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Midweek fellowship keeps worshippers on trajectory

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**BASKETBALL USAAMC** locks down MPs Story on Page D1





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#### **NEWSLINES**

#### **AVSLC POST RUN**

A post run incorporating all the participants of the Aviation Senior Leaders Conference 2011 and all mission, garrison and tenant units is Wednesday at 6 a.m. The run will begin after the sounding of reveille and follow the standard 5th Avenue physical training route.

Spectators are invited to come out and cheer on the Soldiers of U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker as they participate in this traditional formation run

#### RETENTION AWARDS

Retention officers were recognized Thursday at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence retention awards ceremony and luncheon for meeting their goals and retaining skilled Soldiers.

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#### **BLACK HISTORY 5K**

Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility staff hosts the annual Black History 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration for the event begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Physical Fitness Facility on Andrews Avenue. For more information, call 255-3794. See Sports Shorts on Page

#### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

AT MOTHER RUCKER'S Mother Rucker's staff hosts a 2011 Super Bowl event Feb. 6. Patrons can watch the big game on one of 12 televisions. For more information, call 503-0396.

#### NATIONAL PRAYER **BREAKFAST**

The National Prayer Breakfast is Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 8 a.m., at The Landing. The keynote speaker is Chaplain (Ret. Lt. Col.) Donny D. Thrasher, who is currently the pastor of The Grace Place in Enterprise. This event is open to the public. Tickets can be obtained from unit representatives, unit Chaplain Office in Bldg. 8945. A suggested donation of \$6 is requested. For more information call 255-2989 or 255-2012.

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# Open for business

### Mother Rucker's staff opens doors, welcomes Soldiers



CW2 Ryan Nielsen, B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt. tactical operations officer, takes in a game of pool during the Mother Rucker's grand opening Monday.

BY RUSSELL SELLERS

After three years of Mother Rucker's, located open for business.

the ribbon at the front behind all of this." entrance of the new establishment Monday and work paid off with the he said. said the opening marked grand opening ceremothe culmination of years of hard work.

call the home of our Branch, Mother Rucker," said Brig. Gen. Anthony on this." G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commander, said the

commanding general. "You have to smile when you say that. Frank ing adventure. (Zerbinos, Directorate of planning and building, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation business cility was needed. In on Fifth Avenue, is now operations officer), was 2009, the name 'Mother really the visionary be-Fort Rucker officials hind all this. He's the guy mined, and in 2010 we

Zerbinos said all the

"This is a great, fun "We all affectionately day," he said. "We've been waiting for a couple of years while we worked

Justin Mitchell, Fort Rucker deputy garrison

journey from planning to opening was an excit-

"In 2008, we determined a standalone fa-Rucker's' was deterand The Landing staff cut that was the brain-power had the groundbreaking ceremony and, almost a year later, here we stand,"

The new 18-and-over facility features pool tables, dart boards, 12 high-definition televisions and a variety of food and beverages that can be served either inside or outside.

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Air Force Tech. Sgt Troy Kiick, Honor Guard NCO from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., renders a salute to honor 1st Lt. Robert Franklin Dees, while other members of the Honor Guard remove the flag from the casket Saturday. The Honor Guard provided their support during the memorial service held for Dees, a 430th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 474th Fighter Bomber Group Thunderjet F-84E fighter pilot whose aircraft was shot down over North Korea in 1952 during a combat mission. His remains were overseas for more than half a century before being brought home to be laid to rest next to his Family members.

# *l*iregrass community honors veteran

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN Ford Rucker Public Affairs Office

the remains of Air Force 1st Lt. airman shot down in Korea Oct.9, Robert F. Dees were laid to rest 1952, and only recently identified. Saturday in the presence of family, friends, military officials and three during the full military honors

Among those officials present

ing general.

ceremony were Billy Blackwell, At 1 p.m., the gathering gazed More than 100 people came to Ozark mayor; Martha Roby, U.S. up through the clear winter Longstreet Historical Cemetery in Representative for Alabama's 2nd sky as a flight of four F-15s flew Ozark, to pay their respects to the Congressional District; and Brig. overhead in the fallen/missing Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. man formation, out of respect for Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker command-

a comrade-in-arms. The crowd

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# Fort Rucker celebrates service of retirees

BY MICHELE WATSON

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence honored nine Soldiers and four Federal Civil Service civilians during a retirement ceremony Thursday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander, recognized the combined 330 years of service to the nation.

"Gathered in front of you here today are professionals who have served our nation with great distinction in peacetime and in times of war," said Muskopf. "Their services have taken them to corners of the globe assisting our nation in times of need, and providing peace and stability to

our neighbors. I cannot begin to identify everything they have done, but let me thank them for their dedication.

"Not only are these retirees starting a new year, but a new chapter in their lives," Muskopf said. "It was truly a privilege to host today's event. These retirees standing before you represent the best of our nation and the Army. Today, we look at their incredible careers and think how lucky our Army has been to have them in our ranks. The community, your Army community and the Wiregrass community recognize your achievements and the sacrifices you and your family have made. This is just a small

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### CG's New Year's Reception

Brig. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, greets Kitty Keener, Directorate of Resource Management analyst, during the Commanding General's New Year's Reception at The Landing Jan. 19. The event gave those working on-post and members of the surrounding communities a chance to meet the command group here.

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# Contract oversight a fundamental part of resource management programs

BRIG GEN THOMAS A HORLANDER

U.S. Army Installation Management and Resource Manag

Today's Defense leaders are faced with a daunting challenge. Simply stated, the nation's economy cannot sustain the level of defense spending that the country has experienced since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Over the past decade, the U.S. Defense Budget has more than doubled. The Army's top line has more than tripled, growing from \$78 billion in 2000 at a meteoric pace to over \$250 billion in 2009.

A growth of this speed and magnitude cannot be achieved through rapid organizational change in a bureaucratic giant like the Department of Defense. Therefore, much of this growth has come in the way of contracts: staff augmentation contracts, service contracts, weapon system procurement contracts and large enterprise systems acquired through contracts.

In virtually every aspect of national security, contractors are present and contributing. From highly qualified executives, think tanks and expert advisory and consulting services at the highest levels of defense, to Aviation and vehicle mechanics, groundskeepers and dishwashers at the tactical level, an outsourced capability is integral to virtually every operation.

The national security apparatus's dependence on contracted capability has never been greater in our nation's history. In the Army alone, taxpayers spend over 50 percent of the service's annual budget on outsourced capabilities (contracts), spending on the average over \$400 million a day on contracted capabilities. The Army's Installation Management Command represents a microcosm of this dependence, spending over 50 percent of its base operation support funding on service

The other major capability areas in the Installation Management Community are also very heavily contracted. These include: the sustainment, restoration and modernization of the Army's existing infrastructure; Army Family housing operations which is almost totally privatized and operated by a contractor; military construction of new buildings and real property to replace those that - contract execution and closure have outlived their life span or to support key legislation like base realignment and Closure of Army formations to other operating bases; and the sup-

Charlotte Hardy.

**CYSS Outreach Director** 

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Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Horlander

port to overseas contingency operations ensuring the Army's deploying and redeploying formations from the theater of war are fully supported and prepared to conduct their mission throughout the Army Force Generation continuum and that their Families at home are well cared for.

To ensure the Army maximizes its purchasing power throughout its installations and exacts a greater level of fiscal discipline, IMCOM developed and implemented a comprehensive contract management program to empower its leaders to better manage and resource its

installation services contracts. The Services and Infrastructure Enterprise Contract Management Program was implemented in 2009 and has matured as an invaluable tool that has allowed key leaders at the garrison and IMCOM headquarters level to make better, fiscally informed contracting and resourcing decisions about the Army's installation's services.

Implemented properly, the program provides the leader and decision maker full contract visibility and a holistic view of the outsourced capabilities that organizations depend on and thereby providing the ability to make more fiscally and operationally sound sourcing decisions.

IMCOM developed SIECMP as a leader's program and built it founded on three fundamental lines of effort

The first line of effort was to establish a structured management program. To achieve this, IMCOM developed a contract management officer position and authorized each garrison to hire one person who provided the leadership a dedicated manager to help the garrison manage the entire contracting spectrum from requirements generation and validation to

Within this LOE lies the most important facet of SIECMP - the periodic conduct of and the growth and movement contract planning and review boards at established intervals that complement and inform



both operational and resourcing activities in an organiza-

Finally, the command would seek over time to develop and mature a comprehensive contract database that could serve as an authoritative and current service contracts.

The second LOE seeks to leverage enterprise sourcing and other available tools to ensure the command maximizes efficiencies by contracting like services in the same manner and where it makes sense, utilizing an enterprise level contracting vehicle that has the potential for large savings (i.e., the storage of privately-owned-vehicles for deployed soldiers deploying from contiguous United States installations).

The third LOE seeks to professionally develop key nonacquisition personnel by conducting full spectrum training for leadership and management personnel. Currently, the command conducts CMSO training via Defense Connect Online, has instructed the program at command level symposiums and forums to mid-level management and has integrated instruction about the SIECMP in key executive leadership courses like the General Officer Senior Commander's Course and the Garrison Commander's Course

While the command has realized varying degrees of success and progress within each of these three LOEs, the progress is evident in the program's first year of operations as garrisons conducted five SIECMP quarterly contract review boards and reported identifying cost avoidance and savings estimated at approximately \$50 million.

With just a little over a fu year in operation at the garrison level, SIECMP still has room for improvement and greater opportunities for the Installation Management Community. The keys to its continued success are contingent upon the same leaders who rely upon it to empower them to make sound contracting and resourcing decisions.

