People should turn their clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.



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RAD honors, assists local retirees



Mary Rutkowski, retired military, receives a flu shot from Jan Pridgen, allergy immunization nurse at Lyster Army Health Clinic, during the 38th annual Retiree Health and Information Fair at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility Friday.

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Retirees from all over came by the hundreds to take advantage of the services and information provided

by Fort Rucker during Retiree Appreciation Day Friday. The day consisted of a Health and Information Fair at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility, a salute at the post exchange, and a social hour

and dinner at The Landing. Fifty seven vendors were set up at the physical fitness facility where they showcased the different services they had to offer to retirees, according to Jeff Adkins, health promotion coordinator for Lyster Army Health Clinic.

"This is our 38th annual Retiree Health Fair and it's the biggest one we've had so far," he said. "There

come and see to get information on anything that they need. There are even finance companies that they can talk to."

The health fair was also an opportunity for some to get a body weight assessment or even get their

"The main reason that I came out today was to get my flu shot, but I didn't think that this was going to be such a huge event," said Barry Coven, military retiree. "This is amazing that people like me can come out and see all of the different services that are offered on top of getting a

Isaac McCray, who is also retired military, attended the event and had his weight assessment done while he was at the health fair.

"They did a weight assessment on

are vendors here for the retirees to me and checked my body fat mass because it's always good to see where you're at [in terms of health]," he said. "I also wanted to come because I've participated in some civilian health fair programs and I've worked with these people, and I wanted to see how everything has been maintained since I retired."

The health fair is also a reminder for a lot of retirees to maintain a healthy lifestyle and check to see what benefits are offered to them.

"This is a good thing because a lot of these retirees don't know what their benefits are," said Adkins. "For some, it's been a long time since they retired and they might have forgotten what benefits they have, or for others they might just not have access to the Internet or a military

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Richard Greybull and Donald Miller post the colors at a previous Native American Heritage Celebration. This year's event is Friday and Saturday at the post exchange

Native American Heritage event educates, entertains

By Sara E. Martin Army Flier Staff Writer

The diversity of the Army will take center stage Friday and Saturday when Fort Rucker celebrates Native American Heritage Month at the Main Exchange.

The celebration is a partnership between the main exchange and the Fort Rucker Equal Opportunity Office, according to Susie Antonello, Fort Rucker's Army and Air Force Exchange Service's visual merchandiser man-

"We are proud to present a Native American exhibit to

our shoppers. Tribal dances, music, historical displays, vendors and much more will be right here for our custom-

ers to come out and experience," she said. days, though on Friday authentic Native American food will be served at the exchange.

"On Friday we will have food samplings from various Native American tribes. Several local tribe members have volunteered to cook the samplings," said Antonello.

Both days will have drum group and tribal dance performances, exhibits, displays and vendors, but Saturday will have special events catered to children.

"The event will be filled with music and dancing showcasing Native American culture. Saturday there will be several craft stations and activities just for children. The The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both drum group and dancers will also do the 'Candy Dance', which is a Native American social dance just for them. It is a fun learning environment for the young ones," she

> Though the event is geared towards spreading cultural awareness and acceptance, it will also honor the contributions of Native Americans to the U.S. military

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Holiday programs help post Families in need

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker takes care of its own with programs to help Families of Soldiers and civilians in need throughout the holiday season.

The Holiday Food Program along with the Fort Rucker Food Locker and the Angel Tree Program are ways that Fort Rucker helps Families on the installation, and so far 198 Families, civilian and military, have been chosen to receive assistance, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Buford E. Noland, garrison command sergeant

These programs have been going

on throughout the Army for a number of years now and I've been lucky enough to be involved in them at various installations," said Noland. "[The Holiday Food Program] is one of my favorite programs to be involved in, because you're helping your own Soldiers and civilians right here at Fort Rucker. We often hear about the needs around the world, and those needs are critical, but this is our opportunity during the holidays to help our own right here on the installation."

The Holiday Food Program gives food baskets from the food locker to Families that have been nominated by the chain of command in their organization or unit to receive assistance

they cannot be nominated by just anyone in the general public, according to Mimi Brooks, Holiday Food Program

project manager. We have 198 submissions for the Thanksgiving food baskets, which includes both military and civilian Families, but the deadline for Thanksgiving submissions has passed," said Brooks, "However, submissions can still be made for the Christmas food basket until Nov. 26, but those nominations must come from the chain of

Military members that are selected for the program will also receive a gift

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Staff Sgt. Laura Hodiwala, and 1st Sgt. Argelio Rodriguez, both of 1st Aviation Brigade, sort through donated canned goods at the Fort Rucker Food Locker before last year's Holiday Food Program.

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PERSPECTIVE

Legal office: Debt collectors and you

Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

So, you're behind on some bills. You had a run of bad luck, but you're trying to get back on your feet. Suddenly, your phone starts ringing like the geyser, Old Faithful, every hour on the hour from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. - it's the debt collectors calling!

So, what should you do?

First, you need to understand what the Federal Trade Commission is and what it does. The FTC is the nation's consumer protection agency. Among other things, the FTC enforces the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. This act prohibits debt collectors from being abusive, deceptive and unfair.

Next, you need to understand who is a debt collector. Well, it's the guy that keeps calling your house every hour on the hour, right? Under the FDCPA, someone who regularly collects debts owed to others is a debt collector. That ing debts owed are debt collectors

So, now you're sure the person calling you is a debt collector. You have choices. One option is to talk to the collector and try to reach an agreement. If the debt collector has his facts wrong, you might want to explain your side of the story. Maybe you aren't responsible for the debt and you want the collector to understand why you're not responsible. Should your conversation "go south" with the debt collector, then maybe it's time to send a letter ordering the collector to stop contacting you.

When you send a letter ordering the debt collector to stop calling you, make sure to keep a copy of the letter. Also, send the original letter by certified mail with return receipt. That way you can prove the debt collector received the letter.

The debt collector may still contact you to inform you that they are taking a specific action, such as a lawsuit. The letter will stop the phone calls and hassle, but the debt collector may still sue you in court for money you owe.

friends and coworkers. The collectors may only contact other people, generally just once, and that is solely for the purpose of finding out your address and telephone number. They should not share information about your alleged debt with anyone besides you.

It's also important to know that debt collectors are prohibited from threatening violence or harm, using profane language, falsely claiming that you have committed a crime, threatening you with arrest, depositing a post-dated check early and sending you anything that looks like an official court document if it really isn't a court docu-

If the debt collector is inappropriate when contacting you or people you know, make a report to the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov) and to your state attorney general's office (www.naag.org).

Finally, always feel free to come over to our office in Bldg. 5700 on the third floor and talk with one of the legal assistance attorneys. We're here to help you.

Need help? Support a call or click away

Soldiers Magazine Press Release

If you're a service member in crisis, or know someone who is, confidential support is only a phone call, click or text away.

The Military Crisis Line is staffed by caring, qualified responders from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, many of whom have served in the military themselves. They understand what service members have been through and the challenges members of the military and their loved ones face.

The Military Crisis Line, online chat and text services are free to all service members, including members of the National Guard, Reserve and veterans, even if you are not registered with the VA or enrolled in VA health care. Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255



Hundreds of men and women in the military call us every day, and start to get back on track.

Crisis feels different for everybody and can be associated with a wide range of situations.

Some service members are coping with stress, anxiety, PTSD or other effects stemming from their military service. Many have sion, sleeplessness, anger or difficulty with their relationships or with the transition back to ci- your tour — a Military Crisis

Whatever's got you down chronic pain, anxiety, depreseven disturbing memories of

Line responder can provide support, day or night. (Information courtesy of the Military Crisis Line website.)

To learn more, visit http:// www.militarycrisisline.net.

Rofor

Army Community Service offers Financial Readiness Training Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 28. What steps can Soldiers and Families take to remain fiscally sound?



David Still, C Co., 1st Bn., 135th Avn. Regt.

"Watch what you're spending."



Nicole Adams. Army spouse

"Look for things that are



Kyle Ward, Post exchange employee

"Buy in bulk and try to buy before the sales, because that is when everyone goes shopping and you don't get what you want to buy.'



Capt. Matt Malkowsai, A Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"Go talk to Army Community Service and don't



2nd Lt. Mark Hull, B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"Don't spend more than you earn and set a budget that you can follow.

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- · Have the courage to ask the question, but stay
- · Ask the question directly. For example, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

Care for your buddy

· Remove any means that could be used for self-

- Calmly control the situation, do not use force.
- · Actively listen to produce relief.

□scort your buddy

- · Never leave your buddy alone.
- · Escort to the chain of command, a chaplain, a behavioral health professional or a primary care provider.

Fort Rucker honors 13 retirees during ceremony

By Jim Hughes

Command Information Officer

A standing room-only crowd turned out to thank and honor 13 Soldiers and civilians upon their retirement from service to their country during a ceremony Friday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

The 11 Soldiers and two civilians represented 192 years of commissioned and warrant officer experience, 76 years of enlisted experience and 53 years of civil service experience for a total of 321 years of service to the country, according to Col. Kevin J. Christensen, 110th Aviation Brigade commander and host of the ceremony.

Christensen also called attention to the retirees' Families, who made all that service possible, offering thanks from a grateful Army and nation along with some thoughts on the days ahead.

While we focus on your successful completion of service, it certainly is not the end," he said. "You can be proud of the legacies of your accomplishments that will continue long after your departure. Every time you see a Soldier, you will be witnessing your contribution to the Army continuing on.

