Wriston

Wriston received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 22 years of outstanding military service culminating as a platoon leader and instructor pilot with Aviation Regiment. He and his wife, Julie, have five children and plan to reside in Enterprise.

CW4 Graham B. Vockroth

Vockroth received the Commendation Medal in recognition of est admiration and our 27 years of outstanding military service culminating as the Joint Task Force safety officer for more than 2,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He has one child and plans to reside in Level Plains.

CW4 Darrin D. Swan

Swan received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 24 years service culminating as the Shell Army Airfield safety officer with the 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment. He and his wife, Gina, have a son. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

CW4 James

P. McDonough

McDonough received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 21 years of outstanding military service culminating as an Aviation Comhis wife, Bethany, have bat Forensic officer with two children and plan to the Aircraft Shoot Down Assessment Team. He and his wife, Aimee, have two children. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

CW3 John S. DiPaolo II DiPaolo received the Meritorious Medal in recognition of military service culminating as the chief of the Aviation Master Gunner Course. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children. They plan to reside

CW3 Scott J. Rackley

the local area.

Rackley received the Nysewander received Meritorious Service

20 years of outstanding military service culminating as the student manworld.'

Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment. He has two children and plans to reside in Enter-

agement officer with B

1st Sgt. John F. Fairley Fairley received the

Legion of Merit in recognition of 29 years of outstanding military service culminating as a ground accident investigator with the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. He and his wife, Katrina, have one child, and Fairley also has two daughters. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

Sgt. 1st Class David E. Cofer

Cofer received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 22 years of outstanding military service culminating as the Fort Rucker garrison Equal Opportunity adviser and Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program manager. He and his wife, Ginger, have three

children. They plan to reside as "citizens of the

Sgt. 1st Class Eric D. Mattson

Mattson received the Meritorious Service Medal

in Enterprise. Paula G. Allman

Army

to reside in Dallas.

Staff Sgt. Todd E. Nash Nash received the

22 years of outstanding

military service culmi-

nating as the assistant S3

NCO for the 1st Battal-

ion, 212th Aviation Reg-

iment. He and his wife,

Michel, have two chil-

dren. They plan to reside

Commendation Medal in recognition of

Allman received the Superior Civilian Service Award in recognition of 32 years of outstanding service culminating as the managing editor and senior writer for "Flightfax," "Countermeasure," and "Knowledge" magazines with the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. She and her husband. Darrell, have two children and two grandchildren. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

the Legion of Merit in Medal in recognition of children and nine grand- in recognition of exceptionally meritorious performance and outstanding military service culminating as the military fire chief and NCO in charge of the Directorate of Public Safety. He and his wife, Karen, have one child. They plan





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Training: New technology reduces waste

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and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center Corrosion Programs Office representative.

"It impacts corrosion, it impacts the environment, and it impacts mission safety and reliability of the aircraft," he said. "The coating system is our primary barrier to corrosion prevention. Without a good coating system, we're going to have more corrosion in the field, and have to spend more time and money correcting

From the environmental standpoint.

the program is looking to use more environmentally friendly coatings, and reduce the amount of waste and overspray on the equipment, he said, adding that the virtual painting also reduces the environmental footprint.

"We just had one of our paint inspections come up with an issue with a UH-60 helicopter coming out with too much coating on the tail," said Herron. "Just from a coating aspect, it can have a significant impact on the handling of the aircraft.

'You wouldn't think that a few millimeters of paint would do much, but when you look over the entire surface of the aircraft, you could be adding 20-25 pounds to the aircraft," he added. "That could reduce the amount of fuel the aircraft can handle.'

Utilizing these new technologies to save on waste and meet new environmental standards all plays into the program's goal to improve quality, reduce rework, eliminate hazards and save money, said Jolley.

"The [Department of Defense] is really focused on helping the environment and saving money," he said. "We're building less new assets and we're trying to make everything last a little longer.'

ACLC has many different programs to integrate quality, safety, standards, costs savings and environmental issues, but the STAR4D program encompasses all those elements into one program, said Mark S. Wentlent, vice president and general manager of AFS.

"We're going to be better at what we do" because of the program, he said to Aid. "Sir, our commitment to you is that we will continue to make sure that our guys are trained, we keep our certification up, and we provide the best service and best product that we possibly can at Fort Rucker."

Dog: Nina remembered as sweet, effective in field

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said Miller. "She was pretty awesome ... and our only female dog in the kennel, so it is pretty sad that she's gone. You couldn't ask for a sweeter dog.

"She did her job [amazingly]," he continued. "When hesitation, and then she would flip the script and be the

All of the dogs at the Fort Rucker Military Working Dog Kennels are highly trained and begin their training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, said the training NCO.

"That's where they go through their basic training and you gave her an attack command she did it without learn all their basic obedience and detection stuff," he

The dog's training is split into two phases: Phase 1 is the patrol side, which includes building search, field scouting and basic obedience; and Phase 2 is the detection side, which includes either narcotics or explosive detection, he said.

"The dogs will only be trained for detection in one type of scent," said Miller. "There isn't a dog out there that is trained in narcotics and explosives.'

Awareness: Lessons learned should apply year round

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local authorities."

Whittaker said that Fort Rucker's main focus is the safety of the installation's Soldiers, Families and civilians, but emphasized that the garrison can only see and do so much

"Policemen have to cover an area of about 600 houses, so we have our limitations," he said. "[The people on Fort Rucker] are our first responders - they are our eyes and ears. There are people out there that aren't making common sense decisions ... and it's time to be alert of everything."

If people notice activity that is out of the ordinary, Whittaker suggests that people take a "do not touch" approach.

"If there's a car parked where

you know it doesn't belong or there is a package some place it shouldn't be, don't pick it up or touch it," said the antiterrorism officer. "Call the MPs. They have K9 units ... and specialized personnel to handle that sort of thing.'

Although August is officially Antiterrorism Awareness Month. Whittaker suggests that people take the lessons learned and apply them to life year round.

"After antiterrorism month is over, people tend to get complacent and become less vigilant," he said. "You can put the target back on your chest and say 'Come get some,' but if you want to put the same target on your son or daughter's chest, you'll think about it. We are the best protection we have."

Whittaker described Fort Rucker as a gated community

"Fort Rucker has been rated and people should treat it as a one of the safest places of large privilege to be on the installa- or small towns in the United tion by looking out for each States in crime rate because we can be replaced, but I can't reother to keep the garrison safe have such a good rapport with all place someone's loved one."

the local police departments," he said, "but that doesn't mean you should become less vigilant or complacent. Anything else





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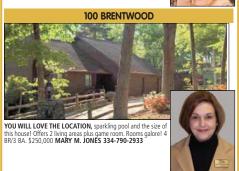
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Exercise kicks off at Fort Drum



Soldiers climb into a CH-47 Chinook during Mountain Peak. Mountain Peak, which is one of the largest training exercises in 10th Mountain Division history, began July 23. The exercise is also the first time the division has trained as an entity since before 9/11.

By Fort Drum Public Affairs Office

FORT DRUM, N.Y. - Monday marked the start of Mountain Peak, one of the largest training exercises in 10th Mountain Division history. The exercise is also the first time the division has trained as a whole entity since before 9/11.

The training event is designed to externally evaluate subordinate units before their mission rehearsal exercises. The intensive training will give Soldiers the skills needed for future deployments while offering them the know-how to operate in a deployed environment.