Deployed with a dedicated staff (i.e., CMSO), key leadership involvement, disciplined review, analysis and reporting, and integrating it into the organization's resource management program are tantamount to its success and maximizing its benefit to an organization.

SIECMP is not without precedence and is applicable at virtually every level in any environment. Similar programs have been deployed in tactical and operational units and in a deployed environment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with excellent results. SIECMP is a powerful tool to aid commanders in one of their fundamental duties of being good stewards of the Army's resources while providing quality installation services to the Soldiers, Families and civilians we are privileged to serve.

The Army's ability to fiscally sustain itself as the world's premier fighting force is dependent on key programs like SIECMP and others to ensure leaders have the capability to make sound and timely sourcing and resourcing decision that fully support ARFORGEN operations and other key operating and generating force requirements while maximizing the purchasing power of a decreasing budget.

To learn more about IM-COM's Services and Infrastructure Enterprise Contract Management Program, log on https://www.us.army.mil/ suite/page/604044 or contact Chris Greiman, IMCOM G8 SIECMP program manager, at christopher.greiman@us.army mil or phone (210) 424-8792 or Kathy Thomas, IMCOM G8 Acquisition and Sourcing Division chief at kathy.j.thomas@ us.armv.mil or phone (210) 424-8620



Marion Cornish. **EFMP Manager** 

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Tina Williams. military spouse

"I try to save money on my electric bill by leaving my temperature on 75 de



Christy Carter, retired Army

"I save money on my electric bill by keeping the temperature on 68 degrees at night and 65 degrees dur-

# The time to look forward is now

BY KELLY PATE Fort Rucker Public Affairs

He called it having a "monastic moment" — an "aha" moment about the future of Army Aviation based on the branch chief's recent work and reflec-

Brig. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, told attendees at the annual Association of the U.S. Army's Aviation Symposium in Maryland Jan. 14 his top imperative for Army Aviation is to develop the correct Aviation force for the future, and avoid repeating some of its past mistakes.

We've got to look beyond Iraq and Afghanistan. We need to be informed by it, but we need to look beyond where we are today so we know where we're going in the future to meet that end state. We have to do this rapidly to meet the demands of what the commanders

rapidly and decisively for all of them," Crutchfield said.

The inspiration behind Crutchfield's sense of urgency to chart the future now, and learn from history as Army Aviation develops the right future force, was a combination of the notes he took from visits with Aviators and non-Aviators shortly after he assumed command at Fort Rucker last summer, and from a recent eye-opening visit to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum on Fort Rucker.

Aircraft timelines for the Comanche and the UH-1 Huey can serve as a lesson learned for the future of Army Aviation, he said.

It took eight years from requirement to production of the UH-1. There were about 7,000 of those aircraft in Vietnam, more than 16,000 of them were built, and the aircraft served the Army for more than 45 years. For the Comanche, timeline was coming up with a name for the aircraft. In 22 years, only two of Black Hawk and Block III Apache. the aircraft were produced, he said.

Crutchfield said he believes many of the decision makers got it right, brought Army Aviation to where it is today, and formed the basis of current AirLand bers and timelines for the two aircraft, however, made him think about how to approach the future.

"That was my 'monastic' moment," Crutchfield said. "Both of them, the UH-1 and the Comanche, are sitting in

What it boils down to is the need to come up with what Crutchfield called an "aim point," and stick with it. Though technology and the environment may of commanders worldwide today and change, that fixed point must remain the same, he said.

Current major programs of record whose system lifespans run out in the look forward is now."

need in the field. We have to produce in eight years the only progress on the next 20 years include OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, CH-47F Chinook, UH-60M

> The future environment will include full-spectrum combat Aviation, focusing against a hybrid, adaptive threat, and that future operations will be in complex terrain. Future aircraft will need to Battle Doctrine. Comparing the num- deliver payload (equipment or people), or deliver fires on the battlefield in a timely fashion, and carry heavier loads. The aim point for these requirements is 2030. Crutchfield said.

> > "We have to lay out what we need after that generation of aircraft. The branch has to do that. And we've got to set an aim point and drive to that aim point, and not move it. And we have to do this rapidly to meet the needs in the future. We may not get it all right but we cannot afford to get it all wrong," Crutchfield said. "The time to

# Post officials recognize retention officers

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

Maintaining a strong Army starts with its leaders' abilities to keep good Soldiers in service, according to Fort Rucker command officials.

Various brigades, units and individuals were recognized for their contributions in retaining Soldiers during the U.S.Army Aviation Center of Excellence retention awards ceremony and luncheon at The Landing Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, spoke to those in attendance about what it takes to keep good Soldiers and be good leaders.

"The leaders keep Soldiers in the Army," Crutchfield said. "I believe that especially if you want to be a senior leader or general officer, has got to understand how we recruit and retain Soldiers. There are pieces to being a leader and to the development of Soldiers, and it starts with retention noncommissioned officers, career counselors and

Crutchfield continued by talking about the current size of the Army and how leaders and retention officers can affect that



every leader in the Army, Master Sgts. Rafael Ramos, USAACE Reserve Component senior career counselor, left, and Michael Jennings, USAACE retention officer, right, present Brig. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, with the Training and Doctrine Command Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award during the USAACE retention awards ceremony and luncheon at The Landing Thursday

"When our Army shrinks, and it will, do you think it will be harder or easier to retain Soldiers." he asked. "It's going to be harder and it should be. Because now, it becomes a quality cut. You have to ask yourself if the person you're trying to keep is someone you'd like to be your first sergeant when you're a brigade commander.'

Crutchfield said he'd leaders, so let's lead." like to see a bigger event planned for next year's ceremony, including the presence of Soldiers who elected to stay in the

"Next year I'd like to see this event go over the top," he said. "I'd like to see some of the people (retention officers) managed to keep in the Army. It all starts with us, the

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Everett, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment retention officer and event master of ceremonies, said this year's retention efforts were some of the

"(Fiscal year 2010) was a great year," he said. "We not sure if they were going to come back, but

#### Units who received retention awards

- · U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory Early Bird Brigade, Top Production Brigade and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Commanding General's Retention Excellence
- 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment Early Bird Battalion, USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award.
- 1st Bn., 212th Avn. Regt. Top Production Battalion, USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award.
- 1st Avn. Brigade USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award.
- Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 1st. Avn. Bde. — USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award.
- 110th Avn. Bde. USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award.
- HHC 110th Avn. Bde. USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award.
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems Training Battalion USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award.
- 1st Bn., 223rd Avn. Regt. USAACE Commanding General's Retention Excellence Award

#### **USAACE Commanding General's Indi**vidual Retention Excellence Awards

- Sgt. 1st Class Katherine Aponte, USAALS • Sgt. 1st Class Todd Crutchfield, UASTB
- · Sgt. 1st Class Gary Everett, 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.
- · Staff Sgt. Michael Anderson, 110th Avn. Bde. · Staff Sgt. Jason Brown, 1st Avn. Bde.

they made the decision to stick with the Army."

Everett said the methods of recruitment and rethan they have been in had quite a few who were the past, but the goal has arm-twisting, no smoke always been the same.

"For as long as there has

been an Army, there have been retention goals," he said. "The programs we have in place today are tention are different today not as harsh as the ones of the past. There's no and mirrors or hidden clauses."



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

# 10-Miler team receives ARCOMs

The Fort Rucker Army 10-Miler Team was presented with Army Commendation medals and certificates during a command and staff meeting Jan. 19 at the Headquarters Building. Pictured from left are CW2 Steven Abernathy, team coach, 2nd Lt. Maia Paris, team member, Brig. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell, Aviation Branch command sergeant major, 2nd Lt. Niko Temple, team member, 1st Sgt. Jeffery Herzog, team member, and Staff Sgt. Matthew Kinney, team member.

# Honor: 'We will never leave a fallen comrade.'

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sombered as a lone aircraft disappeared into the heavens.

Stars and stripes filled the solemn field representing the theme of the day's service

Officiating pastor, Reverend Joe Underwood, opened the ceremony with a prayer of gratitude that this long-lost native son was finally resting near his loved ones. He honored Dees as a true patriot and recognized the longawaited day of closure for the Dees family.

"I am here because I am one of his brothers," said Crutchfield, who spoke of the link between those who serve in the military.

Crutchfield said he was honored to be a part of the return of Dees to his family for burial at a family plot

Crutchfield recalled his time in Korea and meeting a Marine of Dees' generation while a battalion commander from 1998 to 2000 in South Korea. The Marine, a Korean War veteran, asked him for help in reaching a hill where



Brig. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, USAACE commanding general, greets Linda Dees. niece of 1st Lt. Robert Franklin Dees, before the start of a memorial service in remembrance of her uncle Saturday. Members from the Army and Air Force showed their support as well as their appreciation for the Dees family

he had lost four friends during

Crutchfield provided a helicopter to fly that man to the hill.

"I arranged to take him there in a helicopter because it was the right thing to do. There, three decades later, the veteran reached down and retrieved a eagle, globe and anchor insignia that had long been buried beneath the battle-

"Neither he nor I will ever for get that day...we are brothers," Crutchfield said.

"That is why I am here today, to honor a brother warrior," he said

Summing up his remarks, Crutchfield cited lines from the Soldier's Creed saying, "Lieutenant Dees 'never gave up' and the military kept its promise to never leave a fallen comrade.'