"Along the way, each of you made significant contributions to a variety of organizations to make the Army more capable. Simply put, we are a better and more powerful Army today as a result of your hard work, effort and dedication to duty," Christensen added. "The battle's you fought, the challenges you overcame ... the special people you helped and mentored along the way will continue to serve proudly, just as you did. Again, congratulations on the successful completion of your distinguished careers and know that our Army and our nation appreciate all that you've accomplished."

Col. Jimmy L. Meacham

Meacham entered the military in June of 1984. During his career he served overseas in Germany, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, including multiple combat tours in support of operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was the outstanding and consistent support he received from his Family, and the Soldiers and civilians he had the privilege to work with. He and his wife, Syndee, plan to reside in Ozark.

Maj. Henry H. Washington III

Washington entered the military in January of 1988. During his career he served overseas in Germany, Bosnia Herzegovina, Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq. He served multiple combat tours in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was serving as commander of the Criminal Investigation Detachment while stationed in Korea, and bringing all his Soldiers back alive and well while serving as the military police operations officer. He plans to reside in Orlando.

CW4 Tony Davila

Davila entered the military in December of 1986. During his career he served overseas in Germany, Korea and Iraq. He served in combat in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was becoming



Retirees CW4 Tony Davila, CW4 Reginald L. Rorie, Sgt. Maj. John P. Hendricks Jr., Maj. Henry H. Washington III, Lola M. Smith and Maryian E. Liopis just before the post quarterly retirement ceremony Friday at the U.S. Army Museum



Retirees Col. Jimmy L. Meacham, CW4 John A. Cappadoro, 1st Sgt. Albert E. Kaufmann, CW4 Robert M. Irvin, CW3 Michael J. Christianson and CW4 Stanley A. Turnage just before the post quarterly retirement ceremony Friday at the U.S. Army Museum.

an Army Aviator. He and his wife, Donna, plan to reside in Enter-

CW4 Reginald L. Rorie

Rorie entered the military in September of 1987. During his career he served overseas in Korea and Afghanistan. He served multiple combat tours in support of operations Desert Storm, Provide Comfort and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was rescuing fallen heroes and fellow Soldiers in combat as a medevac pilot, and the unwavering love, commitment and support he received from his wife, Jennifer, during his career. The couple plans to reside in Enterprise.

CW4 Robert M. Irvin

Irvin entered the military in June of 1988. During his career he served overseas in Germany. Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. He served multiple combat tours in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was his selection to become a warrant officer and serving his country, but mainly meeting his wife, Jasmine, who gave them two beautiful children, whom all have endured his multiple deployments and his time away to carry out the Army mission. The couple plans to reside in Enterprise.

CW4 Stanley A. Turnage

Turnage entered the military in January of 1989. During his career he served overseas in Korea and Iraq. He served in combat in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was serving as the battalion flight lead during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. He and his wife, Meloney, plan to reside in Enter-

CW4 John A. Cappadoro

Cappadoro entered the military in October of 1992. During his career he served overseas in Honduras, Egypt, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. He served multiple combat tours in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his friend and battle buddy, Gloria, career was not only serving his country, but mainly meeting his wife, Dana, who gave them three beautiful children, whom have all endured his multiple deployments and his time away to carry out the Army mission. His Family gave him the strength he needed to get through it and return home safely. The couple plans to reside in En-

CW3 Michael J. Christianson

Christianson entered the military in December of 1992. During his career he served overseas in Hawaii, Iraq and Afghanistan.

He served multiple combat tours in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was deploying to Afghanistan as a platoon sergeant with battle-hardened paratroopers. He and his wife, Jacqueline, plan to reside in

Sgt. Maj. John P. Hendricks Jr.

Hendricks entered the military in August of 1985. During his career he served overseas in Germany, Thailand, Panama, Honduras, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Afghanistan. He served multiple combat tours in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He said the highlight of his career was marrying his best and serving as a first sergeant in combat. The couple plans to reside in Daleville.

1st Sgt. Albert E. Kaufmann

Kaufmann entered the military in November of 1983. During his career he served overseas in Germany and Korea. He said the highlight of his career was helping and leading Soldiers, and entertaining the troops, their Families and civilians - along with performing for President George Bush, President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush. He and his wife, Colleen, plan to reside in Hoschton, Ga.

Staff Sgt. Dwavne T. Williams

Williams entered the military in August of 1992. During his career he served overseas in Germany, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kosovo, Korea and Iraq. He said the highlight of his career was meeting his beautiful wife, Joy, serving his country, and earning degrees in criminal justice and homeland security. He and his wife plan to reside in Purvis, Miss.

Marvian E. Llopis

Llopis entered civil service in March of 1979. She said the highlights of her career were the successful completion of the comptroller intern program, graduating from the Army Management Staff College, and serving the Soldiers, Family members and civilians of the Fort Rucker community in the inspector general's office for the last 20 years. She is married to retired Sgt. Maj. George J. Llopis III. They plan to reside in Ozark.

Lola M. Smith

Smith entered civil service in August of 1987. She said the highlight of her career was ensuring that all the civilian benefits and pay were taken care of in a timely manner. She and her husband, Jeffrey, plan to reside in

CFC update

The Fort Rucker Combined Federal Campaign has raised \$817,075 as of Friday. The amount raised is 71 percent of the campaign's goal of \$1.15 million. To find out more or to give to the CFC, visit http://www.heartofalabamacfc.org/. The campaign ends Nov. 9.

Veterans Day

Fort Rucker hosts its Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 9 at 3:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, in front of the museum near the Daleville Gate. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony as the post pays tribute the nation's vet-

Lyster organizational day

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close Nov. 9 from noon to 4:15 for its organizational day. Lyster will reopen Nov. 13 at 7:30 a.m., the day after Veterans Day.

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice.

College exam procedures change

Army education centers in the continental U.S. are no longer authorized to proctor college examinations.

Students must contact their college testing department for other proctor options, or contact the Fort Rucker Education Center at 255-2925 for more infor-

Employer Day

The Fort Rucker Army Career and Alumni Program Center hosts Waffle House, IAP Worldwide Services and Upper Limit Aviation for an Employer Day Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 5700 in the second-floor break room. The event is open to active-duty military, retirees, veterans and their spouses. ACAP invites people to network with the employers. reminding people it's never too early to network. For more, call 255-3932.

E-cycling drive returns to post Nov. 15

By Nathan PfauArmy Flier Staff Writer

Recycling may take a little more effort than taking out the trash, especially when it comes to outdated electronics, but the Fort Rucker E-cycling Drive is designed to make it easier for people to recycle their old, unwanted electronics

This year's drive will be Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new Recycling Center on 3rd Avenue and Minute Man Street, but there will also be a drop-off point at the post exchange, said Colleen Quinlan, hazardous waste program manager for the Directorate of Public Works.

"The new recycling center is huge and that is where the main drop off point will be,"Quinlan. "People can drive through the building with whatever vehicle they have and we can unload it right into the truck from there.

"It can be a hassle to recycle electronics, and lot of times people don't want to go through the trouble, but this event will just make it easier for them," she said. "It's also open to the public, so people that live in [the surrounding communities] are welcome to come drop off their old electronics as well."

Last year's event collected almost 12,000 pounds of electronic equipment and material, but Quin-



COURTESY PHOTO

Directorate of Public Works employees bundle up some electronics that were dropped off at the Recycling Center on Fort Rucker during last years e-cycling event. Last year's event collected almost 12,000 pounds of electronic waste. This year's event is Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the recycling center.

lan said she hopes to surpass that number during this year's event.

"Since last year's e-cycling event was such a great success, we realized that there is a pretty big need for it," she said. "I don't think a lot of people know what to do with their [old unused electronic equipment], so I think this event can help out a lot to keep a good bit of this stuff out of landfills."

Some of the things that people can bring are computers and monitors, printers, cables, stereo equipment, video equipment, TVs, cameras, calculators, circuit boards, fax machines and copiers. People can also bring old cell phones, but those will be donated to the Cell Phones for Soldiers program.

Old batteries, from watch batteries to car batteries, will also be

accepted during this year's drive, said Quinlan, adding that people can drop batteries off at the recycling center year round.

Quinlan said that refrigerators and microwaves are the only two items that will not be accepted, but if people have any questions about items that they want to bring, they can call 255-0468.

The drive is also a way to help people do the responsible thing,

she said

"Recycling in general is so important," said Quinlan. "Eventually we're going to run out of room to put all of our waste, and it's going to be a problem in the

Space isn't the only issue when it comes to managing waste, especially when it comes to electronic waste, she said.

"With electronics, when they go into landfills, you have to deal with things like metals leaching out into the ground from things like cadmium, lead or mercury," said the program manager. "It can also leak into the ground water, and if it's incinerated, it can even get into the air that we breath. Recycling this material just helps everyone."

The actual recycling process that all the material collected will go through is a two-step process, said Ouinlan.

"If the electronics that people bring in can be refurbished, then they will try to do that," she said. "If they can't refurbish something, they will completely take it apart and try to salvage any parts from it that they can: wires, plastics or other metals. There is generally very little waste – maybe 1 percent waste from everything that is recycled, but everything that can be recycled, will be."

For more information, call 255-0468.

K9 demonstration tops off Red Ribbon Week

By Nathan PfauArmy Flier Staff Writer

Police officers came by the Fort Rucker Primary School and taught students an important lesson and offered a unique way for them to learn about the dangers of drug use.

Soldiers of the 906th Military Police Military Working Dog Detachment visited Fort Rucker Primary School Monday for Safety Day to give the students a demonstration, according to Staff Sgt. Ryan M. Hastings, explosive dog handler.

"We wanted to come out for Safety Week and give a demonstration for the students to let them see what our capabilities are," said Hastings. "We want to let [the children] know that we're out here on Fort Rucker, and show them what we do and why we do it."