Mountain Peak also will be used to evaluate 1st Brigade Combat Team and 2nd BCT's security force advise and assist teams.

During the exercise, units, including the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, will transition from garrison to training sites located

on Fort Drum. Once the brigades are at these locations, units will train on collective war fighting skills, including convoy movements, setting up field sites, soldiering tasks, command and control, weapons and equipment qualifications, live-fire exercises and air-assault operations.

With 3rd BCT being the most recent returnee from deployment earlier this year, they will take on the role as the opposing forces as well as observer-controllers.

The division will assess the different units in key areas where they might need improvement and provide guidance to the respective

The 10th Mountain Division's mission is to train, deploy, fight and win. Currently, all of the brigades are in a training phase of operations. They will train on the light infantry critical tasks and fundamentals that will serve the division well in almost any theater



A medical evacuation helicopter flown by Soldiers of the 82nd CAB lands as paratroopers from the 82nd Abe. Div., 1st BCT secure the area July 23 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. The paratroopers were

Texas Guardsmen bid farewell to AH-64A

By Sgt. Jeremy Spires

36th Combat Aviation Brigade

HOUSTON - On July 15, Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, 36th Infantry Division hosted a ceremony to honor the last AH-64A Apache helicopter, aircraft No. 451. This ceremony marked the end of the A-model Apache's service in the defense of freedom.

108/1 the Army took de AH-64A Apache and today we are looking at the very last of those A-model Apaches," Col. Shane Openshaw, Apache attack helicopter project manager, stated to the gathered crowd. "Each one of those (aircrafts) have been remodeled into the D-model Apaches ... so today we are not retiring this aircraft, and we are certainly not saying goodbye, what we are doing is putting it through its commencement as we prepare to take this aircraft and turn it into the latest generation of attack helicopters."

Apache No. 451 was assigned to the brigade in 2002 and in 2006 deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006-2008. No. 451 will soon be flown to a Boeing facility in Arizona and refitted to the next generation AH-64D Apache Longbow.

"We're going to make sure that aircraft goes out in style," said Lt. Col. Derrek Hryhorchuk, commander of the 1st Bn., 149th Avn. Regt. Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. "I'm looking forward to the capabilities that needed to be improved in the A-model that are now in the D-model Longbow."

To mark the official hand-off of the aircraft, the "green" logbook was handed from the current owner, Hryhorchuk, to the Project Manager for the Apache attack helicopter. Openshaw

Amid the stories about aircraft No. 451 and its distinguished service, Maj. Gen. William T. Crosby, Program Executive Officer, Aviation, talked not about the aircraft, but about the people who made it what it was.

"I'm here to talk about you," Crosby said, "the Soldiers of the Texas National Guard, who stood up and said, 'I want to make a difference. I want to give back to my country.' And it is your pride, your courage, your passion that makes that aircraft special. Because aircraft don't fly.



People from across Texas and the United States visit a small hangar at Ellington Field to see off the final Apache A-model in the U.S. Army. Apache No. 451 has a long and distinguished history, and will soon travel to Arizona where Boeing will transform it into an AH-64D Longbow

crew chiefs who make them ready to fly."

Apache No. 451 has a notable and rich history. According to the 1st Bn., 149th Avn. Regt. ARB, the aircraft supported OIF operations with a rescue mission, direct enemy engagements and 26 confirmed kills of hostile

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Aviators fly, and they fly because of the mechanics and the dier any way possible. The crew landed the aircraft and the co-pilot placed the wounded service member in his seat, while attaching himself to the aircraft by the wing and fuselage holds. This action allowed the Soldier to be taken out of the area of engagement and receive the care he needed. For this the crew of Apache No. 451 received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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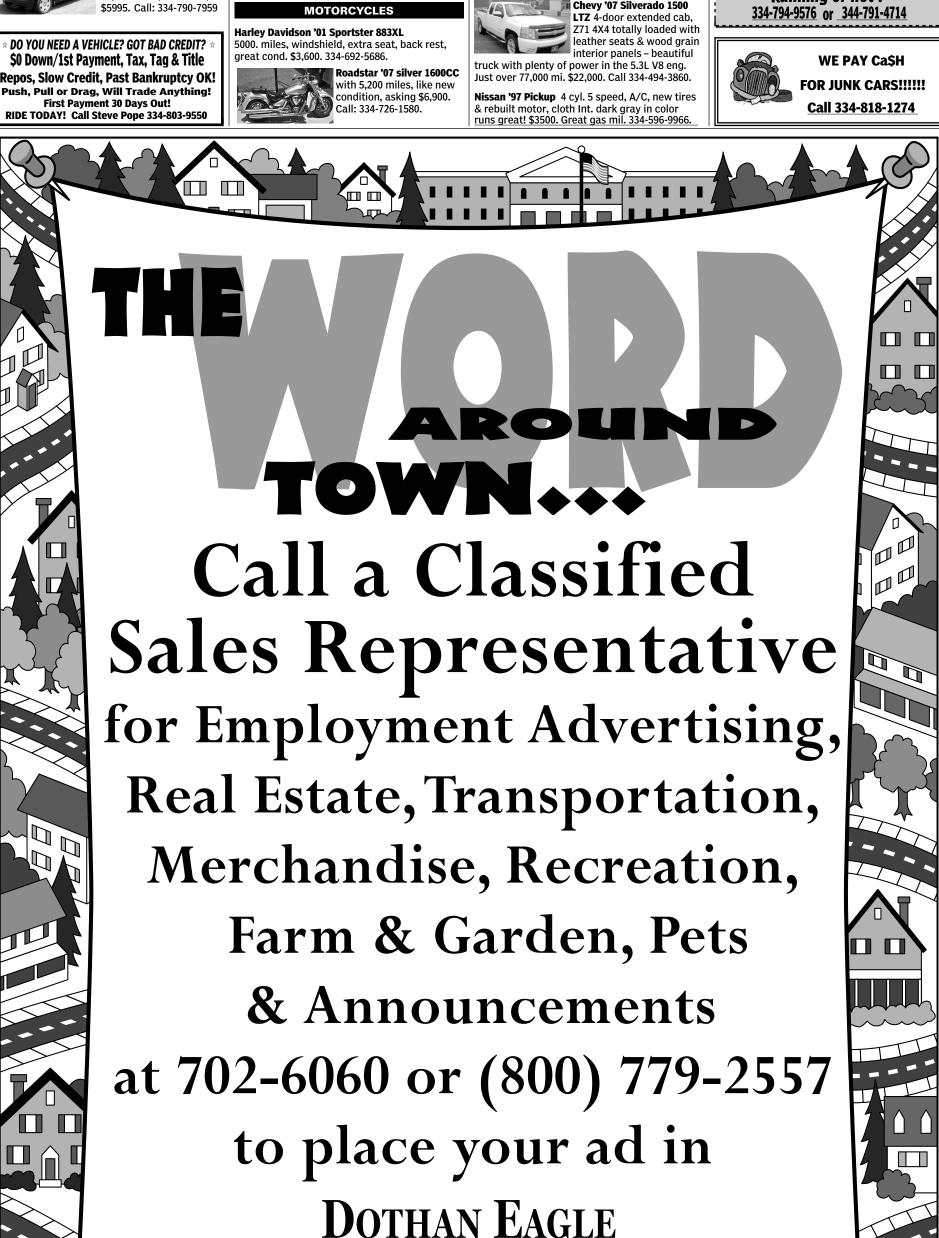
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Army developing new aircraft maintenance technologies

By U.S. Army Research **Laboratory Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON — Researchers at the Army's corporate laboratory are testing new technologies they created for the Federal Aviation Administration that could give commercial and military maintenance programs earlier warning of problems.