A single voice broke the silence and sang "Amazing Grace." As the final words of the song floated across the audience, the Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Honor Guard performed a three-volley rifle salute followed by "Taps."

The service was directed by Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home, assisted by the Air Force and the Disabled American Veteran Chap-

Over the years, the military has taken many steps toward identifying missing Korean Conflict comrades.

Beginning in the late 1990s, analysts from Defense Prisoner of War-Missing Personnel Office and the Joint Prisoner of War/Mission in Action Accounting Command undertook a concentrated review of Korean War air losses, as well as a review of the Kokura, Korea mortuary files. They made a tentative association to Dees. based on U.S. wartime records as well as the information provided by the North Koreans. These remains were disinterred from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Hawaii in June 2010.

Dees' remains were identified by making extensive dental comparisons with his medical records.

According to DPMO records, Dees was flying an F-84 Thunderjet, attacking several targets in North Korea. After he and three aircraft from the 430th Fighter-Bomber Squadron completed their attack on their primary target, they began their bombing run against enemy boxcars on the railroad near Sinvang. Other members of his flight reported seeing an explosion near the target they were attacking. They believed it to be the crash of Dees aircraft and could not raise any radio contact with him. Airborne searches over the battlefield failed to locate him or his aircraft.

DPMO and others continue to search for locate and identify remains of those servicemembers missing from missions all over

# Retirees: Service of Soldiers, Civilians praised

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way that we thank you for your many sacrifices and contribu-

The following Soldiers were honored:

• Chaplain (Col.) Stephen L. Cook received the Legion of

Merit in recognition of 27 years of outstanding miliservice. culminating as the Fort Ruckgarrison



chaplain. · Lt. Col. Lisa Ryder received the Meritorious Service Medal

in recognition of 20 years of outstandingmilitary vice, culminating as the Fort Rucker garrison contract management



Ryder

officer for the garrison com-

mander. • Chaplain (Maj.) Alexander C. Brown Jr. received the Meri-

torious Service Medal for 22 years of Outstanding miliservice, culminating as the Family Life Chaplain, Fort

Rucker. • CW5 Ralph A. Gilgenast Jr. received the Legion of Merit

in Recognition of 30 years of Outstanding military vice, culminating as Warrant Officer Career College instructor and writer.



• CW4 Willie D. Dunning IV received the Legion of Merit

in Recognition of 25 years of Outstanding military vice, culminating as Aircraft Component Repair Branch, Aviation Center

Logistics Command chief.

· Sgt. Maj. Teddy Bridgman received the Legion of Merit in Recognition of 29 years of Out-

standing militarv service. culminatingas Air Traffic Services Command S4 ser-

geant major. · Master Sgt.

Joseph A. Womack received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 24 years of Out-

standing militarv service. culminating as 377th Field Artillery, platoon sergeant at Fort Richardson, Alaska. • Sgt. 1st Class

vice, culminat-

ing as Aircraft

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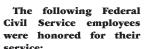


Repair Branch, Aviation Center Logistics Command noncom-

missioned officer in charge. · Staff Sgt. Francis Ladson reognition of 20 years of Outstanding miliservice. culminating as the U.S. Army

Aviation Center of Excellence commanding general chauffeur.

The Soldiers' spouses were also recognized with certificates of appreciation.



 Franklin D. Simmons received the Superior Civilian Service Medal and a Certificate



cialist. Marge Simmons received the Superior Civilian Service Medal ceived the Meritorious Service and a Certificate of Apprecia-

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tion of 36 years of Outstanding Service, culminating as Fort Rucker Garri-

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the

Office, Manpower, Management and Agreements Division chief.

· Thomas L Hunt received Superior Civilian Service Medal in recognitionof 22 years of Outstanding Service, culmi-



nating as Fort Rucker Civilian Personnel Advi-

sory Center labor specialist. · Leslie R.Walt-

man Jr. received Command-Award for Civil Service in



recognition of 34 years of Outstanding Civilian Service, culminating as Fort Rucker Center Library library manager.

Spouses were also recognized with certificates of appre-



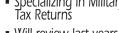
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Fort Rucker and DFMWR officials cut the ribbon at the official grand opening of Mother Rucker's on Fifth Avenue Monday. Pictured from left are Stephen Peacock, The Landing business manager, Brig. Gen. William Wolf, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center commanding general, Brig. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, Justin Mitchell, Fort Rucker deputy garrison commander, William Graham, Mother Rucker's general manager and Frank Zerbinos, DFMWR business operations officer

# **Open:** Mother Rucker's open 7 days a week

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Mother Rucker's has actually been open since last week, and the response from Soldiers has been excellent, according to William Graham, Mother Rucker's general manager.

"We originally planned to go with just a few menu items, but we decided to go with a full menu instead," he said. "It was kind of a mini-grand opening. The Soldiers really seem to love the atmosphere and it's great to see people from the outside community coming in as well."

The menu at Mother Rucker's features a variety of food including sandwiches, chili, nachos, hot dogs and a Portobello mushroom burger that is Graham said.



Patrons from on- and off-post take part in the Mother Rucker's grand opening festivities Monday. The 18-and-over establishment was in the works for three years before the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

grand opening is conve- rabilia and people will be nient for another reason: able to enter for a chance the Super Bowl is Feb. 6.

be plenty for Soldiers and patrons from the surthat day.

"We'll be showing the Super Bowl on all the away T-shirts and other

establishment's Mother Rucker's memoto win a jersey from each Graham said there will team at half-time," he said.

Mother Rucker's is open seven days a week rounding community to from 4 to 11 p.m., except burgers, chicken fillet enjoy at Mother Rucker's on Super Bowl Sunday when pre-game activities begin at 2 p.m.

For more information, actually a veggie burger, televisions, we'll be giving call 598-8025 or visit www.ftruckermwr.com.



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#### **ARMY BRIEFS**

#### **WOMEN IN COMBAT**

WASHINGTON - A commission of current and retired officers, senior noncommissioned officers and civilians charged with evaluating **Defense Department policies** to ensure they promote equal opportunity plans to recommend lifting the ban on women in combat.

The nonpartisan Military Leadership Diversity Commission will make 20 recommendations to President Barack Obama and Congress to increase diversity and inclusiveness and develop "a demographically diverse leadership that reflects the forces it leads and the public it services," according to a predecisional draft document posted on the commission's Web site.

The final report is expected in March.

#### COMPREHENSIVE **SOLDIER FITNESS**

WASHINGTON -The Army is closing in on a 1 million-user milestone for those who have taken the "Global Assessment Tool" survey, the results of which serve as a starting point for an individual Soldier's journey through the Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program.

The GAT is a 105-question survey that assesses a Soldier in "four dimensions of strength," including emotional, social, spiritual and family. After taking the survey, Soldiers are offered an array of self-guided online courses that can help them strengthen themselves in those four areas

The Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program kicked off in 2009 and includes the GAT, Master Resilience Training and self-guided development for Soldiers. The GAT survey is mandatory for Soldiers, but the results, and a Soldier's individual scores, are known only to the Soldier, not commanders. Commanders do have visibility of which Soldiers have completed the GAT, however.

#### **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS**

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department is using virtual-world interactivity educate and help warfighters and others who are reluctant to seek more direct care to deal with post-traumatic stress, said an official at the **National Center for Telehealth** and Technology.

The T2 Virtual Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Experience, based in Second Life. is an immersive interactive learning activity that is open to the public and educates visitors about combat-related post-traumatic stress.

During a recent telephone briefing from the center's headquarters at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Wash., Gren Rener, a clinical psychologist and acting chief of the center's innovative technology applications division, said the kinds of immersive experiences available in virtual worlds, such as the internationally-populated virtual world called Second Life, are designed to appeal to tech-savvy servicemembers and their families.



An Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter deployed to Iraq with the eCAB, 1st Inf. Div. takes off from a pad near Baghdad, Jan. 12.

# lack Hawks keep

SPC. ROLAND HALE

Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — An Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter company flying out of Camp Taji is charged with moving military and civilian VIPs between U.S. bases.

Since March, the Aviators of A Company, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment have flown nearly

of several military commands around Baghdad.

In addition to countless general officers, the company's passengers have included Sen. John Mc-Cain, State Department officials and other U.S. dignitaries. The company also transports celebrities, comedians and performers visiting troops here.

"We provide safe and professional transportation for senior leaders and distinguished visi-

6,000 flight hours in support tors," said Capt. Richard Polen, company commander.

> Polen is serving his second tour in Iraq. The country is less hostile than on his first tour, but safety is still one of his company's primary considerations, he said.

> "If any of these generals were to get hurt traveling on the ground, that could be used as a huge propaganda campaign by the enemy," said Polen. "Our mission keeps people off the ground, away from the (improvised ex-

plosive devices)."

CW2 Anthony Pringle is new to the VIP mission as a pilot. Pringle deployed to Iraq in 2005 as a Black Hawk door gunner with the 101st Airborne Division, where many of his missions involved combat air assaults, he said.

The VIP missions Pringle flies now are the "flip-side of the coin, but just as important," he said.

"It's maybe not as glamorous as

# Army expands UAS fleet, speeds up delivery



PHOTO BY WESLEY ELLIOTT

Cpl. Kennith Parish launches the Raven Unmanned Aircraft System for a test

BY KRIS OSBORN

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army is speeding up delivery of some of its newer unmanned aircraft system assets such as the Gray Eagle and expanding the size and range of its overall fleet to include a family of small UAS and a verticaltake-off-and-landing UAS, service officials said.