During the demonstration, Soldiers of the military working dog detachment showed the students how the dogs search for narcotics or explosives, as well as how they get the dog to chase a perpetrator.

Hastings explained to the children how they train the dogs to sniff for drugs and said that for the dogs, they try to make it a game. If they can find the scent that they want them to, they will give them a treat or a toy, and the dog is always trying to get that treat or toy, he said.

"The children like to watch the dogs play hideand-seek and try to find the narcotics, and they love to watch them chase down and bite the bad guy," said Hastings.

Although the main focus of the demonstration was to teach students about drug awareness, Hastings said that it's also to get students familiar with police officers and for them to know that they are here to help.

"We want them to feel comfortable and confident that they can come up to a police officer if they have an issue with something," he said. "We want to take the fear or stigma [that children have] away from police officers."

It was also an opportunity for the police officers to teach the students about the military police dogs on the installation, and the type of dogs that they are.

"We wanted the police officers to come to explain



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Wyatt Moore, first grader at Fort Rucker Primary School, pets one of the military working dogs as he talks with Sgt. Jason Lorraine, 906th Military Police Military Working Dog Detachment, during a Safety Day event at the Fort Rucker Primary School Monday.

to the [students] about what the dogs actually do," said Sylvia Thornton, music teacher and publicity person for Fort Rucker Primary School. "It's important for them to know the type of dog that the police are working with, and for them to know that they are not pets but working dogs here to help them. We're very excited to have them here, even I didn't know what they were going to do and I was excited to see it."

Throughout Safety Day, the students have been learning a lot about fire safety and general safety

to the [students] about what the dogs actually do," said Sylvia Thornton, music Red Ribbon Week.

"This is a culmination activity for drug awareness – Red Ribbon Week," said Rene Hammond, guidance counselor for Fort Rucker Primary School. "We've presented several classes throughout the week about drug awareness on what they should and should not do, and what they should be aware of."

Throughout the week, students and teachers wore red shirts and red ribbons to symbolize a drug-free lifestyle, and educating at a

young age is key, according

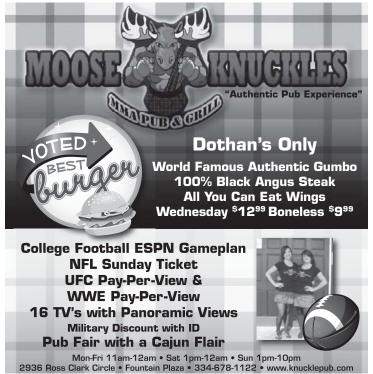
to Hastings.

"If we teach them early on about [drug awareness and that the police are here to help], when they get older, not only will they not have issues with police officers, but hopefully they won't have any runins with them either," he said. "It's just important to have them learn about it at a young age."









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base to stay current.

"When they come to one of our events, there are people here that they can talk to and get information about whatever it is that they have questions on," he said. "We're trying to educate as much as we can, give them the information they need and hopefully make their lives

Although improving their quality of life through the health fair is one way to better their lives, it's not the only way, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service handing out coupons." showed its appreciation to retirees with its salute at the

"As a part of the Retiree Appreciation Day weekend, the [post exchange] gave a salute to our former Soldiers by offering unique specials, coupons, gift bags and a giveaway that included 40-inc LCD TV and home theater system," said Susie Antonello, visual merchandiser for the Fort Rucker AAFES. "We also supported the Retiree Health Fair by providing information on future events at the post exchange, answering questions and

Retirees make up almost 19 percent of the 12.4 million people who shop at the AAFES, according to Antonello, and the event and festivities provide an incentive for retirees to take advantage of how much they can save.

"Every time retirees choose to shop at the post exchange, they provide needed support for Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs," she said. "[We] acknowledge that connecting with our military retirees is critical in building lifelong relationships

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and the country as a whole, said Sgt. 1st Class Mackie J. Slate, tenant units equal opportunity adviser.

We want to provide a different way for people to learn about the different cultures in our Army, but we can't forget what the Native Americans have done for us. The Native Americans throughout history fought for our country," he said. "They taught the first settlers how to survive and war tactics, they were involved in the war of 1812, the Civil War and every war since. They have continued to serve this country with courage and honor, and even fought in both World Wars, though they were not granted citizenship until 1924."

Being an Aviation training base, most people in the community realize that

Army helicopters are named after Native American tribes, a topic Slate said should be close to every pilot's heart.

"The U.S. Army Aviation began in Fort Sill, Okla, prior to moving to Fort Rucker. and Fort Sill is located near many Native American reservations. So, in honor of the location, [officials] decided to name helicopters after the various Indian tribes," he said, adding that Fort Huachuca, Ariz., is also named after a tribe.

In World War II Native Americans again demonstrated their military strength with the Navajo Code Talkers.

"One of the greatest contributions of the Native American culture is their use of the Navajo language to use as code. It was so unbreakable that even a Navajo on a different team could not crake the code because each team used different words to

represent different English words because it has no alphabet or symbols," said Slate, adding that Choctaw was used less extensively in WWI.

"So, by celebrating diversity and being aware of the diversity that makes up the military, people will have a better understanding of everyone and give them the information to help them recognize the importance of each other's contributions,"

Slate said it is important to not get caught up in just watching the dances, but to take in the educational information that will be provided, and Antonello agreed.

"It is important to celebrate the heritage, history, art and traditions of those who shaped the history of our country,' she said.

Tribes from the local community, in-

cluding Choctaw, Cherokee and Lakota will be spreading cultural awareness by participating in the event.

'We are collaborating with local tribe members of the MaChis Lower Creek, Dakota, Cherokee and members of other local tribes in providing an authentic learning experience. This is a spiritually uplifting event; the culture is very intriguing and moving. The impressive drummers and dancers last year moved everyone emotionally and spiritually and we plan to capture the same learning experience with this year's event," said Antonello.

"If you have a bunch of crayons that are all the same color you can still draw a picture, but if you have several colors you can create a masterpiece," said Slate, explaining that diversity is a major factor in the military's problem solving success.

Programs: Food Locker also accepts monetary donations

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certificate for the commissary on post, and the civilian members selected will receive a gift certificate to Grocery Outlet that they can use in Daleville, Enterprise or Ozark.

Brooks said that 198 Families that were chosen for the Thanksgiving food baskets will automatically receive Christmas food baskets as well and do not need to be submitted for nomination

Although Families can only be submitted through their chain of command, people can still get need by donating or volunteering at the Fort Rucker Food Locker, said Noland.

"People can make sure that these [Families in need] have a decent meal for the holidays by getting involved and donating," he said.

The people that are involved with the Fort Rucker Food Locker are all volunteers, so the organization depends on volunteers to continue to run and provide this service to those in need, according to Staff Sgt. Laura Hodiwala, 1st Aviation Brigade.

"Most of our volunteers come

involved and help out Families in from the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts of America, or Family members," she said. "Last year we had a really great turnout [of volunteers for the Holiday Food Drive]. Our sergeant major got involved and we had at least two at 255-2341. people from every unit in the battalion come out and help."

> The Food Locker needs help during the food program to assemble the food baskets, put the food together, and label and separate food, but Hodiwala said the need for volunteers is year round.

"It doesn't have to be just for the holiday season - we need volunteers all year," she said.

"There's always inventory to do and food has to get sorted."

People can also donate money as well as food to the food locker or the Holiday Food Program gift certificates by contacting Brooks

If a Family was not submitted for the Holiday Food Program but needs assistance, Army Community Service has programs like the emergency food program, which is a voucher for the commissary, or they can still be referred to the food locker by means of ACS, or directly through their chain of command, said Brooks.

Active-duty Soldiers can also

get food assistance through Army Emergency Relief as long as they go through their command first, she added.

"What we want to do is help people, and what we're asking is for people to get involved in their community here on Fort Rucker," said Noland. "Donate some canned goods or volunteer down at the food locker. It's important and it's really what this season is about.

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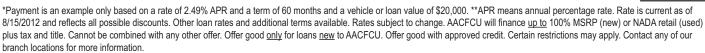
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Brothers, Soldiers reunite downrange

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Capt. Kenneth Anderson, personnel officer in charge, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Lightning Horse, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, is reunited with his older brother, 1st Lt. Robert Anderson, key engagement officer for the deputy commanding general of maneuvers, 3rd Infantry Division, at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Oct. 18.

By Sgt. Daniel Schroeder 25th CAB Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - For most Families, Family reunions are a preplanned event to allow Family members to come together and catch up on the

With frequent travel and deployments, military members have a harder time making it to their Family reunions. On the other hand, being in the military sometimes creates unique opportunities for Families to

This was the case for Capt. Ken Anderson, personnel officer-in-charge for 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Task Force Lightning Horse, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, when he recently came across his own type of a Family reunion when he met up with his brother in Afghanistan.

"I am thankful for this exquisite opportunity every day," said Ken Anderson, a native of Tampa, Fla. "His initial arrival was special to me because he was able to pin me during my promotion to captain. Since we

both were selected for captain at the same time, I will get the opportunity to return the favor to him before I leave here."

Ken Anderson was reunited with one of his older brothers, 1st Lt. Robert Anderson, the key leader engagement officer for the deputy commanding general-maneuver, 3rd Infantry Division and Regional Command-South, also a native of Tampa, Fla.

"It was very interesting to introduce him to the Soldiers in my workplace and vice versa," stated Ken Anderson. "Everyone was very interested to meet him.