Condition-based maintenance Army Research Laboratory officials said, will get safer aircraft back in the air faster because it relies on repairing and replacing faulty parts in aircraft when they need to be fixed or replaced. Traditional military maintenance programs rely on timescheduled maintenance.

Dy Le, chief of the mechanics division within ARL's Vehicle Technology Directorate, said ARL's work in this area supports the FAA on developing and validating CBM methodologies, and once matured, those methodologies would help the FAA certify the use of the Health and Usage Monitoring System as part of commercial aircraft maintenance programs.

ARL's customized technologies are being incorporated into the HUMS, which serves as a central repository for aircraft system information, he said.

ARL's work in CBM is highlighted in a special two-part series as part of its broadcast program, "Inside the Lab."

The show, airing on ARL's website and on its YouTube Channel, focuses on a number of ARL-developed sensor technologies that are embedded in the HUMS. researchers from other government agen-These sensors, many developed with the cies, including the U.S. Air Force; U.S.

Development, and Engineering Center and the FAA monitor and signal system

Le said sensors placed on critical areas of the aircraft, like the tail rotor output shaft, measure performance. The information from the sensors is fed into HUMS system where maintenance crews can quickly review data and identify abnormal readings like vibrations much faster than done in the past.

He said CBM could also result in huge maintenance cost savings. If the system is fully implemented, the Army can save about \$9.3 million per year in eliminating many maintenance test flights on the Apache, for example, on a direct reimbursable basis. For the UH-60 Blackhawk, it could amount to a savings of \$2.6 million per year.

"Knowing the condition of the aircraft helps Soldiers avoid potential fatalities due to helicopter critical component fail-

"The great thing about HUMS is that it provides a digital data stream which allows us to update the models for individual components of the aircraft by the bearings and the gears," said Romeo DelRosario, chief of the electronics technology branch within ARL's Sensors and Electron Devices Directorate. "It allows you to increase the accuracy of potential failure predictions."

Under the ARL CBM research, ARL scientists and engineers also work with

Navy; academia, including University of About U.S. Army Research California-Irvine, University of Maryland; and industry, including Acellent Technologies, Inc., Sikorsky Aircraft Company, and Boeing Aircraft.

For more information on ARL's research in science and technology advancements in CBM, visit http://www. youtube.com/user/ARLTVNews.

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory of the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command is the Army's corporate laboratory. For more information, visit www.arl.armv.mil, there you can link to the ARL Facebook page or Inside the Lab.





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Picerne hosts Dive-In Theater showing of 'The Muppets'

By Sara E. Martin Army Flier Staff Writer

As summer vacation dies down and school gears up, Picerne Military Housing offers its free Dive-In Theater at Bowden Terrace Community Center Aug.

All Families living in post housing are invited to join in the fun at the pool as "The Muppets" starts between 7:30-8 p.m.

The pool will stay open until the movie finishes to allow residents the opportunity to get to know new neighbors and for children to play. Residents can watch the movie from the water or from one of the many lounge chairs at the pool.

The 20-by-11 screen ensures that Families will be able to see and hear over the sounds of playing children. Attendees will be checked against a resident roster at the front gate, said Brandon Masters, the communications manager at Picerne Military Housing on Fort Rucker.

Noodle floats are welcome as well as food and drink as long as attendees still abide by the posted pool deck rules.

Masters hopes residents take advantage of the opportunity to not only spend a pleasant evening with Family, but to also meet new people.

an opportunity to improve the quality of life of our residents. We hope to bring more of a community-type spirit or atmosphere to the neighborhood and hopefully residents will meet new neighbors or someone down the street they might not ever have met," he said.

Picerne's mission to always put Families first is evident in its invite for parents to bring children of all ages. Free drinks and popsicles will be provided



Children swim and play in the pool at last year's Dive-In Theater.

people, and that is how many Masters hopes to see out there this year.

"It gives [residents] something extra to do on post without having to even leave the

for attendees. Capacity is 250 neighborhood. We're not just summer, a fall festival, and milk here building homes; we are building communities inside our neighborhoods," he said.

Picerne also hosts Woofstock in the spring, pool parties and ice cream socials throughout the

and cookies with Santa at the end of the year.

Though Picerne is a Familyfocused business, it is aware of its residents that do not have

As the population of single Soldiers and young couples without children grows, Picerne hopes to put together an event for adults only to enjoy.

For more information, call 503-3644.

Spouse club hosts Super Sign-Up Aug. 16

By Sara E. Martin Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club will host its annual Super Sign-Up Aug. 16 to assist spouses new to Fort Rucker that want to expand their horizons by meeting new people and seeing new

The meeting will be held at The Landing Zone on Novosel Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All spouses are welcome to come and join, said Kim Roedl, club president.

The FRCSC has two missions, according to Roedl. The primary mission is to develop a spirit of community responsibility.

To provide and assist activities in local, military and civilian communities, as well as to provide social, cultural and creative opportunities for our members," is our top priority, she said.

FRCSC's second mission is to provide opportunities for social, cultural and creative pursuits.

"The spouses have a chance to buy and sell crafts to each other, share experiences, and [it] gives them the opportunity to meet other spouses, build friendships and to gain moral support," she added. "It doesn't matter how old or young you are, or if you're the wife or husband of an enlisted Soldier or an officer."

The FRCSC meets the first Thursday of every month at lunch at 10:30 a.m. at The Landing Zone. Everyone is invited to a trial lunch where they are not required to sign up, she said, but are encouraged to

"Membership is \$15 annually for student spouses and \$20 annually for permanent party spouses. We love to get new members and want more than anything for people to come and join," Roedl said.

People eligible to join the FRCSC include spouses of active duty or retired



Jackie Crogan and Tina Tucker dressed as Rosie the Riveter for the Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club Super Sign-Up event last fall. The theme was "We can do it - together!"

commissioned officers, warrant officers, or enlisted Soldiers assigned to Fort Rucker or residing in the local Wiregrass area.

Spouses of National Guard or Reserve military personnel not on active duty orders but residing in Fort Rucker or the Wiregrass area and spouses of civilian contractors or employees that are employed at Fort Rucker are eligible as well.

Super Sign-Up is held yearly, although people can sign-up at any time. This year's planners, Darcy Lynch, first vice president, and Gretchen Levine, second vice president, have put together an event that is sure to please, said the FRCSC president.

"The event, which is the club's annual membership drive, will feature everything from live music from the Silver Wings Band to shopping and prizes. We are going with a Hawaiian Luau theme," she said.

"We would like people to come to this sign-up because there will be extra stuff to do and they can meet a lot of our members at one time. We will have vendors and other organization vendors there like the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Protestant Women of the Chapel," she added.

Roedl said that oftentimes spouses are overwhelmed with parenthood and the exposure to a new environment. So, to help, babies less than 6 months old are welcome at the lunches to encourage women to come out to have a good

The members always have something fun to do, but Roedl said that expanding the member's knowledge of the area is an enjoyable but significant event to

help the spouses.