"We're going to accelerate Grav Eagle yet again. We're accelerating from two systems per year to three systems per year, which will result in 17 systems being procured by FY 2014," said Tim and is able to beam images from Owings, deputy project manager up to 29,000 feet for more than for Army Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

A Defense Acquisition Board in February is expected to confirm

the addition of two more low rate initial production Gray Eagle systems - each consisting of 12 air vehicles, five ground control stations and five additional attrition vehicles, Owings said.

#### **Two Gray Eagles deployed**

The Army has already deployed two Gray Eagle "Quick Reaction Capabilities."

One ORC is now flying with Army Soldiers in Iraq and another is with U.S. Special Operations Forces in Afghanistan, Owings

The 28-foot-long surveillance aircraft has a 56-foot wingspan 24 hours at a time.

The QRC Gray Eagle aircraft are

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# Aviation troops man state-of-art operations center

BY SPC. ROLAND HALE Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade 1st Infantry Division, Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — The setting is straight from any Hollywood imagining of a futuristic war room if that room were in Iraq.

The walls of the Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division's tactical operations center are covered mostly in maps, easily the simplest technology used in the state-of-the-art war room. The rest of the opera-

tions center is technology galore. Furnished with secret computers, flight trackers, radios and digital animations, one needs a security clearance to even enter the building. The operations center is staffed by about a dozen Soldiers

at a time whose specialties range from intelligence to air defense, but their mission is the same: to be the eves and ears of a brigade whose operations span across all Iraq.

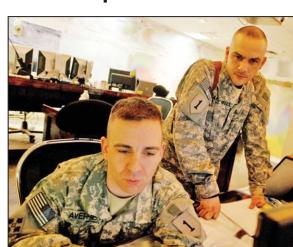
Spc. Steven Switzer works in the brigade's intelligence section. In most ways, his job is to be the eyes for the commander, he said.

"I track the enemy," said Switzer. "Our purpose is to let everyone else know what threats are out there."

Switzer and other intelligence

analysts working in the operations center man a small work station from which they can instantly receive intelligence from the field and disseminate threat

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Sgt. Kevin Averre (left) and CW2 Anthony Campbell look at a computer in the tactical operations center of the eCAB, 1st Inf. Div.

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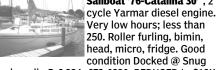
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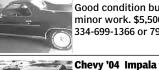




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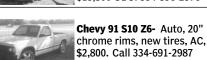
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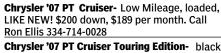


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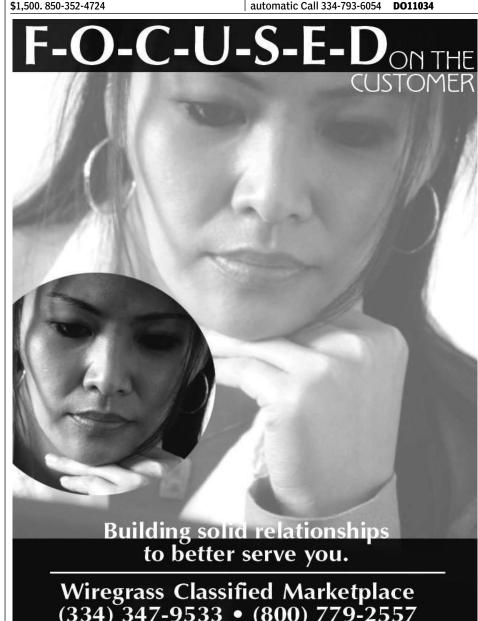
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### **Black Hawks:** End of combat does not mean less work

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doing an air assault, but the guys we fly now are the ones planning this operation, the drawdown and other things of that nature," said

The end of combat operations does not mean less work for the

crews, said Spc. Richard Stevens, flight hours since March, an averone of the company's crew chiefs. The crews fly as much in Operation New Dawn as they did during the height of the war, said Stevens.

Often the crews fly daily for several weeks before getting time off, he said. He has flown around 600

age amount for most crew members, he said.

"It's a busy mission," he said. "We may be lucky to grab something to eat on our way out some-

"We take the generals wherever they want to go," said Stevens.

"That involves a lot of early arrivals and being flexible to their schedules."

The company will stay busy until it returns to Fort Riley, Kan., sometime this spring. What it does until then "all depends on where the VIPs need to go," said

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# **UAS:** Hummingbird capable of moving cargo for 20 hours

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equipped with a laser designator, signals intelligence capability and an electro-optical/infrared camera designed to survey the ground below, track enemy movements and hone in on targets. They are also equipped to carry Hellfire missiles, Owings said.

"We did just complete the weaponization of ORC 1 in Iraq. We now have flown flights in Iraq with the full weapons suite. They will have to go through a safety certification process on a firing range before they are allowed to go live," Owings said.

The ORC concept is designed to bring needed technologies to the battlefield in advance of a formal program of record in order to sharpen requirements and get desired capability in the

hands of Soldiers sooner.

The Gray Eagle program will also go through a configuration change which will allow the Army to divide the systems up into three platoon-sized elements, Owings said. This will allow the Army to keep some aircraft back in the United States for training purposes while keeping most of the systems forward-positioned in theater.

#### **Hummingbird QRC planned**

The Army's Program Office for UAS is also planning a QRC for the A160 Hummingbird VTOL UAS. It's a 35-foot-long helicopter-like unmanned system able to conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions and move cargo for more than 20 hours at altitude ceilings of up to 30,000 feet.

"We are currently outfitting an A160 with a wide area surveillance payload and a signals inA160 to Afghanistan later this year with two additional air vehicles now undergoing final integration for fielding in FY 12," Owings said. "The big advantage with the A160 is you get near fixed-wing endurance in a vertical-lift platform. That is something we have not seen before."

telligence package. We intend to deploy a single

The first A160 aircraft was provided by the Defense Advance Research Project Agency. U.S Special Operations Command is providing the next two follow-on aircraft, Owings said.

The Army is also developing a formal requirement for a VTOL UAS designed to work in tandem with the A160 QRC, a process which will result in a formal competition and selection of a new capability, said Col. Rob Sova, capability manger for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

### **Aviation:** Soldiers keep eyes on everything at all times

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reports to the rest of the brigade.

In an detail can make a differlysts rarely leave their sta-

tention to detail and patience," said Switzer.

environment has a similar job. Working where every second and nearby Switzer, Dabney is a radio telephone operator. ence, the intelligence ana- Along with another RTO and a supervisor, her job is to track and monitor

"It involves a lot of at- aircraft flying around Baghdad.

"Our main focus is Spc. Paulette Dabney around central Iraq," said Dabney, "but we have our eyes on just about everything flying in the country." The RTOs use several

tools to track the flights, including instant messaging software that communicates with other operations centers in the country.

"I'll have at least seven chat windows open at the same time," said Dab-

"We monitor it all," she

said. "We don't want to lose track of a bird."

Spc. Bradley Kelly often works hand in hand with the RTOs. At another station next to theirs, he monitors restricted flight zones

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Mariam Jenkins, left, discusses spiritual legacy with Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mickey Jett, center, and Chaplain (Maj.) Scott Crossfield at a recent Worship on Wednesdays fellowship service. WOW is a newly formatted praise and worship service led by Jett, and replaces the longstanding Wednesday Night Live fellowship and Bible study program.

# Midweek fellowship keeps worshippers on trajectory

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

Wednesday evenings are livening up at the post Spiritual Life Center with the introduction of WOW-short for Worship on Wednesdaysa newly formatted praise and worship service.

The non-denominational Christian WOW, led by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mickey Jett, replaces the longstanding Wednesday Night Live fel- to give our chapel congregalowship and Bible study pro-

"WOW will be about growing in the Lord and maturing in their faith. In years past, in the faith through the study of Paul's epistles. Presently, we are looking at two of the ning and Wednesday evening earliest epistles of Paul, first and second Thessalonians, fellowship," Mitera said. which Paul wrote approximately five to eight months is an attempt to get back to ica," Jett said.

"Paul, like a parent, was concerned about the newly Mitera. established church in the Macedonian area.

"Therefore, WOW partici- cording to Jett. pants can learn about what the apostle felt was most important for them to know," he

Joining Jett in WOW praise and worship are Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Mitera and Chaplain (Mai.) Scott Crossfield.

"Part of the reason we have



tion members an opportunity to have a mid-week worship experience to help them grow Families would go to church Sunday morning, Sunday eveeach week for worship and

The Wednesday program after his departing Thessalon- the roots of faith when many churches now only have a Sunday service, according to

in unity and love. It is about praise and worship." Jett said. In addition to the food, patrons can enjoy contemporary

praise and worship music. "We presently have two acoustic guitar players, and

a Wednesday night program is we invite others to join our praise team," Mitera said.

The chaplains hope to grow the attendance to the meeting.

"Right now we generally have 50 to 60 people attend each week, and are hoping to grow to about 100 people,"

The chaplains invite anyone interested in growing spiritually to attend WOW.

"Come and grow with us, learn what the Bible says about how the church operated in an environment of The fellowship service is conflict while being totally about being a disciple, ac- committed to the gospel. WOW will be about faith, fel-"WOW is about getting to lowship, friendship and folknow each other and the Lord lowing Christ in a closer way, Jett said.

The WOW service is Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. with a fellowship meal provided by the chapel. At 6 p.m. there is 15 minutes of singing and prayer, followed by a 30-min-



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mickey Jett takes prayer requests from participants at a recent Worship on Wednesdays fellowship service.

ute Bible study. The service concludes at 6:45 p.m.