In a way, their reunion could actually be considered planned. The situation came about when Ken Anderson went on his rest and relaxation leave period to the southeast corner of the United States, to visit Family and his brother. Robert Anderson was stationed at Fort Stewart with a nondeploying unit. They talked about 3rd ID's upcoming deployment to Afghanistan, the opportunity of transferring to a deploying unit, and decided that Robert Anderson

SEE REUNION, PAGE B4



Army paratroopers assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division load onto a C-17 Globermaster III during Large Package Week that happens in conjunction with Joint Operational Access Exercise, Fort Bragg, N.C., Oct. 11. LPW is an exercise that utilizes several Air Force aircraft to strategically airdrop troops and cargo.

Eagle Express: Team of junior leaders making it happen

By Sgt. Duncan Brennan 101st CAB

To maintain readiness, mechanics are in need of a steady stream of parts to keep the maintenance process on time.

In an area as rugged as Regional Command East, the terrain and distances between maintenance locations and supply hubs can make moving parts and other time-sensitive items extremely difficult.

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Aviation supports a broad cross section of operations. Because any lack of aircraft can be potentially life threatening, it is imperative that the aircraft are mission ready at all times. The Soldiers that operate the Eagle Express are keenly aware of this.

"This is an Aviation brigade, we depend on parts," said Spc. Nicole Nelson, A Company, 96th ASB, 101st CAB, TF Troubleshooter support operations clerk, a native of Flint, Mich. "The aircraft can't get off the ground without us. The aircraft need to be in the air, not the

With the draw-down of military assets in Afghanistan, transport helicopters have become a high-demand asset. To maximize the availability of TF Destiny's helicopters, other options were investigated. Whatever solution that was implemented had to quickly deliver maintenance supplies and parts.

The Eagle Express was created to move aircraft parts to minimize the use of rotary wing aircraft," said Spc. Trisha Butler, HHC, 5th Battalion, 101st CAB, TF Eagle Assault Aviation support operations



Sgt. Simon Santiago, HSC, 96th ASB, 101st CAB, TF Troubleshooter, hands off a box of blood to a Soldier with TF Eagle Assault as part of a routine delivery at FOB Shank, Afghanistan, Oct. 6.

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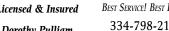


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Ford 2006 Ranger XL, regular cab, automatic, 4 cyl., new tires, cold air, like new, \$7995. Call 334-790-7959.

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Reunion: Brothers make most of rare occasion



Capt. Ken Anderson (left), personnel officer in charge for 2nd Squadron, 6th Cav. Regt., TF Lightning Horse, 25th CAB, and his older brother 1st Lt. Robert Anderson, the key leader engagement officer for the Deputy Commanding General-Maneuver, 3rd Inf. Div. and Regional Command-South, take a ride on a sky lift at a

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should interview for the job.

"I knew I would get to see him here in Afghanistan, I just didn't realize I would get stationed with him," said Robert Anderson "Out of five brothers four of us are in the Army. With all of us in the military, it is hard to get together. Anytime we can meet up is a great reunion due to us being strewn throughout the world."

This has enabled the two brothers to spend approximately six months together at the same location.

"Something like this doesn't happen every day," said Ken Anderson. "It is pretty amazing everything fell into place for this to happen. It is either a lucky coincidence or a destined rendezvous. I thank the Army for putting this all together."

The brothers have come close to being stationed together in the past. The first time was in Korea. Ken Anderson was stationed at Camp Casey and Robert Anderson was at Camp Humphreys. This time, they are both in the same area, at the same time, and working in the same division, but still assigned to different

"I love working with my brother," said Robert Anderson. "We get to share similar experiences. We are going to try and get the same duty station after this. We got close a couple of times, but now we should have a better chance after I pin on

Since the two brothers work in different units, finding time on their schedules leaves little time at the beginning or end of the day.

"We get together a couple of times a week to go to the gym," said Ken Anderson. "Since his arrival, we have done various 5k runs and the Army 10-mile run. It's hard to do meals with our schedules being so different, so we try to hang out when we can, which leaves our work-

The workouts between the brothers are a time they both look forward to.

'My workouts are real important to me because that is the time I get to spend with him," stated Robert Anderson.

Both brothers still get together whenever the opportunity arises and do not take any moment for granted.

"The rareness of the occasion is not lost on me," Ken Anderson said. "It is just an amazing experience to be stationed with your Family. It's like having your brother on a sports team. While we share the common goal of success, we do have friendly discussions on who is the best, 25th ID or 3rd ID."

Express: System transports wide range of cargo

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liaison NCO, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. "The Eagle Express is the fastest way. We have an 18- to 24-hour turnaround time."

With success on the line with the Eagle Express, the devil is in the details. With parts for the behemoth CH-47 Chinook, advanced parts for the AH-64 Apache or the workhorse UH-60 Black Hawk, tracking where and when parts arrive and ship can be a monumental task.

"I spend at least eight hours per day tracking the packages," said Butler. "Tracking the packages and ensuring that information gets reported properly is my main mission. If packages are labeled well, things go more smoothly. If packages aren't labeled well, I have to spend more time on the phone ensuring that people got what they need.'

Between everyone that works here, we spend a total of about 11 hours per day tracking packages, said Santiago. We move about 7,300 lbs of parts per day, it's important that we not lose track of any

Aside from aircraft parts, the Eagle Express moves all kinds of cargo. Ultimately everything that the Eagle Express does goes to support the Soldiers on the

'We move everything," said Spc. Kyle Laws, B Co., 96th ASB, 101st CAB, TF Troubleshooter Aviation support operations clerk, a native of Darlington, S.C. "We move mail and uniforms, we also move blood for different units. We average about 80 lbs. worth of blood a day."

Any mission of this magnitude has its challenges. The Soldiers executing the mission of the Eagle Express are excited to be taking charge of such a critical mis-

"At first I didn't see what we do as a big part of the brigade's operations," said Laws. "When I stepped back and looked at what we are actually doing for the brigade that relies heavily on the movement of aircraft and aircraft parts. That's solely what we do, keeping the aircraft in the air, that's what we do.'

As successful as the Eagle Express is, it is the Soldiers that keep it running. This team is always seeking to make things better and expand the role of their mis-

"We'd welcome the ability to move more personnel," said Laws. "We are already preparing to move parts for ground vehicles. Moving more things and people can never hurt, it can always help somewhere or someone.'

Laws is not the only one involved with the Eagle Express that feels like they are contributing to the success of the TF Destiny mission. Because of that satisfaction, everyone works diligently to ensure the Eagle Express continues to ensure that the Wings of Destiny continue to operate and support the overall mission.

"We move so much that our mission impacts division," said Santiago. "I'm lucky to have Soldiers that are as responsible as NCOs. I couldn't do my job without responsible Soldiers."



GRENADE TRAINING

hand grenade training on Oct. 14 at Yakima Training Center, Wash. The cavalry troopers, from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, deployed to Yakima Training Center to conduct tough, realistic training over the rugged, mountainous terrain in Washington state.











Children's Fall Festival

NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Event provides unique Halloween experience

<mark>Army</mark> Flier Staff W<mark>riter</mark>

Hundreds of Family members were greeted with fair weather and the spirit of Halloween as they visited the Fort Rucker Riding Stables for the Children's Fall Festival Saturday.

The festival featured games, prizes, and horse and pony rides for Families to enjoy during the riding stables' take on Hallow-

"Every year we try to incorporate the Children's Festival into Halloween," said Aida Diaz-Carter, business manager for the community recreation division. "We try to do a flip on the Halloween thing for the children. Instead of giving candy we give prizes and toys for the games, and since we do Fright Night for the older crowd we want to make sure we do something for the 12 and younger crowd."

The event was open to the public, and military Families as well as civilian Families came out to enjoy the festivities

"It seemed like a nice day to go out and enjoy the area with the kids," said W01 Robert Tolas, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment. "We came out here last year and it was a blast, but the [children] were a little too young to do anything and this year they can."

Jeremiah Jackson, civilian, attended the event with his wife, Jennifer, and two daughters, Suzanna and Julia, and were all returning because of last year's festivi-

"We came out to the Children's Fall Festival last year and had a great time, so we decided we wanted to come out again," he said.

"We love the games, the pony rides and the costume contest," said Jennifer. "We also did the fishing games and we're heading to the bouncy houses next, but we really enjoy the costume contest at the end. I hope we have a chance to win, but it doesn't matter who wins - everyone's a winner.

The Jacksons' didn't have to worry about not being a winner as Suzanne took second place in the costume contest all just had a great time in general - I think dressed as a pirate. The other winners included: Chase Dodge, military Family member, who took first place for his costume dressed as a baby bum, complete with a sign that read, "will work for candy;" and Salisa Wellenreuther, military Family member, who was dressed as a



Geniah Adamson, military Family member, gets her face painted by Patsy Scarbrough, volunteer, during the Children's Fall Festival at the Fort Ru Riding Stables Saturday.

up there and I just thought it was great to classes and everything, but they've supsee all these Families get together and be creative with their children."

"I think it's absolutely awesome all the stuff that they have for the kids out here," said Tolas. "My son has been having a blast doing everything out here and we've it's an amazing setup.

Diaz-Carter said what also helps makes the Children's Fall Festival so amazing is the fact that it is run completely with volunteer help by civilians and Soldiers from the different units on Fort Rucker.

"Everyone you see out here [working the games] and everything are all volun-

"I thought the costume contest was the teers," she said. "We can't do any of this cutest thing ever," said Jana Scott, civil- without the volunteers - the Soldiers that ian. "I loved all of the costumes that were have helped us. We know that they have ported us with Fright Night and the Children's Festival."

Throughout the festival, ticket purchases were made by attendees in order to play games or ride the horses and ponies, and all of the money raised goes directly back into the riding stables, said Diaz-Carter.