We took the spouses to Montgomery last time. They toured downtown, went shopping and got a taste of Alabama's history. We want members to get to know their area and feel safe about venturing outside of Enterprise or Dothan," she said.

Though the FRCSC is primarily a military-based organization that seeks to help wives, husbands, Families, and female Soldiers, last year members sent care packages to deployed Soldiers from different posts with female specific products, the FRCSC is active in providing for local schools and the pursuit of higher education.

"We gave away over \$17,000 in scholarships last year and donated over \$4,000 last spring to the Carol High School marching band," said Roedl. "We also have a community service project called the "Fairy Godmother Project" where people can donate old formal or prom-type dresses and accessories for local low income girls so that they may go to prom."

The volunteer program that the FRCSC has organized is one of the strongest on post, according to the clubs president.

"We host Sweetheart Bingo and hold a holiday bazaar, which will be moving back on post this year. The proceeds of the bazaar go to scholarships and grants, as well as quality-of-life organizations here at Fort Rucker and the surrounding community," she said.

Roedl said that the spouses who participate regularly always have a great time by jumping in to help with the many activities and fundraisers, and that members are never bored.

"We want everyone to feel welcome. Please come by and begin the fun," she

For more information on the club, email 2ndvicepresident@ftruckercsc.com

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

Fridays on the **Patio**

Every Friday now through Sept. 21 the Tiki Bay next to the SPLASH! Pool is open until 11 p.m. Guests can enjoy cold beverages, listen to music and play Cornhole.

For more, call the Landing Zone at 598-8025.

Financial **Readiness Training**

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

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

Thrift Shop bag sale

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop hosts a bag sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale allows people to buy items they can stuff into a brown paper bag for \$5. The sale is open to the public. For more, call 255-9595

Steak Night

Starting Friday, every Friday at 5 p.m. is Steak Night at The Landing Zone. The special features an 8-oz. Flat Iron Steak with fries for \$5 with the purchase of a beverage. Diners can add a side salad for an additional \$1 and other sides are also available for purchase. This special is limited to the first 100 guests per night, is available for dine in only and is limited to one per guest. The offer is not valid with any other coupons or promotions. For more, call 598-2426.

Taco Tuesday

Starting Tuesday, every Tuesday at 5 p.m. is Taco Tuesday at The Landing Zone. The special features \$1 tacos (beef or chicken with shredded lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and sour cream). Diners can add a side of guacamole for 50 cents or make it a meal by adding black beans and rice for \$1.95, or chips and queso for \$2. This offer is valid with purchase of a beverage and cannot be combined with other discounts or coupons.

For more, call 598-2426.

Youth Adjusting to Change bus tour

Fort Rucker's Youth Adjusting to Change program, designed to help youth between the ages of 13 and 18 who are new to the post adjust to their new home, hosts a bus tour Aug. 11 from 1-5 p.m., beginning at the youth center in Bldg. 2806. The event serves as a welcome to the post and surrounding communities and puts youth new to the area in touch with other youth to show the different things to do in the area. All youth must be registered with child, youth and schools services prior to the tour. People can register and sign up for the tour at CYSS Parent Central Services in Bldg. 5700.



Fort Rucker Job Fair

The Fort Rucker Job Fair takes place Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ozark Civic Center. For more, call the Ozark Chamber of commerce at 774-9321 or Army Community Service at 255-3949.

For more, call the school liaison officer at 255-9812 or the relocation readiness program manager at 255-3735.

Children's craft

The Center Library hosts a craft making activity for children ages 3-11 Aug. 14 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 the library or call 255-3885.

EDGE! August activities

Child, youth and school services offers EDGE! classes again in August. Activities include tubing at Lake Tholocco, cooking activities, rock climbing at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility, sewing summer tops and dresses, beach volleyball and paddle ball. For more, call 255-0666.

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.

CYSS PAC meeting

Child youth and schools services' parental advisory council meeting allow parents to learn more about CYSS programs and share their ideas on improving programs for children. Additionally, parents can learn how they can earn points each time they volunteer for CYSS programs. Parents who accumulate 10 points will receive 10 percent off monthly childcare fees, not including sports activities. The next meeting is Aug. 16, but the time and location

have yet to be determined. For more, call 255-2958, 379-4350 or (913)802-1178

ACS Family Bowling Night making activity

Army Community Service hosts a Family Bowling Night for all active duty military Families with special needs, Family Readiness Groups and Hearts Apart Families Aug. 16 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

For more information or to register, call 255-9277 or 255-3735.

Landing Zone Birthday

The Landing Zone celebrates its third birthday with specials Aug. 18-24. All week, people can buy one entrée and get one free after 4 p.m. To kick off the festivities, Aug. 18 there will be complimentary smoothies and games by the Splash! Pool from noon to 6 p.m., as well as prizes for participating children. Aug. 21 there will be complimentary chips and salsa available with the purchase of a beverage from 5-9 p.m. Aug. 22 features beverage specials. Aug. 23, two children under 12 can eat for free off of the kid's menu with the purchase of one adult entrée from 5-8

The Landing Zone will host a Hawaiian-style Birthday Bash Aug. 24. People are welcome to wear a bright shirt, a grass skirt or a lei in celebration of The Landing Zone's third birthday from 6-10 p.m. at the outdoor Tiki Bay. The party is for adults 18 and older. Advanced tickets are available for purchase at The Landing Zone. Guests will be able to enjoy a Hawaiian-style dinner from 6-8 p.m. and drink specials all night, along with music by DJ Dave.

For more, call 598-8025.





MOVIE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2 FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 Rock of Ages (PG-13)7 p.m.

Chaplain: Reflections on favorite joys in life

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

If I were asked what are the three things that I enjoy doing, the answer would be: attending church, spending time with Family and pausing to meditate on nature.

Although I enjoy a number of other things, these are first on the list because when I do them I give, receive, and learn more about myself and others than when I do other things.

Since childhood, church has been an important part of my life. Although I am very shy, just preparing to go to church has always been exciting because that's the time when I pull away from work to get spiritual energy to go through the next week happy and content

A young man stopped by my office recently to share an experience of surrendering his life to the Lord and the joy he sensed as a result. His story was fascinating.

He said a person stopped to check him while he was changing a flat tire on his car. After asking several questions, the person started talking about the Lord and church. The conversation turned into a lengthy Bible study that ended with an appeal for conversion and an invitation to go to church.

This Soldier said he accepted both and has been happy ever since. He couldn't wait to see the chaplain and talk about his

When he left my office I thought, "If everybody could have that kind of experience, what a better place the world would be." But everybody can have that expe-

rience if they took time to do what that young man did - open their hearts to receive the request of the Lord to come into their lives, and follow through with going to church or chapel.

And I can't think of a better time for a person to try it than right now while reading this article or this weekend. Christ and church can bring happiness to one's life and I invite you to try them.

The second joy for me is getting together with Family. I grew up in a large Family - six brothers and six sisters - and my parents practiced eating meals, going to church and taking vacations together.

It was at those Family gatherings where I learned to pray, be polite and feel good about the personality God gave me. When my folks got together we laughed, cried, talked, criticized each other and sometimes that was all we did for the entire evening after supper.