A \$3 donation per person or \$8 donation per Family is requested to defray the cost of food. However if cost is an issue, guests can eat for free.

People who have musical talent and would like to participate with the praise team, can call Mitera at 255-3544.

For more information about WOW, call Jett at 255-3274.

#### February ac announces

BY MICHELE WATSON

The Exceptional Family Members Program hosts two new activities in February

One activity is an EFMP support group meeting and the other is an EFMP bowling night.

"I am very excited about both of our February activities," said Marion Cornish, EFMP manager. "The program is currently undergoing a transition, and this is a great way for us to let those we serve as well as those who are not familiar with our services be more aware of all of our services. We are trying to revamp

this program.

'We realize we have a lot of special needs Family members, and the goal we have is to make their Families aware of the support and services we offer. It is a way for us just to reach out to those who can benefit from our services."

#### Support group

The support group meeting focuses on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The guest speaker for the event is Leslie George, Lyster Army Health Clinic, Department of Behavioral Medicine, licensed social worker. The program is 9-10 a.m., Feb. 15, at The Land-

"We invite everyone who

may benefit from this meeting to attend," Cornish said. "We realize we do have a lot of children who are diagnosed with ADHD, and we believe this program will be very beneficial to them as well as their Families. Come and enjoy fellowship with other EFMP Families and provide suggestions for future topics for our support groups.

#### EFMP bowling night

Having fun and getting to know one another is a goal for the EFMP according to Cor-

"That is why we have scheduled our second event, the Exceptional Family Members Bowling Night. We want everyone to have fun and realize they are not alone," she said. "This event is a good way for the ice to be broken and. hopefully, allow everyone to know what services are available if needed.

"I want to thank Suzy Kelly at Rucker Lanes," Cornish said. "She has given us a very discounted rate for this event, and we really appreciate how much she has worked with us. I believe this will be a very exciting event for the whole Family. The facility also has adaptive equipment to assist the children, if need be."

Bowling Night is scheduled for Feb. 28, at 5 p.m., at Rucker Lanes Bowling Center. The

fee to participate in Bowling Night is \$1.75 per game and \$1.25 shoe rental. Registration for the event is required by Feb. 25.

The events are also a way to network with other Families who have special needs Family members, she said

"I want both events to open the door to questions and whatever concerns those we serve may have and to those who may need our services, well, hopefully, this will provide them a chance to find out more about our services."

For more information regarding services available through EFMP and to register, call 255-9277.

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS . SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### renovations

The Fort Rucker main Burger King is closed due to renovations. New hours for the Burger King Express in the mini mall are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

#### Call for the Arts

Family members kindergarten through high school can now showcase their military experience through film, poetry or the arts. Selected submissions will be featured in an art exhibit at the Military Child Education Coalition Annual Conference, annual calendar, magazine and MCEC media. Deadline for all entries is Feb. 11. For more information, call (254) 953-1923or visit www.MilitaryChild.org/ child-student/arts.

#### Anger management workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program holds an anger management workshop Monday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center. Topics include identifying causes of anger, symptoms of anger, techniques on how to manage anger and developing an anger management plan. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, Department of Defense employees and their Family members. For more information, call 255-3898.

#### **DFMWR** surveys

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation is currently conducting a financial readiness program survey and a new events programming survey. The surveys are available on the www. ftruckermwr.com Web site now through Sunday.

#### Bank account maintenance workshop

Army Community Service's Financial Readiness Program staff hosts a bank

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account maintenance workshop Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284

The workshop covers the importance of managing bank accounts including the different types of accounts for spending and savings purposes, keeping up with account balances through regular statement reconciliation and how a disciplined spending plan can ensure control over money. For more information, call 255-2594.

#### Monday night trivia

Trivia in the Zone moves to Monday nights beginning Monday. Winners receive prizes and free gift vouchers for meals. For more information, call 598-8025

#### AFTB Level I

Army Community Service offers Army Family Team Building Level I classes Wednesday and Feb. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A. The class helps individuals gain a better understanding of Army life and prepare for all the opportunities the Army has to offer. Program offers a divorce Advance registration is required and all materials and instructions are free. Childcare may be available. For more information and registration, call 255-2382.

The Fort Rucker Army Career and Alumni Program Center hosts Lockheed Martin for an Employer Dav event in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 185 Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 255-3932.

#### Becoming a Love and Logic Parent

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy ing a Love and Logic Par-information, call 255-3898. ent" classes each Thursday through March 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center. Topics include raisinstilling values, problem solving and using natural consequences as a discipline technique. This workshop is a seven part series. Participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. The workshop is open to is open to the public. active duty, retired military, Department of Defense

#### Corduroy Blues in the Zone

employees and their Fam-

ily members. For more in-

formation, call 255-3898.

The Landing Zone staff ride home to patrons that live on post. For more information, call 598-8025.

#### **Super Bowl Sunday** at Mother Rucker's

Mother Rucker staff hosts a 2011 Super Bowl event Feb. 6. Patrons can watch the big game on one of 12 televisions. For more information, call 503-0396.

#### Divorce and Separation Co-**Parenting Workshop**

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy and separation co-parenting workshop Feb. 7 and 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the early childhood activity center.

Topics include commitment to staying child focused, effective communication and negotiation skills, reducing parental conflict and understanding children's needs during and following divorce. This workshop is a two-part series. Participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. Registration is

This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, Department of Defense employees and their

Program holds "Becom- Family members. For more

#### Lawn care schedule

Picerne Military Housing lawn mowing schedules are ing responsible children, now bi-weekly. For more information, visit www.ruckerpicerne.com.

#### **Rucker Lanes** breakfast

Rucker Lanes now serves breakfast starting at 7 a.m. It

#### **ROWA**

The Retired Officers Wives Auxiliary hosts its monthly meetings the second Tuesday of each month from now until May at The Landing. The club offers wives the chance to stay in hosts Corduroy Blues for touch with military heritage live entertainment Feb. 4 and make new friends. For from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The more information, call Mary courtesy van offers a free Jane Collins at 774-2101 or Penny Griffith at 774-5065.

#### **AER** scholarships

Army Emergency Relief scholarship applications are available at www.aerhq. org. Applications are due by April 1. For more information, call 255-2341.

# **DFMWR Spotlight**



#### **Dinner theater**

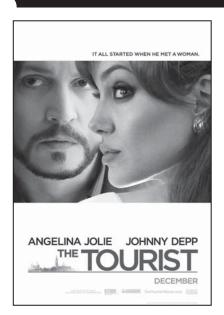
Dinner Theater for the "Who-Dun-It" Murder Mystery Night is Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9:45 p.m. at The Landing Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased at The Landing Zone. Tickets are \$24 at the door and includes dinner and entertainment. Show is recommended for individuals 12 years of age and older. For more information, call 255-9810



## Pick-of-the-litter

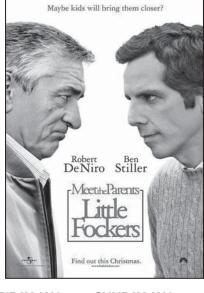
Meet Simon, a 4-year-old male tabby, available for adoption at the Fort Rucker Stray Facility. He is friendly and easy-going. It costs \$81 to adopt Simon and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, microchip and neutering. For more information on animal adoptions, call the Veterinary Clinic at 255-9061, open Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or the Stray Facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Stray 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. One cat was adopted last week.

# FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for Jan. 27 - 30



THURSDAY, JAN. 27

The Tourist (PG-13) ...... 7 p.m.



FRIDAY, JAN. 28 & SUNDAY, JAN. 30 Little Fockers (PG-13) ...... 7 p.m.



SATURDAY, JAN. 29

Yogi Bear (PG) ...... 7 p.m.

# Worship

#### **CHAPEL CORNER**

# Worship opportunities abound for all faiths

BY NANCY B. JANKOSKI

God's plan from the beginning is for parents to raise their children in

Parents are the leaders of the "domestic church." Faith can be learned about at church, but it has to be lived out in the home and the world. propriate religious education program for children thru confirmation, and also offer adult learning opportunities through Rite of Christian Initiation

How can parents get needed help to lead in their homes wisely? One way is by investing in their own spiritual education and growth.

The chapel offers numerous opportunities for learning. Men's groups, women's groups, Soldier Bible studies, and other targeted Bible studies abound.

The Protestant Sunday School is a place where members of the Protestant community, regardless of age or marital status, can find a "one-stop Bible study" for the whole Family. In Sunday school, children and youth participate in age-appropriate Bible study. Children use all five senses in their classes. People learn best when they have fun in the learning process, and we're trying to make learning fun for all ages in Sunday school.

Adults can choose from a variety of classes based on individual preferences. There is always at least one class designed to help busy military adults learn life management, marriage enrichment or parenting skills from a biblical perspective.

For the Catholic community, we have an age-appropriate religious education program for children thru confirmation, and also offer adult learning opportunities through Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, adult scripture studies, targeted groups such as the Military Council of Catholic Women and more

We have a Jewish faith exploration lab inside the Spiritual Life Center where those who wish to learn about Judaism can come for individual study, and we can and do refer persons from a variety of faiths to local area providers if we do not have a chaplain for a particular faith group.

When you think about 'worship" you probably think of the type of services vou have personally experienced. There is nothing wrong with that. The familiar is comfortable, and the unfamiliar may seem to be uninviting or even sacrilegious. I grew up as a Baptist, and still identify myself that way. It isn't just the religion of my childhood, being a Baptist is my adult choice, embraced cheerfully and after much thought.

I also acknowledge that

I've learned a great deal from other expressions of Christianity, and from Judaism.