"The money raised with the ticket sales will all come directly back to the riding stables, so that we can provide more programs and things like this for our patrons the military community," she said. "The I could have imagined – it's been really



turnout today has exceeded anything that ride on a horse during the Children's Fall Festival at the Fort Rucker Riding Stables Saturday.

Event helps local clergy understand military Family issues

By Sara E. Martin

Army Flier Staff Writer

Clergy from around the Wiregrass visited Fort Rucker's Wings Chapel Oct. 25 for the annual Clergy Appreciation Day to get training from Army chaplains.

cal pastors who provide religious support to Fort Rucker Soldiers, Families, retirees and civilians, said Frances E. Turner, religious support office.

"The event gives information regarding the Army's Survivor Outreach Assistance, Mother of Preschoolers program, the role of the military chaplain and a few other things," she said.

A free breakfast and lunch were provided to the attendees and Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker garrison commander, spoke to the participants before the meeting

"We don't often get the opportunity to have a gathering like this. We are so thankful that you decided to participate today. I want you to realize that when Soldiers sign up to serve this country they write a blank check to the government, and it's worth up to and including their lives," he said. "And then Uncle Sam keeps a ledger of their service, no matter how long they are in. Things that are in that ledger include missed birthdays, the cost of having to leave on a special date and cost of a leg that was lost.



Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton, garrison and USAACE chaplain, speaks to more than two dozen local ministers about the military process of casualty notification at Wings Chanel Oct. 25 during Clergy Appreciation Day.

"At the end, everyone has to pay a bill of some sort. When our Soldiers are out there participating in your services I would hope that you keep that in mind. I know that you guys are the ones that are supporting those Family members, because it's not just the Soldier that is paying that bill, it is the Families as well," he said.

Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton, garrison and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chaplain, explained to the participating members what roles the military and local clergy need to play in order to best support Family members in the case of a

"Fort Rucker has a unique culture because it is the only Aviation training center in the Army and it has the only warrant officer college in the Army. If there is a training accident everyone needs to know just what to do to best support the Family," he said.

The meeting focused on the process of casualty notifications. memorials and funerals.

"Eighty percent of our Soldiers live off base, they go to your churches and you are the ones who are in contact with them. I don't see that many of them, you do," said Newton. "I am here today to serve you. I want you to understand a little about what you can do when a Soldier dies and how you can help with the Families, because they are your members.

ters could take back to their re- ton. ective places of worship

Tina Lewis, the casualty assistance office casualty benefits coordinator, went through the steps of notifying a Family and the do's and don'ts of speaking to a Family member

We need to make sure that the proper notifications are being made when someone dies. So we always have a chaplain go with every notification. We realize that you are the ones who are going to live with them later and are going to really be the ones helping them," she said.

The meeting touched on issues such as social media sites prematurely notifying Family members, protocol when speaking with a Family member and how the sunport of military Families is different from civilian Families.

"Our office covers more than 20 Alabama counties and several Florida counties. We take care of Families. We do what we do because it is necessary, but you as the local clergy are our partners in this task," said Lewis.

The meeting was deemed a success by Newton, who said that it wasn't about who was in the congregation, but who is in the

churches' neighborhoods.

"We wanted to address the fact that we are one team, we have to work together with the civil-A member from the Fort Ruck- ian chaplains. It is important that er Casualty Assistance Office they understand the notification spoke at the meeting to touch on process to support the Families important issues that the minis- that are left behind," said New-

> know they have a place to get some advice if they need it, are adequately equipped and know how to take care of Soldiers and Family member's needs was the most important aspect of Clergy Appreciation Day, according to Newton.

> "It's about the message of saying that we care and we are here. We care that the pastors are out there taking care of our Soldiers and we want them to realize that we are a part of their team," said

> The pastors fellowshipped together during the lunch hour, and discussed the ideas and issues that were brought up during the presentations.

> "I am always eager to hear and have respected what the chaplains can share with us on the civilian side. Understanding the process of notifying a Family is priceless information. The partnership is great because the civilian pastors have specialties that we can share with the chaplains, and they as well have specialties that they can share with us." said Stewart Marshall, pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Ozark

ON POST

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

Youth ornament contest

Youth ages 3-11 are welcome to participate in the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Ornament Contest in November. Youth should turn in their ornaments between now and Nov. 25 to youth services in Bldg. 2806 at 7th and Division Road, the child development center in Bldg. 8938 on Red Cloud Road or parent central services in Bldg. 5700 on Novosel Street. The ornament submissions should include the child's name and age along with the guardian's name and contact information. Ornaments will be judged based on overall aesthetics, creative use of materials. quality of craftsmanship and originality of design. All ornaments will be hung on the post Christmas tree on Dec. 6. People wanting to keep their ornament can remove it from the tree following the ceremony. Ornament contest winners will be announced during the ceremony. There will be one winner chosen in the following categories: 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years and an overall winner. All winners will receive prizes and a trophy at the tree lighting, and the overall winner will help to light the tree. For more, call 255-1749.

Dinner special at The Landing Zone

In honor of Military Family Appreciation Month, two children ages 12 and younger eat for free with the purchase of one adult entrée off the dinner menu at The Landing Zone now through Nov. 30. For more, call 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 (E-1 through E-4). Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

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

ACS instructor training

Army Community Serce is looking for people to join its Army Family Team Building team by serving as instructors to help Soldiers and their Families acquire the knowledge and skills to successfully navigate Army life. ACS instructor training will take place Monday, Tuesday and Nov. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F. Training topics include introduction to effective instruction. managing the learning environment, the adult learner and more. Participants must attend all of the training.

For more, call 255-2382.

EFMP information, support group

The Fort Rucker Exceptional Family Member Program invites all active-duty



Salute to Military Families

Last year's honoree's at the Salute to Military Families. Army Community Service again kicks off Military Family Appreciation Month with a "Salute to Military Families" in conjunction with the Chili 5K Run and Cook-off Saturday at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields. Registration for the run is 6-8:30 a.m. with the 5k run starting at 9 a.m. and the fun run at 10 a.m. Chili tasting starts at 10:30 a.m. with the judging at 2 p.m. The Family-friendly event also features games, inflatables and more. ACS will recognize the nominees for the Families of Excellence, along with participants in the youth coloring and essay contests at 10:45 a.m. For more, call 255-3817 or visit http://www.chili5k.com.

military Families than have an exceptional or special needs Family member to its information and support group meeting Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at The Commons in Bldg. 8950. The topic for the meeting is "What is an Individualized Education Program?" Tips, tools and resources will be discussed that can assist Families' and children's educational needs. The EFMP information and support group offers camaraderie, friendship, information exchange, idea sharing, community resources, support and assistance with finding solu-

For more, call 255-9277.

Camping Under the Stars

Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation celebrates the Month of the Military Family with Camping Under the Stars at West Beach, Lake Tholocco beginning at 4 p.m. Nov. 16. Activities going on throughout the evening will include giant games, an inflatable boxing ring, story reading for kids, a teen kickball game, smore making and campfires. Two movies will be shown: "How to Train Your Dragon" and Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." Military Families are also welcome to camp at the lake and free use of tents are available for the campout on a first come, first served.

For more, call 255-9810.

Thanksgiving craft making

The Center Library hosts a Thanksgiving craft making activity Nov. 13 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register.

For more, call 255-0891.

AFTB Level I

..7 p.m.

Army Community Service knows that being new

to the Army can be confusing, so it offers Army Family Team Building Level I training. AFTB Level I training helps people gain the knowledge and tools to thrive in Army life. The next session takes place Nov. 14-15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F. Modules of learning include: military acronyms, chain of command, customs and courtesies, and more.

For more, call 255-2382.

Thrift Savings Plan basics

Army Community Service will host the free Thrift Savings Plan: the Basics seminar Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bowden Terrace Neighborhood Center at 9700 Division Road. Topics will include mutual fund basics and positioning money for long-term growth. People who wish to attend should register by Nov. 13.

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

EDGE! November activities

Child, youth and schools services host various activities as part of its EDGE! program in November. November activities include cooking, ceramics, a book club and more. EDGE! events cost \$5 per hour. Activities occur every weekday from 4-6 p.m.

For more, call

For more, 255-0666.

Army Photography Contest

Entries for the 2012 Army Digital Photography Contest will be accepted now through Nov. 30. Military, Family members, retirees and Army civilians are welcome to submit entries. For contest categories and rules, visit new.armymwr.com/recleisure/artsandcrafts/or call the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center at 255-9020.





FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR NOV. 1 -

Thursday, Nov. 1

The Expendables 2 (R)

Friday, Nov. 2

Trouble with the Curve (PG-13)

Saturday, Nov. 3

Sunday, Nov. 4

TICKETS ARE \$4.50 FOR ADULTS AND \$2.25 FOR CHILDREN, 12 AND UNDER. MILITARY I.D. CARD HOLDERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 255-2408.

.7 p.m.

Chaplain starts series on highly effective Families

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

Over the next several weeks, with the exception of next week, I want to write about the seven habits of highly effective Families. Next week, this column will feature an article about the extraordinary life of veter-

Some of you are familiar with the book "7 Habits of Highly Effective Families" by Steven Covey and you recognize the words right away. If so, please read it to be refreshed and reminded of these important

If you are not aware of the seven habits I invite you to read the upcoming articles and check out several interesting suggestions that will make a difference in your life at home and abroad.

Last week I talked about beginning with the end in mind, but today's article is entitled "Be Proactive."

Being proactive is about choice. It's about taking the initiative to stop, think and changed in my truck at a local car dealerchoose. To be proactive, then, is to choose

how we respond to what is happening around us. We need to take the initiative and not react to only what we see as the reality. Better to stop, assess our situation and choose the response that best serves us.