In those days I learned more about how to work hard and respect people than probably any class, job or seminar. To this day, I still get a kick out of striking up a conversation over dinner, and continuing to talk until time to take a shower and go to bed. Try that sometime, you'll like it.

Several years ago I developed a sermon entitled "When does God stop talking to us?" The main point in that discourse is that God talks through people, experiences, the Bible, prayer and nature. But to hear his voice in nature we have to stop, look, observe and listen. The Bible puts it this way in Romans 2:20 (New International Version): "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his

eternal power and divine nature - have the ends of the world." been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made ...

And Psalm 19:1-4: "The heavens declare pause to enjoy the beauty of creation. the glory of God; the sky proclaims the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the Earth, their words to

I admire nature, and nothing relaxes me more when I'm tired and worn down than a

Every once in a while I like to reflect on previous moments from the past and desires for the future. Every time I do, my three joys come to mind: church, Family and nature. What three things do you enjoy the most?



Chaplain Corps birthday

The cake celebrating the 237th birthday of the Army chaplaincy is cut by CW4 Larry Castagneto, who retired from active duty Friday, garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Buford Noland, Col. Stuart McRae, garrison commander, and Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton Friday.

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPEL, BUILDING 109

Multi-Cultural Worship Service 8 a.m. Sunday.

MAIN POST CHAPEL, BUILDING

9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass Sunday 11 a.m. Liturgical Worship Service Sunday 12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday - Friday) 4 p.m. Catholic Confessions Saturday 5 p.m. Catholic Mass Saturday.

WINGS CHAPEL, BUILDING 6036

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER, BUILDING

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

BIBLE STUDIES

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

Fort Rucker Protestant Men of the Chapel

Fort Rucker Protestant Men of the Chapel meet the first Saturday of each month in the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center, from 8-9 a.m. Men are encouraged to attend for a time of fellowship and a short devotion. Free breakfast is provided.

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

Military Council of Catholic

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

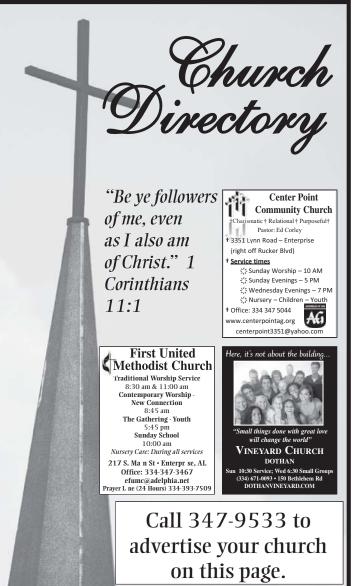
CAF meets regularly throughout the year. For more information, call 255-9894.

Youth Groups (CLUB BEYOND) 1836 Varsity Club (Ninth-12th Grade),

1703 JV Club (Sixth - Eighth Grade), Thursday For more information, call Eric Gillis at (850) 333-3039.







Alabama Road Trip — Montgomery, where history runs deep

Alabama Tourism Department *Press Release*

History is woven into the very soul of Montgomery. It spirals down grand staircases, like the one inside the 1847 State Capitol building. It descends from lofty places, such as Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where a humble preacher rose to prominence as the leader of the Civil Rights Movement.

And it bubbles up from streets such as historic Dexter Avenue that bustled with merchants in the 1800s, served as an auction block for slaves during the Civil War and was later pounded by the foot soldiers during the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march.

Captured between the brick and mortar of historic church houses and notable dwellings and inside museum after museum in downtown Montgomery, you'll hear epic stories of a past that is unparallel to that of any other city in America.

Begin your tour at the Montgomery Area Visitor Center (300 Water St., (334) 262-0013) at Union Station. Park your car and go inside for brochures and information on what to see and do in the city.

You can walk to many of the downtown attractions and museums, but to get to others, you'll want to drive.

One of the fascinations of downtown Montgomery is the fact that there are so many museums and attractions dedicated to telling the story of the city's role in the Civil War of the 1860s and the Civil Rights Movement that occurred nearly a century later

With Jefferson Davis as its leader, Montgomery served as the cradle of the Confederacy from Feb. 4, 1861, to May 29, 1861. A century later, congregations in African American churches conducted peaceful protests to overturn laws allowing segregation.

In 1955, when seamstress Rosa Parks was arrested after boarding a Montgomery



The Alabama State Capitol Building

bus at Court Square and refusing to give up her seat to white passengers, the modern Civil Rights Movement was born. A new Montgomery minister, Martin Luther King Jr., was recruited to organize a boycott of city buses. The Montgomery Bus Boycott lasted a year and ended when a U.S. Supreme Court decision stopped segregated public transportation in 1956.

A must visit in Montgomery is the Rosa Parks Museum and Children's Wing (252 Montgomery St., (334) 241-8615) located on the very site where Parks was arrested. The museum chronicles the history of the Civil Rights Movement and the Montgomery Bus Boycott through presentations, newspaper clippings and exhibits, including a replica of the bus on which the civil rights pioneer was riding.

A block away is the Freedom Rides Museum at the historic Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station (210 S. Court St., (334) 242-3188). Interpretive panels on the outside and contemporary artwork on the inside of the museum tell the story of young Freedom Riders who faced mob violence with nonviolence and courage in May 1961.

From the Freedom Rides Museum on Court Street, take the first left on Alabama Street; turn left onto S. Perry Street and then right on Dexter Avenue. Standing gallantly at the top of Dexter Avenue is the Alabama State Capitol (600 Dexter Ave., (334) 242-7800) building, where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office as president of the Confederacy in February 1861 and where civil rights activists ended the historic Selma to Montgomery march in 1965.

Adjacent to the State Capitol is the First White House of the Confederacy (644 Washington Ave., (334) 242-1861) where Jefferson Davis and his Family lived during the brief period when the capital of the Confederacy was in Montgomery. Go next door to the Alabama Department of Archives and History (624 Washington Ave., (334) 242-4364). Inside, the Museum of Alabama chronicles three phases in the state's history, including its Native American heritage, the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement.

Located a block west of the Capitol is the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church — the only church where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ever served as pastor (454 Dexter Ave., (334) 263-3970).

A block behind the church is the Civil Rights Memorial designed by renowned sculptor Maya Lin. Etched into a granite table overflowing with water are the names of 40 martyrs who died between 1954 and 1968 during the struggle for civil rights. Walk up the entrance at mid block to enter the Civil Rights Memorial Center (400 Washington Ave., (334) 956-8439) and learn more about this period in American history. The "Here I Stand" exhibits and videos chronicle important events that occurred downtown during the Civil Rights Movement.

Less than five minutes away is the Dexter Parsonage Museum (309 South Jackson Street, (334) 261-3270), where King and his wife, Coretta, lived from Sept. 1, 1954, until late 1959 when they moved to Atlanta.

Nearby is the 1853 Jackson Community House (409 S. Union St., (334) 221-1973) which has served many functions, including being home to Montgomery's first public library open to African Americans beginning in 1948.

Located a few minutes away from the Dexter Avenue Parsonage Museum is historic Alabama State University. The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture (915 S. Jackson St., (334) 229-4876)), located on the campus, documents the Civil Rights Movement and Montgomery's role in it.

Also on campus are two historic homes: the childhood home of singer Nat "King" Cole and the former home of civil rights pioneer Ralph David Abernathy.