Getting to know how Catholics worship God has enriched my own Christian life. Even the expression "domestic church" that I used earlier is one I learned from the Catholic church.

I have adopted some of the liturgical seasonal celebrations, such as Advent and Lent. My understanding has increased from exposure to those who worship differently. It has caused me to think about things I didn't use to think about. For example, this Christmas Eve, I was at a Baptist church service where they were actually lighting Advent candles For Baptists, that's a relatively new development, but a good one. As a Family came forward to light the Advent candles at the start of the service, I noticed that the man was the one who lit the candles.

I immediately thought about what I had learned by attending a Jewish Seder, that it is the women who light the candles. So now I have a new question to explore. Whatever answer I find, it will be because I have been exposed to the way others worship God.

Come to worship — God designed us all to worship him.

# **Religious Services**

#### CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES

Confessions are conducted at 4 p.m. Mass is offered Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:05 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-9894.

### ISLAMIC PRAYERS AND PROGRAMS

All prayers are held at Bldg. T6609 on Fifth Avenue. For more information about daily prayers, weekly and monthly programs, call Chaplain (Maj.) Abdullah Hulwe at 255-1073.

#### LUTHERAN, EPISCOPALIAN WORSHIP SERVICES

Lutheran and
Episcopal worship services are
offered Sundays
at 8 a.m. at the
Main Post Chapel.
For more information, call 255-3140 or
255-2989.



#### CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICES

Church of Christ services are offered Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel of Wings featuring the Lord's Supper, singing, sermon and prayer. Everyone is

### PROTESTANT CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICES

Protestant Contemporary Praise services are offered at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at the Chapel of Wings. For more information, call 255-9221 or 255-2989.

#### LATTER-DAY SAINTS SERVICES

Services are offered Sundays at the Ozark LDS Chapel at 9 a.m. For more information, call 255-4359 or 255-2989.

### COLLECTIVE PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICES

Collective Protestant worship services are offered Sundays at 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information. call 255-3140.

#### JEWISH SERVICES

Services are offered Fridays at Temple Emanu-El, located at 188 North Park in Dothan at 7 p.m. For more information, call 792-5001.

# **Chapel Briefs**

## Protestant Women of the Chapel

Protestant Women of the Chapel host Bible studies, fellowship, praise and worship Tuesdays from 8:45 to 11 a.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939. Child care is provided by the Child Development Center with preregistra-

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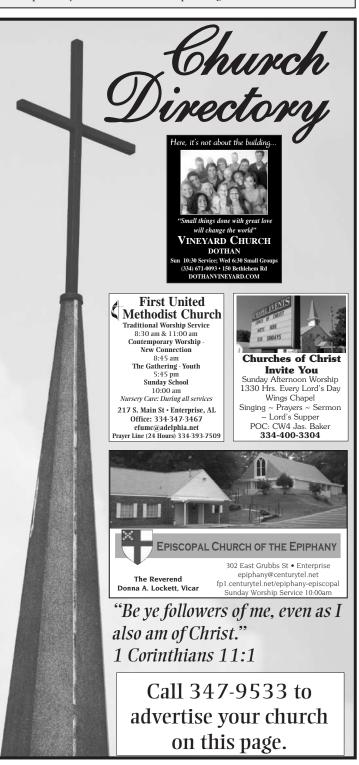
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# community calendar

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#### ANDALUSIA

ONGOING — Andalusia Public Library offers free practice tests. Patrons can choose from more than 300 online tests based on official exams such as the ACT, SAT. GED, ASVAB, firefighter, police officer, paramedic, U.S. citizenship and many

Patrons may select to take a test and receive immediate scoring. Test results are stored in personalized individual accounts, accessible only to patrons. Call 222-6612 for more information.

#### DALEVILLE

ONGOING - The Fort Rucker chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are in the Daleville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Ball-

FEB. 12 - A 5k run and 1-mile walk is Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. in Daleville at Wildwood Campground to raise funds for the NephCure Foundation. The NephCure Foundation helps research seeking the cause of focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, a kidney disease with no known cause or cure. Registration is \$20 for 5k runners and free for walkers. For more information, contact Cristy Young at 808-429-4197. \$\$\$

#### DOTHAN

FEB. 11 — The annual "A Party for the Park" is Feb. 11, at Landmark Park, in the Stokes Activity Barn, beginning at 6:30

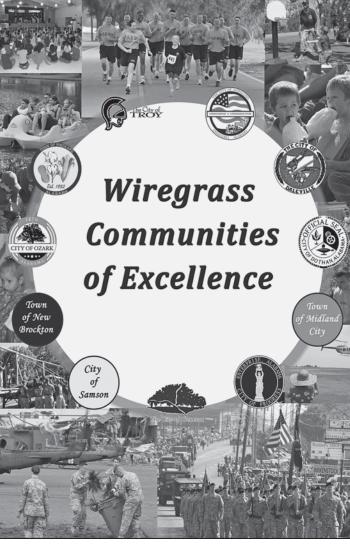
Proceeds from the event will benefit Landmark Park, a 135-acre historical and natural science park located on U.S. Highway 431 North.

Advance tickets are required and cost \$50 per person (\$40 for park members) or \$450 for a table of eight (\$400 for park members). Ticket price includes food, beverages and entertainment. Dress is casual and children are welcome. Call 334-794-3452 to make reservations.

Take out will be available for pre-order and can be picked up Feb. 11 between 5 and 6:30 p.m. Roasted pork is available for \$8 per pound and ribs can be purchased for \$20 per rack.

For more information, contact the park at 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com. \$\$\$

APRIL 8 AND 9 — Teams are needed for the sixth annual Tri-state Barbeque Festival at the Houston County Farm Center. Space is limited to the first 40 professional teams and 25 backyard teams who reg-



ister. For more information call 699-1475 information, call David Deal 334-406-2787 or visit www.tristatebbq.com.

#### ENTERPRISE

SATURDAY — The Rawls restaurant at 116 S. Main Street hosts a charity event from 7 to  $10~\mathrm{p.m.}$  to raise funds for the SOS Animal

Tickets for the event are \$40 and can be purchased at The Rawls office or Dog Days Daycare. For more information, call 334-347-7612.\$\$\$

MARCH 26 AND 27 — The Piney Woods Arts Festival is March 26 and 27 at Enterprise State Community College. It's free to the public and features original artworks by local artists, much of which will be available for purchase

There will also be carnival games and face painting for children to enjoy as well as a Civil War living history display. For more

#### **GENEVA**

APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 1 — Geneva's Festival on the Rivers is April 29 and 30 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 1 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Robert Fowler Park.

The event features worm fiddling, sculling contests, tug of war, coin scramble, arts and crafts, food vendors and live musical entertainment featuring country and gos-

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, call 684-8575 or visit www.genevariverfestival.com. \$\$\$

#### MIDLAND CITY

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

#### NEW BROCKTON

SATURDAY — A beginner's beekeeping class begins at Gerry's Honey House, located at 1070 Alabama Highway 153.

For more information and to register, call 894-2077 or e-mail whitsfarm@centurytel.

FEB. 3 — The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association monthly meeting is 7 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center.

Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information, call 372-7814 or 894-2077

#### OZARK

APRIL 9 - Ozark's Crawdad and Music Festival is 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the square downtown.

This festival is held as a way to increase tourism and provide local residents with a fun and relaxed entertainment venue.

The festival's main features are crawdads, cold beverages and continuous live music as well as arts and crafts, children's activities and more.

For more information, call 774-2618 or visit www.ozarkalabama.us.

#### PINCKARD

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

#### SAMSON

**ONGOING** — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesdays at

APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 — TroyFest takes place in downtown Troy. The event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.April 30 and 1 to 5 p.m. May 1. It is free and open to the public and is the premier community arts festival for the Pike County region.

It features fine arts and crafts, a juried art show, antiques, farmers market, food court, merchants walk, children's art exhibit and kids' corner. For more information, visit www.troyfest.com or call 566-2294.

\$\$\$ indicates a charge for the event

# **Beyond Briefs**

#### Peacemaker arrives in Panama City

Free dockside tours aboard the tall hip Peacemaker are available from 10 a.m.to 7 p.m. until Monday at the Panama City Marina in Panama City, Fla. The 150-foot barquentine was built in Brazil. The dockside tour is free and open to the public. For more information or to make group reservations, call (912) 399-6946.

#### **Eagle Awareness**

Hear the call of the wild until Feb. 6 at Guntersville State Park in Guntersville, Ala., during Eagle Awareness. Eniov fireside chats, guided interpretive programs at various bald eagle nesting sites and guest speakers. Each program is followed by meals in the park's dining room.All activities take place at the park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Event hours vary. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (256) 571-5440 or visit www.alapark. com/LakeGuntersville.

#### **Supper and Stories**

The Brundidge Historical Society presents the fifth annual Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival Friday and Saturday at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge and the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University in Troy.

The event features nationally ac-

claimed storytellers Donald Davis, Kathryn Tucker Windham, Barbara McBride-Smith and Michael Reno Harrell. Tickets are \$25 can be purchased at Rue's Antiques in downtown Brundidge. For more information, call 735-3125.

#### Glenn Leonard and The **Temptations Experience**

Glenn Leonard and the Temptations Experience is Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pell City Experience in Pell City, Ala. Joining Leonard is Kareem Ali, Pete Marshall, Anthony McRae and Freddy Black. For more information, call (205) 338-1974. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information, call (205) 338-1974.