I like to also think of being proactive as taking steps to prevent disasters before disasters arise. Like changing a bad tire on your car when the tread is low rather than waiting until the rubber completely wears thin and causes the tire to tear or puncture by hitting a sharp object or pothole in the road.

This reminds me of an experience I had several years ago after having the oil ship. The following morning I noticed a truck. The first thought that came to mind was to take it back to the dealership and let them see it. Then I thought, no, if that fluid had been leaking all night, there is

> probably not a drop left in the engine and if I start it up right now, it will probably burn up (throw a rod) and create an even bigger problem.

After pausing for a moment, I decided to do something else – call the dealership, explain the problem,

and then ask for someone to come and look at it before I crank it up for the day. So, I called and without hesitation they sent a tow truck to haul my vehicle back to the

huge puddle of fluid under the shop. It didn't take them long to check it out and see that the mechanic had failed to tighten the oil pan bolt after servicing it the previous day. They corrected the problem, refilled it with oil and I was back on the road in less than an hour. That could have gone

> What do you think would have happened if I started that truck before pausing and taking a step back to think about what the right thing to do might be? Catastrophe is right!

> That is precisely the point. Lots of disasters can be avoided if we simply pause and take a few minutes to consider carefully what we are about to do. Money can be saved. Arguments can be prevented and feelings can sometimes be protected from pain if we stop to think and be proactive.

> I want to challenge you to practice this principle and see how it will be a blessing to your life as a whole.

> The next time you are faced with having to make a big decision try to be proactive. Slow down and think clearly before you act. Trust me, you will be amazed at the outcome and pleased with the result.

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 8940

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER, BUILDING 8939

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

BIBLE STUDIES

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

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

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

information, call the Religious Support Office at 255-2989.

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 255-9894

Military Council of Catholic Women

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

Catholic Adult Fellowship

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



Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Tatum, an 8-week old domestic short hair available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. He is calm and loving. It costs \$81 to adopt Tatum and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, the first round of age-appropriate vaccinations, 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. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/ for constant updates on the newest







Wiregrass gears up for 2012 National Peanut Festival

Festivities are now in full swing at the 2012 National Peanut Festival in Dothan. Gates open to Families from all around the Wiregrass and beyond Friday at 4 p.m.

The following is a full schedule of activities, ride specials and gate and midway opening times now through Nov. 11:

Today

- Recipe Contest, 10 a.m. at the NPF Volunteer Building.
- Cake Decorating Contest, 10 a.m. at the NPF Premium Building
- Recipe and cake decorating awards, 1 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Arena

Friday

- · Gates open at 4 p.m.
- Ribbon cutting, 5 p.m. at the main entrance
- · Regular price gate admission.
- McDonald's Ride-a-Thon Armband \$20.

Saturday

- Gates open at 8 a.m.
- Cheerleading Competition, 9 a.m. at the Wells Fargo Arena.
- Karate Tournament, 10 a.m. at the Dothan Civic Center.
- Midway opens at 10 a.m.
- Regular price gate admission.
- No ride specials.

Sunday

- Gates open at 1 p.m.
- Gate admission \$6 for anyone age 6 and older.
- Super Sunday Armband \$18.

Monday

- Kindergarten Day, 9 a.m. at the main entrance.
- Gates open to the public at 4 p.m.
 Calf Scramble, 7 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Arena.
- Greased Pig, 8 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Arena.
- Farmers' Night (pre-registered farmers and Family admitted free)
- Regular price gate admission
- Ride Armband \$20.

Tuesday

- Gates open at 4 p.m.
- Regular price gate admission.
- Twelve Buck Tuesday Armband — \$12.

Wednesday

- Special Citizens' Day, 8 a.m.
- Gates open to the public at 4 p.m.
- Girls Night Out (girls and ladies admitted for \$5).
- Regular price gate admission for boys and men.
- Girls and Ladies Ride Armbands \$10.
- Boys' and Men's Ride Armbands \$20.

Thursday

Senior Citizens' Day, noon.

Nov. 9

- Gates open at 4 p.m.
- Charlie Daniels Band, 7:30 p.m. at the Amphitheather
- Regular price gate admission.
- No Ride Special.

Nov. 10

- NPF Parade, 9:30 a.m. down Main Street in downtown Dothan.
- Gates open at noon.
- Demolition Derby, 2 and 7 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Arena.
- Military Day (Military and Family with ID admitted for \$5)
- Regular price gate admission for all others.
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Mega Passes, which include gate admission and an armband for \$25, are on sale until 4 p.m. today and will not be available afterwards. They may be used any one day you choose.

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WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.org.

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.

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SATURDAY — The Cultural Arts Center hosts the Ballroom Dance Club Nov. 3 and Dec. 29, 7-9:30 p.m. Food and drinks are available. The cost is \$2 per couple. For more information, call 677-4967 or visit www.theculturalartscenter.org.

SUNDAY — Tri-State Peachy Painters will hold a meeting at noon and a painting class at 1 p.m. at the Houston County Farm Center. All members and friends welcome. For more information, call 803-4882 or 714-3967.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 13-15 — "Living History" will be held at Landmark Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Experience living and working on a Wiregrass farmstead in the early 1900s with hearth cooking, gardening, sewing, wood splitting, fire building and animal care. Costumed in period dress, students will be divided into small groups in order to participate in the different workstations. Cost is \$12 per student and teachers are admitted free. Homeschools must register through the group coordinator. For more information, call 794-3452.

NOV. 8 — The Wiregrass Children's Home will host the 13th annual Festival

of Trees, a gala auction event that features professionally decorated Christmas trees, centerpieces, wreaths, gift items, furniture, trips and more at the Civic Center at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and tables are available for \$400. For more information, call 714-5214 or visit www. wiregrasschildrenshome.org.

NOV. 12 — The 4th annual Batson-Cook Construction Veterans Honor Bus Tour is 7:30 a.m. at the Grandview Baptist Church. All Wiregrass area veterans of any branch of service are welcome to participate. Veterans will be treated to chartered transportation, a continental breakfast prior to departure, an IMAX film screening, guided museum tours and lunch. The Honor Bus Tour is free for all veterans, but space is limited and reservations are required. For information and/or reservations, visit www. honorbustour.com or call (706) 643-2500.

ENTERPRISE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY — The Ladies Guild of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale at the "Old" Parish Hall on Heath Street from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Lunch is available Saturday and a Chinese auction will take place. Handmade ornaments and gifts will be available for purchase. For more information, call 347-0533.

NOV. 8 — Enterprise's Veterans Day ceremony and parade takes place on Main Street. The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Parade time is 5-6 p.m. Events are open to public. Lt. Col. Ronald Ells, commander of the 1st Bn., 212th Avn. Regt., is the guest speaker. For more information, call 447-8811.

NOV. 15 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter #99 host a holiday meal at Po Folks in Enterprise. A \$10 per person special buffet style meal will be served. Members and guests are asked to RSVP by Nov. 9. For more information, call 718-5707.

ONGOING — The American Legion Post 73 meets at the American Legion/Doer's Shrine Club at 200 Gibson Street in Enterprise on the fourth Saturday of each month, beginning at 8 a.m. This building is across the street from the Lee Street Baptist Church on Lee Street. For more information, call Post Commander Jerry Goodson at 347-5961 or 447-8507.

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

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.

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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, call Chuck Lob-dell at 718-5707.

OZARK

NOV. 8 — The city of Ozark hosts Holiday Open House in downtown from 5-8 p.m. Store discounts, door prizes, visit with Santa Claus and more. Luminaries will indicate participating stores. For more information, call 774-9321.

NOV. 15 —The Dale County Farm-City Week Banquet will be held at the civic center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8. For more information call 774-9321.

ONGOING — Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. yoga with Sandra Bittman is at Perry Recreation Center for \$5 a person.

ONGOING — Every Monday through Friday aerobic classes are open to the public at the Autrey Recreation Center from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call 774-2042.

PINCKARD

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

SAMSON

ONGOING — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 n 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.

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For more information, call 493-7840.

Scarecrows in the Park

More than 300 scarecrows spread along the trails of Lake Frank Jackson State Park in Opp will be featured now through Nov. 12. The scarecrows are made by various individuals, businesses and school groups. There are about 3 miles of walking trails.

Pumpkin Festival
The GFWC Panama City Junior Woman's Club hosts

the 4th annual Pumpkins in the Park Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Under the Oaks Park, Panama City, Fla. Cost is \$1 per person and children under 3 are admitted free. The festival features live entertainment, vendors, concessions, bounce houses, arts and crafts, games and prizes.

Oyster Cook-off

The Hangout's 5th annual Oyster Cook-off will be Saturday in Gulf Shores at 11 a.m. Expect fun, food and live music along with football on the big screen, fresh gulf oysters and drink specials. The event is free to the public. The oysters are to be prepare three ways: Oysters Rockefeller, Cajun Oysters and Create-Your-Own Raw.

The entries will be judged on creativity, presentation and flavor. For more details or to register, call (251) 948-3030, Ext. 112.

Alabama Pecan Festival

Tillman's Corner Community Center hosts this free Family-oriented festival in Mobile featuring a carnival atmosphere with vendors selling food items, crafts, arts and jewelry. The event also features face painting and a classic country and western show and a live band. Festivites begin Friday at 5 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

For more information, call (251) 401-5555 or visit www.alabamapecanfestival.com.



Red Ribbon Parade

Above: Fort Rucker Firefighters and the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band march with students of Fort Rucker Elementary School during the Red Ribbon Parade to promote drug awareness and a drug free lifestyle Oct. 25. The students have been celebrating Red Ribbon Week and learning how to say "no" to drugs and why saying no is the right choice.