Learn About Hank Williams and Old Alabama Town

While exploring downtown Montgomery, you'll also want to tour the Hank Williams Museum (118 Commerce St., (334) 262-3600), where you'll find the 1952 baby-blue Cadillac that the singer passed away in on Jan. 1, 1953, rare videos, photographs and more.

WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT, EMAIL JIM HUGHES WITH ALL THE DETAILS AT JHUGHES@ARMYFLIER.COM.

ANDALUSIA

ONGOING — The American Legion Post No. 80 regular meetings are the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegionpost80.

DALEVILLE

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

DOTHAN

SATURDAY — The Dothan Police Department hosts "National Night Out Dothan's Night Out" at the Dothan Civic Center on N. Saint Andrews Street from 3-9 p.m. Free and open to the public; the event features a variety of law enforcement and city demonstrations and adult/child entertainment.

SUNDAY — Tri-State Peachy Painters holds a painting class Sunday at the Houston County Farm Center from noon to 4 p.m. All painters welcome.

For more information, call (334) 803-4882 or email sandiemattingly@ aol.com.

WEDNESDAY — Wiregrass Museum of Art presents "Play in the Clay!" Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for children ages 5-9. For more information or to register, call 794-3871.

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

ENTERPRISE

NOW THROUGH AUG. 10 — Enterprise Recreation Center Pool hosts a swim camp prep course for children 5-12 years old Monday through Friday from 9-10 a.m. Pre-Registration is required. It is \$70 per child. For more information call, 472-0419.

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

ONGOING — The Boll Weevil Dance Club meets every Friday from 7-10 p.m. at the Enterprise "Jug" Brown Recreation Center. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 347-3381.

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 SATURDAY

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 contestwinning 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" runs until Saturday.

For more information, call 774-7145 or visit www.ruddartcenter.org.

WEDNESDAY — The Ozark Chamber of Commerce with the Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program resume writing workshop is 9-10:30 a.m. at the Ozark Chamber of Commerce. The workshop is free, but seating is limited. For more information or to schedule, call 774-9321.

WEDNESDAY — The Ozark-Dale County Public Library hosts free Wii Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens and adults are invited. For more information, call 774-5480.

AUG. 18 THROUGH SEPT. 28 —

The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities hosts the 12th annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition at the Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum. Entry fee for non-members is \$35 and \$30 for DCCAH members for the first entry. 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 Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Opening reception and award presentation is Aug. 18, 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.rud-dartcenter.org.

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

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

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ONGOING — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex. The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, finger foods, and refreshments. For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500

Beyond Briefs

Pier Park Summer Concert Series

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. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit pcbeach.org.

Mystery Dinner

Mobile Mystery Dinners are performed at Mobile's Carnival Museum at 6:30 p.m now through December.

Cost is \$55 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call (251) 479-3212.

Ghost Walk

Birmingham's Ghost Walk at Linn Park runs all year long Fridays at 8 p.m.; and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. For more information, call (205) 538-1853 or visit ghostmagick.com/ghost-walks.html.

Friday Fest

On the first Friday of the month now through November from 6 to 10 p.m. downtown Panama City on Harrison Avenue hosts a street fair with music and food. For more information visit, http://www.pcfridayfest.com.

All the King's Women Play

The Kaleidoscope Theatre, located on 24th Street in Lynn Haven, Fla, hosts a comedy about Elvis and his fans Aug. 10-26. Saturday shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday shows at 2 p.m.

For more information visit, www.kt-online.org.

Battle of Mobile Commemorative Day

On Saturday Dauphin Island presents "Battle of Mobile Commemorative Day" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 51 Bienville Blvd in Fort Gaines. The event is free.

For more information, call (251) 861-6992 or visit www.dauphinisland.org.

By Sara E. Martin Army Flier Staff Writer

A meet and greet with illusionist and mentalist Wayne Hoffman and Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, cadre and students from the NCO Academy and the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group went magically Friday at the academy.

Hoffman wanted to meet with Soldiers, not to promote sales, said Brian Jackson, the recreation delivery systems program manager for the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, but to provide a good time and a close encounter for Soldiers to enjoy.

"The Soldiers deserve it because they are working so hard with physical training and their regular duties, now they have a chance to have an hour of fun with a celebrity,"

Hoffman, who has been performing professionally for the past 15 years, gave a selected few a taste of his mental experiments by asking them to participate in a few stunts. He took two personally signed playing cards and fused them together, bent a quarter held inside a Soldiers hand and guessed the name of another Soldier's wife.

The meet and greet, called "roving," is a casual encounter between small groups of people where he entertains on a small scale, with no audio or visual effects.

Hoffman said that metaphysics has nothing to do with being an illusionist or a mentalist.

'What I do is purely based on psychology. It doesn't involve spirits, auras or Reiki. It's all based on science. Though I have studied those areas, everything I do is based on human behavior, hypnotism and psychology. Things you can study and learn."

He added that he had to practice and train to do what he does, that he didn't "wake up one day and realize [he]

The participants enjoyed what they experienced and many bought tickets for the full show after his performance. They were "sold" by Hoffman's personality and "awesome" stunts, said a few Soldiers.

"It was great. It's crazy. There is no way that he could have known someone's phone number ahead of time," said 1st Sgt. Gabriel Gonzalez, cadre at the NCO Academy, "It was ridiculously awesome."

Hoffman stated that his show has taken him all over the world and that he couldn't pick a favorite location, but said that "American college students seem to be the best audi-

Many Soldiers also said that they would see Hoffman if he performed again at Fort Rucker or at another base.

"I really liked the quarter trick. I would definitely see him at a different duty station. It was amazing. It was unbelievable. I'm just mind boggled. I am in shock," said Staff Sgt. George Lambert, NCOA cadre.

Hoffman, who is ranked as one of the top 10 mentalists in the world, said he has had many extraordinary experiences, even for him.

"On the radio once, a man called me saying that his bus had broken down while he was listening to my show. When I said "Things are going to happen, now," his bus



Wayne Hoffman successfully bends a quarter inside the hand of Sqt. 1st Class Shawn Redondo, a senior small group leader at the NCOA, during a performance on Friday.

quit on him. He said he had been sitting there for over 20 minutes trying to get it to start when he decided to call the studio. Well, he asked me if I could start it back up. When I told him to try it out on my mark, he did and it started right up," said Hoffman.

"On another day," he added, "during a live performance I had a girl think of her phone number. I often do a stunt where I call someone in the audience. I read their mind and call them and their phone will ring. This time I picked out a girl and read a phone number from her head, and when I dialed it, it began to ring over the phone, though her phone didn't ring. But, when the voicemail came on she started freaking out because it was actually her best friend's phone. Instead of getting the actual girl's number I had gotten her friend's. It was kinda weird because even I was surprised.'

Hoffman had two performances on Friday and Jackson said attendees could feel Hoffman's personality radiate off

"It feels really genuine when you're with him. He feels like one of your friends almost," said Jackson, adding that most participants enjoyed his fun, easygoing attitude.

Hoffman confirmed this when he explained that his favorite ability was reading a phone number out of a girl's mind because it helps him in his social life, as well as in his signature line, "Can I have that back? I'm on a budget."

Hoffman has been on NBC as well as the Ellen DeGeneres and Howard Stern shows.

"Before anything I am an entertainer. For what I do particularly, my skills are 50 percent entertainer and 50 percent technique. I have to do something amazing or I don't have a show, but you have to have both," Hoffman said.