#### **CSI:** The Experience

Crime Scene Investigation: The Experience lands in Huntsville Saturday through May 1 at the Main Exhibit Hall of the Huntsville Space Camp. Show times are held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week and tickets are sold two hours before close. Please allow 60-90 minutes for each CSI experience. The exhibit immerses guests in hands-on science while leading them through the challenge of solving a crime mystery. Ticket prices are not yet available. For information, call (800) 63-SPACE or visit www.spacecamp.com/museum/csi/tickets.

#### 'Hansel and Gretel'

Jean Pierce's adaptation of "Hansel and Gretel" is Monday through Feb. 25

at 9:30 and 11:30 am at the Birmingham Children's Theatre. In this new adaptation, Hansel and Gretel are starving for sweets. Dad's a dentist, mom's a nutritionist and there's no candy in the kitchen cupboard. The youngsters find their way to Cupcake Castle where Miss Licorice urges them to dine exclusively on desserts. Life is sweet, until they discover the Gingerbread People who used to be real boys and girls. To escape the same fate. Hansel and Gretel must defeat. Miss Licorice and the audience has the answer. Tickets are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults. For more information, call (205) 458-8181 or visit www.bct123.

#### Southern Cooking Classes

The Fish House and the Atlas Oyster House restaurants in Pensacola, continue to pass on Southern cooking traditions with their "Sweet Tea, Southern Cooking" series. The chefs of these restaurants share some of their Southern recipes and styles in the classes they teach. The symposium is Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Fish House at 600 S. Barracks St. Classes are free and on a first come first serve basis. For more information, call (850) 748-9001 or visit www.goodgrits.

#### **Plant Winter Gardens**

Bellingrath Gardens and Homes at 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, in Theodore, Ala., hosts Winter Wednesdays until Feb. 23 to teach people what plants

and combinations work best for winter gardens for those along the Gulf Coast. Admission is \$12 for Bellingrath guests and includes entry into the Gardens for the day of the program. Members of the Friends of Bellingrath admitted are free. To register for these classes or for more information, call (251) 973-2217 or visit www.bellingrath.org

#### Run and Ride For Your Heart

The Exceptional Outreach Organization and The Auburn Opelika Running and Track Association sponsor the Love Your Heart Run and Crank Your Heart Ride at Chewacla State Park in Auburn on Feb. 19 at 7 a.m. The fundraising even benefits children and adults with special needs that participate in various athletic organizations. A pre-registration fee for the run is \$16 and \$20 for dayof-race registration and for the ride is \$20 pre-registration and \$25 for the day of the race. For more information call (334) 501-2940 or visit www.loveyour-

#### Panama City Beach Mardi Gras

Panama City Beach Mardi Gras is a two-day festival and parade with the Krewe of Dominique Youx celebrating the season March 4 and 5. The festival takes place at Pier Park in Panama City, Fla. The event includes live bands, Cajun food, tours of a Panama City Mardis Gras float and much more. For more information, visit www.mardigrasatthe-

# Buckling up is SMART

# Safety center introduces new seatbelt campaign

BY ART POWELL

Strategic Communications Directorate U.S.Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

You have heard it, seen it and read it a million times: "Buckle up."

Why won't this safety theme just go away since everybody's seen it their entire lives? After all, most Soldiers in the Army today went home from the hospital in a car seat after they were born. So why do we keep hearing about the proper use of seatbelts?

"Because it saves lives," said Lt. Col. Scott Wile, director, Driving Task Force, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. "Buckling up is one of the simplest things you can do to increase your chances of survival in the event you are in an accident."

In fiscal year 2010, 54 percent of fatal accidents stemmed from some form of indiscipline, with the most common being speed and failure to wear seatbelts.

As a reference, Army Regulation 385-10, paragraph 11-4.a, requires seatbelt usage whenever a Soldier is in a vehicle, whether on or off the installation. However, Army safety officials report an increase in Soldier deaths that could have been prevented if seatbelts were

In the case of a recent accident involving Soldiers of the same rank, if the senior occupant cannot be ascertained, the driver is responsible for ensuring seatbelt compliance. However, when both Soldiers are passengers, it is a good practice to link the "take care of your battle buddy" mantra to seatbelt compliance by stressing the importance of somebody in the vehicle ensuring everybody uses restraints.

In order to achieve 100 percent seatbelt compliance, Soldiers need the "personal courage" to do the right thing and adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct. This can be done by developing an individual; second nature; privately-owned-vehicle "pre-combat check" mentality to address seatbelt apathy and complacency, Wile said.

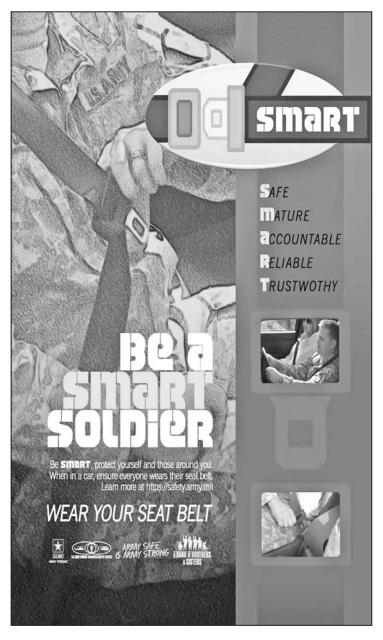
"Leaders need to set and stress the example for Soldiers to follow, always wear their seatbelts, and take other steps to minimize risk as part of composite risk management," he added. Too many accident reports involve fatalities because they were in an accident and weren't properly restrained. Many of them would be alive today if they simply had worn their seatbelts."

The nation's top safety agencies trumpet the importance of seatbelts, with the National Safety Council stating that while seatbelt use averaged 88 percent in 2009 (up from 69 percent in 2008), teens, commercial drivers, males in rural areas, pick-up truck drivers, those who are driving at night and those who have been drinking tend not to wear them.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports seatbelts are the most effective traffic safety device for preventing death and injury. The organization says that wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of crash injuries by 50 percent, and 75,000 people involved in vehicle accidents between 2004-2008 are alive today because they were buckled up.

Do you need another reason to use your seat belt, and make sure everyone in your vehicle is using them properly? The NHTSA tells us that 42 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who died in 2007 accidents were unbelted. A study by the group in 2009 estimated that 1,600 lives and 22,000 injuries could be prevented annually if seatbelt use reached 90 percent, just a 2 percent jump from recent estimates. The trend is comparable to the recent trends in fiscal year 2011 that showed two of six fatalities were unbelted passengers.

The numbers are overwhelming: seatbelts save lives. That's why the "Buckle Up" message won't be going away any-



# Improving indoor air quality as temperatures drop

BY COLIN O'CONNER Fort Campbell Installation Safety Office

Air pollution is often thought of as an outside concern, like smog hanging in the air.

homes and offices can be more polluted than the air outside. The elderly, children and people suffering asthma and respiratory problems are especially sensitive to indoor pollutants. Even healthy effects many years later, after repeated exposure.

Modern buildings are constructed airtight, so pollutants and irritants can't escape and fresh air doesn't infiltrate. So what can you do to clean up the air you breathe?

The simplest way to imopen a window or door to allow fresh air in. This will allow pollutants and fragrances. irritants to escape and di-

lute their concentrations indoors

#### Eliminate sources

Cleaners, fragrances and household chemiof volatile organic compounds in indoor air. Most However, the air inside chemicals are derived from petroleum products. Inhalation of these chemicals can lead to irritation in the lungs, headaches, dizziness, exhaustion and decreased productivity.

Limit the amount of chemicals in your home adults can suffer health or office. Store chemicals outside the home or in the garage. Throw away old or unneeded chemicals safely.

Avoid using aerosol sprays. Aerosol cleaners, furniture polish and air fresheners suspend chemicals in the air that **Increase ventilation** then enter your lungs.

Look for fragrance-free prove indoor air quality is or naturally-scented prodto let in fresh air. When- ucts. Use mild cleaners ever the temperatures that don't include artifioutside are mild enough, cial fragrances. There are plenty of effective natural cleaning products and

**Control** mold

But given the right conditions it can thrive indoors and create health hazards for occupants. Indoor relative humidity should be maintained at 30-50 percent. Use ventilation fans for bathrooms and kitchens. Ventilate crawlspaces to prevent the buildup of the byproduct of incommoisture. Wipe up any plete combustion. It is

Mold is all around us. accumulated moisture, highly toxic to humans Clean up any visible mold growth and locate and eliminate the mois-

#### Carbon monoxide

One of the most dangerous indoor air pollutants is carbon monoxide. It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that is

and animals in high quantities, but can cause fatigue, headaches, confusion, nausea and dizziness in lower quantities.

Use fuel burning appliances correctly and ensure they are working properly. Do not use any gasoline-powered engines indoors, even for a short time. Ensure gasoline-powered engine exhaust doesn't enter the home or office. And use a carbon monoxide

So while your house or office is shut tight to keep warm this winter, consider the air quality. Eliminate sources of pollutants, get fresh air in when vou can and add some houseplants to clean the air.







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## Lyster Army **Health Clinic**

INFORMATION ★ UPDATES

Lyster renovations

Patient service centhe patient service center at LysterArmy Health Clin-

ic at the main entrance is scheduled to be complete in mid-May.