Right: Students and Teachers of Fort Rucker Elementary School march during the Red Ribbon Parade to promote drug awareness and a drug free lifestyle Oct. 25.



ACS trains new Care Team members

By Sara E. Martin Army Flier Staff Writer

The Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program offers care team training Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700 and

invites everyone to participate in the program. The purpose of the care team is to offer short-term care and support to Families of deceased and seriously wounded Soldiers and civilians until the Family's own support structure is in place, according to Janice Erdlitz, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director.

"They are utilized at the discretion of the Family and the command. They are not mandatory, but are an additional resource to provide valuable support to Families. Although Soldiers as well as Family members are encouraged to attend, the command makes the final decision on who will comprise its care team," she said.

ACS staff, along with other trainers, will cover issues such as: care team operations, Survivor Outreach Services overview, casualty notification, dealing with loss and grief, and dealing with the media.

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Anyone who is willing to undergo the training can; it or Family members and it

"Anyone in the community can attend the training session. It's important to have all walks of life trained in this type of scenario, even if they do not get chosen to be on the team," said Curtis Williams, ACS mobilization and deployment program manager.

Those who complete the training will get a certificate of completion and are responsible for notifying their command that they have completed the training, according to Williams.

The training's focus will be teaching participants the ins-and-outs of becoming a care team member.

"When someone is severely injured or someone has been lost, some units decide to send out a care team after the notification team. The purpose of the training is to make sure the members are trained properly and have a clear picture of their role," said Williams. "We try to teach them things to say and things not to say. Members may make phone calls to help support the Family member, they might prepare a meal or even possibly help transport Family members."

The care team, which only stays with the Family member until more support arrives, is set in place so the Family member is not left alone for extended amounts of

"The care team is a short-term support system. Members are not counselors and they are not a part of the causality notification team—they are there to simply assist. They will go out and help Family members do things if that is what is needed of them," said Williams.

The training's overview will help attendees understand their responsibilities as a team member, according to Williams.

"We want people who are properly trained, so they know their responsibilities and they don't step out of their lane. The team is an extra tool that units have available to them. They don't always use the team, but when they do we want members who are ready to take action,"

Williams encourages everyone to receive the training, even if they do not intend to be on a team.

"This can help everyone and anyone. If you know how to support someone who has lost a loved one, you can help. Many people feel helpless when a friend is in need, but this training can give you the tools to help a fellow Army spouse or a neighbor. The team is a priceless asset, it gives people peace of mind knowing that there is a team that is available to them," he said.



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Army continuing 'sacred duty' to wounded warriors

By Elizabeth M. Collins Army News Service

WASHINGTON — To date, the Warrior Transition Command has cared for some 45,000 wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and has transitioned 51 percent of them back to the force, WTC's commanding general said.

Brig. Gen. David J. Bishop, who is also the Army's assistant surgeon general for warrior care and transition. presented the stats during a Family forum at the Association of the United States Army's annual meeting Oct. 23. He explained that the Army's commitment to its wounded warriors will continue beyond the drawdowns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

If anything, he said the Army has increased its commitment to ensuring that Soldiers are either able to return to duty or able to find gainful, meaningful civilian employ-

plan) for himself or herself with the support of an interdisciplinary team and, of course, their Families, who are very much invited to participate," Bishop explained.

"Soldiers set short and long-term goals that align with the domains of strength, which you'll find in the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness model, and, as you know, they're physical, emotional, social, Family, spiritual," he said. "At WTC, we've integrated another one called career, because we think it's so important to enable the transition. This [comprehensive transition plan] is the Soldier's road map to his or her desired future."

The Army G-1's Civilian Human Resource Agency is helping maintain a resume database for wounded warriors, and to help Soldiers achieve their goals, WTC has partnered with agencies across the federal government to help wounded veterans find jobs.

Operation Warfighter, managed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Warrior Care Policy, provides federal internships so wounded warriors, including about 600 Soldiers, can gain work experience, often on Army posts. The Navy's Sea Systems and Air Systems Commands also recently approached WTC about hiring Army wounded warriors.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides vocational rehabilitation and employment counseling for Soldiers in warrior transition units, known as WTUs, and the Department of Labor supports with local veterans employment representatives and disabled veterans outreach placement

The National Chamber of Commerce is even helping out: WTC is working on a pilot program with them to engage local chambers of commerce to assist in finding employment for returning service members.

"Now, while our Soldiers are focused on recovery, that can put a lot of pressure on Family members," Bishop acknowledged and two spouses of wounded warriors on the panel attested. That's why most WTUs provide a Family readiness support assistant who can help connect Families with community agencies and help solve challenges and

Most WTUs are also located near a Soldier and Family Assistance Center, which offers information, referral services and education and career counseling, financial counseling and services, Army Emergency Relief referrals, human resources and military benefits. The centers also usually offer childcare, added Maj. Gen. John Uberti, the deputy commanding general for support at Installation Management Command, so spouses can easily accompany their Soldiers to medical appointments.

"Each Family is unique, each Family member is unique, and the way they handle each of those transitions is unique," Uberti said. "Our goal is to make sure we're providing the services or access to the services to help our wounded, ill and injured and their Families make it through those transitions successfully."

And make no mistake: Families are every bit as affected by an emotional or physical injury as the Soldier, said Catherine Mogil, Ph.D., an assistant clinical professor at the Nathanson Family Resilience Center at the University of California, Los Angeles' Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. She also helps run a resiliency training program for military Families called Families Overcoming Under Stress.

"Families do recover," she said. "They may not ever go back to the way it was, but they can move forward," and it's important for wounded warriors to recognize that they can still parent, that they're still vital members of their Families. They may just need to learn some new skills.

Soldiers and spouses may also need to learn how to speak up and advocate for themselves and their Families when they're confused or when they don't agree with, say, a medical decision, she said. Learning how to "emotionally regulate" and remain calm also makes it easier to communicate, she explained.

Mogil is also focused on helping parents explain their injuries to their children: "We can actually take the core components of what is most helpful to kids and really organize it for Families and give them a step-by-step guide on what you need to think about, and this idea of not just sweeping it under the rug and sharing your story with your kids, not in a way that's overwhelming, but in a way that's informative for them. It also gives them a sense of hope.

"For example, we help some of our service members use the language flare ups, because they feel a little more comfortable talking about it: 'I just had a flare up today.' And the kids use it too. So they now say 'Mommy had a flare up,' or 'Daddy had a flare up,' and that was the clue to them to maybe go and do something else, or maybe just come up and hold their parent's hand. It's also very normalizing to say, 'Oh, I had a flare up.' That's a lot easier than to say 'Well. I have this thing called [post-traumatic stress disorder].""

And because marriages and relationships are often drastically changed after a serious injury, Bishop added, "WTC will be partnering with the USO soon to offer a program called Oxygen, which is a marriage enrichment course that will help couples build resilience in a way that is fun and nonthreatening."



"Each Soldier develops (a comprehensive transition Catherine Mogil, Ph.D., and Maj. Gen. John Uberti, the deputy commanding general for support at Installation Management Command, discuss some of the challenges wounded warriors and their Families face Oct. 23 in Washington, D.C.





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Hunt finale raises nearly \$30K

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The Wounded Warrior Hunt raised about \$30,000, all of which will go directly back into outdoor recreation to fund programs or equipment for wounded warriors.

The hunt, which concluded Saturday with drawings for door prizes, including an all-terrain vehicle, continues to grow each year, according to John Clancy, Department of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation outdoor recreation program manager, adding that more than 4,000 tickets were sold.

"This event gets bigger each year. I am glad for that because the event raises funds for the Soldiers and it gives us a chance to take these Soldiers out," said Clancy. "They have a good time, it is free for them, they get to meet new people and you can see the stress melt off of their faces."

The volunteers for the event also played a large part in the event's

"The volunteers sold tickets, took hunters out in the mornings and picked them up in the evenings, they went to dinner with the Soldiers and they helped with the overall camaraderie during the week. They really worked hard," said Clancy.

More Soldiers participated in this year's Wounded Warrior Hunt than ever before, according to

"We had 18 Soldiers come from Fort Campbell, 12 local Alabama Soldiers and three Soldiers from Fort Rucker participate. We only had eight last year," he said.

There was food, vendors and a DFMWR helicopter on display at the finale. Around 200 people (and more than a dozen four-legged Family members) attended the event for the chance to win one of the many door prizes, which in-



Matt Cox, Kirk Sanders and Peyton Sanders check out the DFMWR helicopter that was on display at the Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt concluding ceremony.

cluded gift certificates, tree stands, recliners and free stays at the Lake Tholocco cabins.

Col. Stuart J. McRae, Fort Rucker Garrison commander, attended at the festivities and acknowledged the importance of recognizing and honoring wounded warriors.

"It's important that we don't forget what these guys have done for our country. Their service is invaluable," he said.

Several of the wounded warriors, including Staff Sgt. Mark Brosel, couldn't believe the support they received during the event.

"I used all of the special equipment. The deer stands made it so much easier to get up in the trees and the track chair is great, too, because I didn't have to walk all the way through the woods with my cane. It was very convenient," he said.

Brosel, who hunted each day, was injured three times during deployments. He was hit with a phosphorous mortar round, "blown up twice" taking shrapnel to the face and eyes, and he was shot in the back by a sniper.

"Fort Rucker and everyone here have been so helpful. I was picked up every morning, and even when I ordered a special bow and it from Fort Campbell, Ky., where didn't come in as planned, they

got a special bow and brought it to me. Everyone has been so accommodating to my needs. I've been to a lot of posts and they don't do this kind of stuff for wounded warriors," he added.

The Soldiers took in more than double the amount of game than was taken last year.