The illusionist enjoyed his stay on base even though it was short. He remarked how southern hospitality was making a difference during his visit.

"Everyone is appreciating what I do. They are extremely nice and very accommodating. You can't ask for anything more than that," he said.

Hoffman has a Facebook page, an Internet site and even

"If you want your mind read as a reader you can go to waynehoffman.com and under For the Fans there is a link called 'interact' and vou can have your mind read over the computer." said Hoffman

Other Soldiers recognized the importance of those who played behind the scenes to get Hoffman here to Fort Rucker and appreciated their hard work.

"I liked everything. Everything," said Sgt. 1st Class Edgardo Hernandez NCOA cadre, who also bought a ticket. "I think MWR is providing a good service at a great

Jackson hoped that people would request to see Hoffman again and would provide comments so DFMWR could continue bringing performers to Fort Rucker that Soldiers and their Families will enjoy.

"It's nice to get feedback from the Rucker community so we know what people want to see and what kind of events they want to go to," said Jackson.

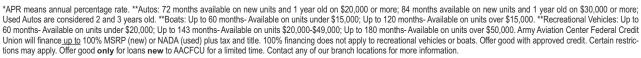
For more information on the mentalist and illusionist, visit waynehoffman.com.





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Panetta:

Program will help transitioning troops get jobs

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - A redesigned program for service members separating from the military will help veterans better apply the experience they've gained in uniform, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said.

President Barack Obama announced the revamped program, called "Transition GPS," in a speech July 23 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention in Reno,

"I applaud the leadership of President Obama to bring together government agencies around the goal of enhancing career opportunities for service members," Panetta said in a statement. "Our personnel have developed extraordinary technical expertise and world-class leadership skills that are in high demand. Transition GPS will help military members apply their experience to additional training, formal education, and develop successful civilian careers.

Transition GPS is the first major overhaul of the military's Transition Assistance Program in nearly 20 years, White House officials said. TAP was developed by an interagency team from the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Labor, Education and Homeland Security, as along with the Office of Personnel and Management and the Small Business Administration.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki said the redesign will better ensure that veterans today and in the future will receive the care and benefits they have earned.

"One of our fundamental responsibilities as a government is to properly prepare and support those serving in our military so they are career ready as they transition back into civilian life," he said. "This collaborative effort will have an impact well beyond this current generation of individuals returning from combat."

The redesign is being developed by the Veterans Employment Initiative Task Force created in August to help separating service members successfully transition to the civilian workforce, start a business or pursue higher educa-

TAP consisted of pre-separation counseling and a voluntary, three-day workshop from the departments of Labor, Defense and Veterans Affairs that was presented at selected military installations and attended by nearly half of the service members who separated from the services each year, White House officials said. Transition GPS is designed to strengthen, standardize and expand counseling and guidance for service members before leaving the military, and transform the military's approach to education, training and credentialing, they added.

Transition GPS is to be implemented throughout the military by the end of 2013.

It will:

- · extend the current three-day transition program to five to seven days;
- · offer individual assessment and counseling, including an individual transition plan;
- · include a five-day curriculum of financial planning, available veterans' benefits and services and a redesigned employment workshop;
- include a "Military Occupational Code Crosswalk" to translate military skills, training and experiences into civilian occupations and credentialing;
- include optional training specific to pursuing higher education, technical skills and training, or starting a
- · include a "capstone" event to verify that the participant is career-ready;
- · give a "warm handover" to appropriate government agencies and organizations for continued benefits, services and support of veterans; and
- · create a "Military Life Cycle Transition Model" to incorporate career readiness and transition preparation early into a service member's career





Pick-ofthe-litter

Meet Leo, a male kitten available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. He is sweet and friendly. It costs \$81 to adopt Leo and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, microchip and neutering. For more information on animal adoptions. call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's Facebook page at http:// www.facebook.com/ fortruckerstrayfacility/ for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.



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Luke James, player for the Pipelayers, hits the ball during an intramural softball game at the Fort Rucker softball fields Tuesday.

Pipelayers shut out Copperheads

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Recent storms caused some hiccups in the intramural softball post championship tournament, but it wasn't enough to stop teams from returning to the fields to compete for the title.

The B Company Pipelayers shutout the 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment Copperheads 20-0 Tuesday to send the Copperheads into the loser's bracket in the double elimination tournament

"I feel pretty good [about today's win]," said James Morter, pitcher for the Pipelayers. "We're getting warmed up in the tournament and getting into the action here. Everybody batted well today and everybody was feeling well, so we're going to keep that win streak going and see if we can't make a run deep into the tournament.'

The game started as the Copperheads took to the outfield to prepare for their opponents to take to the plate.

The Pipelayers started with an out during their first atbat, but followed it up with a base hit and an in-the-park home run that brought in two runs for the team to start the

They continued with more base hits to keep the pressure on their opponents early in the game, but were eventually sent to the dugout as a player hit a pop fly to center field for the third out.

The 13th Avn. Regt. team took to the plate and their first batter was able to keep the ball on the ground, but unable to beat the throw to first base.

Their follow-up player was able to get a base hit to give the team the opportunity to stay on the heels of their opponents, but the team quickly accumulated three outs as they weren't able to get through their opponent's defense.

The B Company team went back to the plate as aggressively as in the 1st inning and hit multiple base hits to fill the bases, which allowed them to bring in run after run. They steadily brought runs in throughout the inning to bring the score to 7-0 before getting sent back into the field.

The Copperheads had their work cut out for them as they took to the plate and the pressure built for the team to score some runs before the 10-run rule took effect. They managed a base hit but didn't bring in any runs to go into the 3rd inning down by 7 runs.

The Pipelayers went back up to bat determined to stretch their lead by keeping the ball on the ground, and despite a strikeout, their spirits remained high.

"We're not a real strong power hitting team, so we don't try to hit homeruns," said Morter. "If we can, we will, but we like to get on base and get runs that way."

During the inning, the B company team managed to almost triple their runs with their base-hit strategy, and even



A player for the Pipelayers rounds a base during an intramural softball game at the Fort Rucker softball fields Tuesday.

managed a home run that brought in 2 runs for the team. to win the tournament. By the time they were sent to the outfield, they led their opponents by 20 runs.

The pressure was on for the Copperheads going into the 3rd inning, but even more now that they were so far behind their opponents on the scoreboard. The Pipelayers defense proved to be too much for the team however, and they quickly accumulated three outs, which ended the game in the 3rd inning.

Morter said the win keeps him in high hopes for his team

"I feel pretty good [about it]," he said. "As long as flight school is generous to us all and our schedules allow us to play ... then we've got a good chance."

The Pipelayers won this year's midseason tournament and Billy Dart, player for the Pipelayers, said that the team is going to do it again for the post championship.

There is no doubt [that] we're going to win the tournament," he said. "It's going to be a repeat of the midseason tournament because we were awesome then too.'



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by Dave T. Phipps

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2. LANGUAGE: What kind of website is named for the Hawaiian word for "quick"?

3. ÉTIQUETTE: What is the traditional type of gift given on fifth wed-ding anniversaries?

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5. RELIGION: Who is the patron saint of sailors?

6. MUSIC: What does the musical direction "sostenuto" mean?

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8. INVENTIONS: Who invented the artificial heart?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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.