"We didn't have any deer taken, but we did take 13 hogs and three turkeys. We caught some real pretty animals this year," said Clancy.

The Soldiers who participated in the hunt signed a 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles flag many of them hailed from, and

presented it to DFMWR. It was a "Thank you," for hosting the event.

The Soldiers also recognized Clancy and the ODR staff for all the hard work and extra time they spent putting the event together and making sure each Soldier's needs where met. They presented him with a commemorative engraved Eagle to sit on his desk.

Clancy went over and beyond what he was required to do, according to the Soldiers, and the amount of time he spent putting the event together and the amount of hard work he put in was "ridicu-





Left: W01 Sean Flynn and W01 Aaron Moore, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, enjoy the cooler weather as they make a turn during the Spooky 5k Saturday dressed as

Right: Laurie Hernandez is all smiles as she makes a turn during the Spooky 5k Saturday dressed as Where's Waldo.

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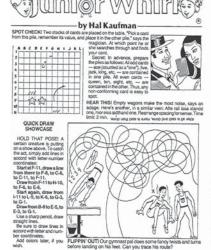
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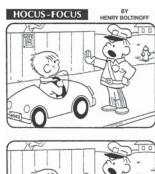


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IRON AVIATOR

Captains compete for coveted title

By Sara E. Martin Army Flier Staff Writer

In a clash of sweat, dedication and willpower Soldiers from the 12-03 class of the Aviation Captains Career Course competed in the Iron Aviator competition Oct. 24 at Beaver Lake and the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility.

The competition works like a triathlon and pushes Soldiers to their limits, as well as builds camaraderie between the teams, said Maj. Robert Van Dine, A Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment small group leader.

"Iron Aviator is comprised of a 5-mile ruckmarch, a 300-meter swim, an 8-mile bike ride and a 2.3-mile run. The event really brings up the esprit de corps and it is pretty much the culminating event of the course. This is the last time they will come together as a team and compete against each other," he

People can compete individually, as a team of four or as a team of two. Students can also choose to be a pit crew member, who dress up in costumes and make signs to help support their teammates.

"We let the Soldiers pick who they want to participate with and we encourage those not taking part in the race to be on a pit crew. They encourage participants by cheering them on and setting up their equipment between events. Most pit crews try to make it fun, so it sort of doubles as a Family day, too," said Van Dine.

Two pit crews were neck-andneck for winning the Spc. James D. Seigars award and dressed for the occasion. One team wore countrythemed costumes while the other wore sailing-themed costumes (complete with boats at the finish

The teams agreed that the hardest part of the race was the ruckmarch.

"Because the rain has been so heavy the creek was more of a swamp that they had to cross. Participants had to wade through knee-high mud, 40 yards long," said Van Dine.

Capt. Cory Wroblewski, overall individual winner of the Iron Aviator who is being stationed at Fort Riley. Kan., agreed that the ruck was easily the most difficult event and that he was honored to finish first.

"It was a fun race, everyone put in 100 percent so it feels great winning a race that everyone worked so hard in. Team 9 really supported me. I wanted to really challenge myself and compete as an individual and I am thrilled that I beat out everyone," he said after he completed the course in one hour and 36 minutes.

Team 9, which was split into two groups-Group 1 and Group 2, claimed first place in the group



Capts. Carmel Cammack and Lisa Klekowski run the last few feet of the Iron Aviator Oct. 24. The Iron Aviator is comprised of a 5-mile ruck march, a 300-meter swim, an 8-mile bike ride and a 2.3-mile run. Cammack completed the run and the swim while Klekowski completed the ruckmarch and the bike ride.

category as well with Group 2.

Capts. Ryan Sommer, Martin Prokoph, Shaun Gaul and Dave Daniels pulled ahead early in the race and held their lead until the end.

"We got our lead during the swim. We were third to finish the ruckmarch, third to get in the pool, first to finish the bike and first to cross the finish line," said Daniels, who will be stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The team members were surprised they won because they did not train together beforehand.

We just wanted to have fun, the fact that we won is amazing. None of us thought we would take the lead and keep it," said Sommer, Team 9 Group 2's leader.

Team 9 members were very proud of their accomplishments they made during the course. The teammates won the classes' Ultimate Frisbee Championship, both the individual and group categories of the Iron Aviator and had the honor graduate, although they did not win the pit crew competition.

"Capt. Joseph Clark really held our team together. We accomplished so much because of his dedication

to Team 9," said Wroblewski.

The organizers of the event changed the order of events this time around, and Van Dine said as the course evolves and changes [the organizers] have to make adjustments in order to make it

"The swim is usually at the end, but this time we made it the second event. We wanted to make it like a triathlon and the swim is always the second event. Plus, with the swim at the end, participants who are competing as individuals were having a hard time because they were exhausted. The swimming event is much safer now," he said.

Van Dine added that the Iron Aviator builds bonds that will last long after the Soldiers leave Fort

"Competitors are teammates, too. They are out there sweating and bleeding together, pushing each other along. Most will stay in touch with each other," he said.

Maj. Sean Keefe spoke to the prospective graduates before the vinners were announced.

"When you leave here and go to your next units, remember that it is about the teamwork. Make sure you



Capt. David Stamps, from Team 10, passes off a bike to Capt. Grant Betz who was eting as an individual at the Iron Aviator Oct. 24

and conditions," he said before out and supporting the race.

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Video Game Spotlight >>

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C3 among top games for 2012

By Jim Van Slyke Contributing Writer

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

The Assassin's Creed cadre of games has been a mostly wonderful mix of sneaky combat, puzzle solving, conspiracy theory and old world exploration. The games have been carefully crafted and are full of such good graphics that they are just as nice to watch as they are to play.

While the previous games took place (mostly) in old world Europe, "Assassin's Creed III" fast-forwards the series to 1775 and takes place in the American colonies. Gamers become a Native American assassin who wants to protect his land and his people. He effectively plays a role in lighting the fire of the

American Revolutionary War as he moves from quiet forests to bustling cities to such pivotal events as the Battle of Bunker Hill and the Great Fire of New York.

As in the previous Assassin's Creed games, there is a good amount of combat

and, unsurprisingly, assassinations. The weapons have changed a bit with the protagonist taking out enemies with guns, bows, tomahawks and something called a rope dart. But there is much more to do in the game than spilling blood. There are

scores of things to find in the cities as well as many side missions. Some of those take place on board the hero's ship during large - and very cool - naval battles.

"Assassin's Creed III" looks great and also has fantastic audio features. The multiplayer isn't a reason to buy the game, but it's worth checking out. The designers were smart enough to start the new game with a quick look back at what happened in the previous games in the series so people who didn't play them aren't at a disadvantage in "Assassin's Creed III." In other words, don't be afraid to pick up this game if you didn't play its

predecessors.

"Assassin's Creed III" is one of the top games of the final quarter of 2012. Don't be afraid to be a part of this revolution.

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Youth Deer Hunt

Outdoor recreation hosts a youth deer hunt Nov. 10 from 4 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event is for youth ages 7-15. Registration is \$15. Door prizes and lunch will be provided. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place winners. Parents and vouth escorts must have an Alabama state hunting license and a hunter safety education course completion card. For more, call 255-4305.

Winter golf intramurals

Beginning Nov. 11, Silver Wings Golf Course will host winter golf intramurals every Sunday through the end of February. There will be a 1 shotgun start four pe The cost is \$10 for a one-time league fee and a \$5 cart fee per player for each outing. Intramu- will host adult swim lessons Nov. 20 to Dec. 13. members of the Reserve, Guard, and their Family session from 5-5:45 p.m. for beginners and from members with a valid ID card. Government civil- 6-6:45 p.m. for intermediate swimmers. Registraian employees and Family members residing in tion for the course is \$30 and the lessons are open their households are also authorized to take part, to authorized patrons only. along with contract personnel. Family members must be at least 19 years old.

For more, call 598-2449.

Big Buck Contest

now through Jan. 31. Registration for the contest day course will take place 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on is now through Nov. 16. Participants must have Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays with an Alabama state hunting license, a Fort Rucker daily breaks from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. Cost post hunting permit and a hunter education card. for the course is \$75. Participants must pass a pre-Registration costs \$25.

For more, call 255-4305.

Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot 5K/10K will take place Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility. There will also be a 1-mile fun run that begins after the 5k/10k race and is open to all children free of charge. Each fun run participant will receive a medal. Registration costs \$12 without a shirt, \$20 with a shirt before are Facility conference room. People wanting to Nov. 10, \$25 with a shirt after Nov. 10 and \$100 coach a team need to attend. Basketball preseason for a team of eight. People who register after Nov. will begin Dec. 10. 10 will receive shirts while supplies last. All pre-

registered patrons will receive shirts. Registration forms will be available at both fitness facilities. Refreshments will be provided. This event is open to the public.

For more, call 255-2296.

Turkey Shootout

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Turkey Shootout Nov.17 from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The game is individual stroke play and costs \$20 per play, plus cart fees and green fees if applicable. Prizes will be awarded to gross and net winners and include gift certificates and turkeys.

For more, call 598-2449.

Adult swim lessons

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility

For more, call 255-9162.

Lifeguard training

Fort Rucker Aquatics will host lifeguard training Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2 at the Fort Rucker Outdoor recreation's Big Buck Contest will run Physical Fitness Facility indoor pool. This fourrequisite swim to enter the class. Upon completion, participants will receive lifeguard certification, including waterfront and water park, CPR, first aid and automated external defibrillator cer-

For more, call 255-9162.

Basketball coaches meet

A basketball coaches meeting is scheduled for Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. in the Fort Rucker Physical Fit-

For more, call 255-2296.