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WHAT'S UP! Hey there, owl, go hoot somewhere else. And what other creature is stirring? Connect dots to find out. ALL THUMBS! Close your eyes. Hold hands at eye level, about a foot apart. Point thumbs at each other. Now, bring hands together slowly so that thumbs touch tip to tip. Remember, you must do this with eyes closed.

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Warriors worldwide come to Fort Hood for combatives championship

By Staff Sgt. Julius Clayton 14th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT HOOD, Texas — "Let's get ready to rumble," bellowed Brig. Gen. Dean Milner, III Corps and Fort Hood, deputy commanding general (Canada).

And with that statement, the 2012 U.S. Army Combatives Championship got under way at the Abrams Physical Fitness Cen-

The preliminary bouts, featuring Soldiers and Airmen from 28 teams hailing from posts as close as Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to as far away as Japan, kicked off the championship.

The team from Japan is a unique presence competing at this Army competition because it is a joint team comprised of Soldiers and Airmen from different posts throughout Japan.

"It is a really big deal and a huge honor that the Army brought us out here to compete," said Tech. Sgt. David Turner of the 353rd Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, and captain of Team

"Being able to go along with our sister service and train with the Soldiers; all it does is enhance the esprit de corps for both the branches when we come together as one team," said Turner.

Along with its unique composition, Team Japan also had to endure an extended travel time just to make the tournament.

"It was about a 30-hour trip altogether from Japan here to Texas," said Capt. Joseph Proctor, Operations officer, U.S. Army Japan.

Proctor was the lone representative from Japan at last year's tournament and Team Japan sent a partial team in 2010.

"Our goals here are to finish among the top 50 percent of teams and show pride in our units and commands," said Proctor.

This is the second consecutive year the Great Place has hosted the championship after the III Corps Combatives team retained the title during last year's competition.

The tournament features eight weight classes, from bantamweight at 110 pounds and under (for males) to heavyweight at 205 pounds and over (for males). Females are given a 12 percent weight advantage in each weight

The winners of each weight class will be awarded a champi-



Spc. Duane Sharp, Team Japan, fights off Sgt. Adam Minette, Team Minnesota National Guard, during a preliminary bout for the U.S. Army Combatives Championship at Fort Hood, Texas, July 26. The event attracted 319 competitors from 28 Army posts across the world

onship belt. The team that accumulates the most points throughout the tournament will earn an engraved marker on the United States Army Championship Combatives Tournament Staff Sgt. Pedro Lacerda Cup.

A change implemented to this year's competition caused the number fighter's to decrease from 410 last year to 319 at this year's championship.

"The U.S. Army Combatives School at Fort Benning (Ga.) changed the registration process this year, so as to allow only one team per post," said Kristopher Perkins, Combatives director, III Corps. "That really lessened the amount competitors this year and allowed us to use a different format."

The format change involved having one weight class go completely through their bracket instead of just doing first round of each weight class.

"It really makes the Soldiers come here fit because they grapple back-to-back, said Perkins, 'those in the best physical condition are going to have a distinct advantage."

Perkins also has seen the competition get better year-afteryear, and he believes that the increased level of competition has been fostered by the emphasis that commanders have placed on combatives programs across the

Before the championship started, an opening ceremony was held to welcome the competitors, give an invocation and have the national anthem performed.

They were also welcomed to the Great Place by Milner.

Milner then congratulated the competitors for being the epitome of the Warrior Ethos with the strength and confidence they have shown in getting to this championship.

The fighters will compete under basic combatives rules during the preliminary bouts on day one, progress to intermediate rules on day two during the semifinal stages, and finalists will fight using advanced rules on the final day of the championship.

Semifinal matches were held Friday. Championship and third place consolation bouts were held



Staff Sgt. Nelson Moody, Korea, and Pvt. Christian Nelson, 5th Special Forces Group, grapple on the mat during preliminary rounds in the flyweight class during the 2012 U.S. Army Combatives Championship July 26 at Fort Hood, Texas. Nelson won the match and moved onto the next round.

Weekly SUDOKU —

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DiRT Showdown tailored for online play

Contributing Writer

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

If you don't want to play "DiRT Showdown" online then don't turn the keys to the ignition for this game.

It wants gamers to talk about it on Twitter, post You-Tube videos and play online to make sure your friends know what you're up to. If you don't do any of that stuff, the game won't stop pestering you until you do what it wants. So if you just want to race and leave the online world alone, then stay away from this game.

The game looks and sounds good. The cars and trucks are nicely detailed and the soundtrack and sound effects are nearly ideal. However, the commentary may be the worst ever. It tries to be funny, but ends up nearly destroying the English language with barrage after barrage of nonsense. Even worse? The game won't let you turn it

FLAG FOOTBALL COACHES MEETING

off. You have to mute the TV.

The actual gameplay is only slightly better. The driving has been simplified compared to previous DiRT games and the game tracks are repetitive and mostly boring. It doesn't take long to wonder if half the game wasn't cut at the last minute. Even the extra modes - fun in DiRT - feel like they've been watered down. Gamers would be better off buying a used copy of DiRT 3 to have fun doing some multi-car circuit racing. Even the Destruction Derbies feel like they've been developed for a handheld or something that can't handle what the Xbox 360 and

The multiplayer — where the game desperately wants you to go anyway — is fun for a bit, but it doesn't last. It's annoying at times and the number and type of courses isn't better than the single-player game.

Do yourself a favor and leave "DiRT Showdown" in

Reviewed on Xbox 360



Publisher Codemasters Rated Everyone Systems Xbox306, PS3 Cost \$60 Overall 2 out of 4

People interested in coaching an intramural flag football should attend the coaches meeting Aug. 14 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility gymnasium. Attendance is required to be a coach. The preseason will begin Sept. 10. For more, call 255-2393.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES MEETING

People interested in coaching a men's or women's intramural volleyball team should attend the coaches meeting Aug. 21 at 9 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility gymnasium. Attendance is required to be a coach. Preseason will begin Sept. 17. For more, call 255-2393.

STRIKE OUT SUICIDE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

In observance of National Suicide Prevention Month, Rucker Lanes will host a bowling tournament Sept. 6, 13 and 20. People can form four-person teams, select a time to bowl and go to Rucker Lanes for a special "Lunch & Bowl" price from \$6-\$8.50, depending on food choice. The tournament awards luncheon will be held Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teams must register with Rucker Lanes no later than Aug. 30. Available "Lunch & Bowl" times are 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. This event is open to all Soldiers, Family members, Army civilians and retirees

For more information or to register, call 255-7509.

SWING FORE LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT

In observance of National Suicide Prevention Month, Silver Wings Golf Course will host a Swing Fore Life tournament Sept. 7. Teams consist of four players using a Scramble format with a yellow ball twist. Registration and "Grab & Go" breakfast will take place from 7-8:15 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. tee time. The cost for the event is \$55 per player and members of Silver Wings Golf course will receive a \$10 discount. This fee includes green fees, practice balls, a cart, one mulligan, breakfast, lunch and a pass for a free round of golf. Prizes will be awarded based on participation. This **EVENT IS OPEN** to all Soldiers, Family members, Army civilians and retirees.

For more information or to register, call 255-7509.

ENTERPRISE BASEBALL

Enterprise's semi-pro baseball team is in need of players. People interested in joining the team should call Joe Jackson at 347-4275 or

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