The center will house the administrative officer of the day, patient registration desk, the information help desk, and Tricare service center. Construction will occur in three separate phases; the first happens behind closed doors; the second involves the hallway, and the third and occurs at the front portion of the old primary care clinic. The main entrance is scheduled to remain open during the construction, but excuse the mess during renova-

**Aviation Medicine hallway** — Construction in the Aviation Medicine be complete in mid-April. The project consolidates primary care (primary care clinic, adult medicine, aviation medicine, physical exams). When complete, the four clinics will operate in the same area (Aviation Medicine hallway). This change enables LAHC to better utilize resources, allows the clinics to share administrative services increases the examination rooms and staffing for primary care managers, and better prepares the clinic to start the patient centered medical home. The consolidation helps Families stay together while be- review the security and ing serviced by the same PCM.

#### Medical Home -

Patient Centered Medical Home construction begins April 11. This model of primary care positions the clinic to empanel Families and units togeth-

er so each will see the same PCM.All PCMs/PCM Teams will be able to see ter — Construction for Aviators and their Family members so the each will not have to go to separate parts of the clinic to obtain primary care.

#### Patient security

In order to provide maximum security for patients and the staff, the public access to Lyster Army Health Clinic is limited to the main entrance off of the large parking lot. In addition, the main entrance doors and main entrance will have a metal detector to minimize bringing in concealed weapons. The main entrance will also have guards to ensure concealed weapons are not brought into the facility.

#### **Tricare Online**

Tricare Prime beneficiaries assigned to Lyster hallway is scheduled to Army Health Clinic have choices when they need to schedule a primary care appointment. In addition to calling the Central Appointment Line to make an appointment, Tricare Prime patients can register themselves and Family members on Tricare Online to book primary care appointments.Tricare Online affords beneficiaries the opportunity to schedule primary care medical appointments 24 hours a day 7 days a week by using the internet.

Patients can complete registration by going to www.tricareonline.com. First, the person must privacy policy, and click the "I Agree" button. Then, from the pre-login home page, click on the "Register Now" link located under the login area on the home page and follow the instructions to complete account registration.





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Colder weather brings changes for outdoor fitness training

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#### SPORTS SHORTS

#### YOUTH SOCCER **COACHES MEETINGS**

A spring Youth Soccer coaches meeting is Wednesday and Thursday at the Youth Sports Department beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, call 255-9105 or 255-9638.

#### **SEMI-PRO BASEBALL**

The Enterprise Semi-Pro Baseball league staff hosts tryouts Saturday at Peavy Park beginning at 1 p.m. For more information, call 347-4275.

#### **BLACK HISTORY 5K**

Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility staff hosts the annual Black History 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration for the event begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Physical Fitness Facility on Andrews Avenue. The Fun Run is free to all participants up to age 12. Participants are encouraged to register early. Cost for the run is: \$15 by Saturday with shirt; \$20 Sunday and after with shirt; \$10 no shirt option. \$80 for a team of 8, each additional person pays normal registration fee, includes shirt. Trophies will be awarded to Overall Male/Female, Master Male/Female, Grandmaster Male/Female, first place trophies in 14 age categories, and second and third place medals in 14 age categories. Toy donations will be accepted for Hearts Apart. For more information, call 255-3794.

#### **WIREGRASS HIGH SCHOOL HOME RUN DERBY**

The 17th annual Wiregrass High School Home Run Derby is Feb. 5 at Rehobeth High School in Dothan. All hitters must be registered by 9 a.m. on the day of the event. All hitters must wear a complete uniform. The three high school finalists will advance to the championship round to compete against Major League baseball players. Advance tickets are available at C&M Sporting Goods for \$7. Tickets at the gate are \$10 the day of the event. For more information, call 334-701-5060.

#### ATV TRAIL RIDE

**Outdoor Recreation staff hosts** an All Terrain Vehicle Trail Ride Feb. 12 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation, Pre-registration is required. Open to all ages

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# **USAAMC** locks down MPs

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

Last year's intramural basketball champions are not having any trouble getting back to work as this season begins.

U.S. Army Aeromedical Center had little trouble putting away the 6th Military Police Detachment, 50-39, in Monday's season opener.

The team went undefeated last season and, according to L.V. Miller, team captain, it plans to continue that trend.

"We seemed to have easy layups all game," he said. "It went pretty well. We had an easy time getting the new guys in and working with them."

While the team played well, Miller said getting complacent would be a mistake since there are some good players on the court for other teams.

"I think we've got a pretty good season coming up," he said. "There're some new teams in it this year, they've got some solid talent, but we should be fine."

USAAMC proved its dominance in the second half when faced with a sudden offensive surge from the 6th MP Detachment that almost changed the tone of the game.

USAAMC players Noel Wilson, Daxton Barkley and Mark Turner managed to come down with almost every rebound on either side of the court. While the three-point shooting for the 6th MPs was strong, mostly thanks to coach Dustin Blain, it wasn't enough to keep the team afloat through the fourth quarter.

After spending most of its time working on defense in the second half, when the fourth quarter hit, so did USAAMC's last offensive push.

TerrenceHolmesproved to be one of USAAMC's go-to shooters and layup specialists as he charged through 6th MP defenders both height and weight.

the troops and force sev- the game might have



USAAMC player Terrence Holmes goes up for a layup during the team's game against the 6th MP Detachment Monday. USAAMC was last season's champions and L.V. Miller, team captain, said the team plans to repeat this season.

that almost led to the 6th both teams. who out-matched him in MPs taking the lead ... al-

The game wasn't all Bad passing and poor Blain said. "We got a little of its issues in the coming adjust quicker are major USAAMC, though. During awareness were the main too trigger-happy and weeks. the second and third quarproblems facing the MPs. there were a lot of firstters, Blain managed to rally 
If not for several miscues, game jitters."

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The MPs are hardly out and I expect we'll step gether."

championship, Blain said. "We weren't boxing out The team will continue

"I'm going to stress a

time," he said. "Being able to transition into different defenses and being able to points for us. The more we play, the more we'll be lot of things in practice able to keep our plays to-





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# Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps THREE DAYS STUCK IN BED DOING NOTHING BUT WATCHING

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2. SCIENCE: What is another name

for beta carotene?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the title

"mahatma" literally mean?
4. LITERATURE: Who wrote "The

Color Purple"?
5. HISTORY: Who defeated Napo-

leon at Waterloo?
6. GEOGRAPHY: The Hawaiian

islands are a part of what larger group of Pacific islands? 7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was the private citizen who was film-

ing President Kennedy's motorcade with a home-movie camera when Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas?
8. TELEVISION: What was the

name of the German commandant in "Hogan's Heroes"?

9. COMICS: In the comic strip "Hi and Lois," what is the name of the couple's youngest daughter?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which

president was sometimes called "the rail splitter"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

#### by Linda Thistle

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

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging \*\*\* HOO BOY!

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

# Kid's Corner



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1. Had a beard.

2. Made a loud, frantic call.

3. Avoided doing his duty.

4. He bet everything he had on red.

5. He was irritated when he lost.

3. Type of dreadful warning.

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Limprences: 1, Union replaces by car. 2, Unasses are mass-ing. 3, Letters on sign are black. 4. Shopper has a ponytail. 5. Shoes are black. 6. Sign near escalator is missing.

# Colder weather brings changes for outdoor fitness training

BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Physical training and workouts during the winter months can present different challenges for exercise enthusiasts, according to Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility staff.

Physical activity is good no matter what time of year it is, said Lynn Avila, Fortenberry-Colton fitness specialist. However, she stressed practicing proper

techniques that are partially determined by the weather.

"It's important to do more of a warm-up before starting any exercise in the cold," said Avila."I would also suggest doing more full-body exercises. Instead of just running, do things like jumping jacks."

Lower temperatures might change some things, but the frequency of workouts should not be affected, said Avila.

"Colder weather shouldn't

slow you down," she added."Run- can also cause things like facening in the mornings will probably be more of a challenge because it's going to be darker and keeping the body temperature up will be important, too."

Sweating while working out in the winter months could also cause some issues exercise enthusiasts should do their best to avoid, she said.

"After a workout, it's best to change into something dryer immediately," Avila said. "The wind

chapping and, if it's really cold and you've sweated a lot, hypothermia could be an issue, too."

Dressing properly is one way to avoid having issues while working out in the cold, Avila

"It's important to dress in layers if it's going to be cold," she said. "That's one of the ways to keep your body temperature regulated during a workout."

Staying hydrated is one issue

some might not consider as important during the winter, said Kristi Fink, Fortenberry-Colton PFF fitness programs coordinator. However, it is just as vital in cold weather as it is in hot weather.

"Sometimes people think that staying hydrated is just something for the summer, but it's year-round," she said. "When vou're dressed in lavers, vou can get hot really fast. It's important to drink plenty of water during any workout."

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# Packers vs. Steelers in Super Bowl XLV

BY JIM HUGHES and Information Officer

The NFL's championship games were both tales of two halves.

In the National Football Conference contest, the Green Bay Packers started things off by marching down the field and putting up seven points on the vaunted Chicago defense in its own house.

Chicago's not-so-vaunted offense responded by repeatedly going three and out, while the Bears the world as to how he defense woke up a little and showed it could stop Green Bay until Packer running back James Starks ran for the first touchdown of his career.

Down 14-0 at halftime and with quarterback Jay Cutler suspiciously heading for the locker room before the halftime break, whole Cutler injury goat things looked bleak for the home team.

That bleak outlook turned to despair when its QB a little by sharing Chicago offense looked horrible on its first third quarter possession, Cutler again headed for the locker room and have Cutler's back, Bears the Packers drove the ball staff. deep into Chicago terri-

tory once again. But that's when Aaron Rodgers made his worst play and then his most important play of the game in quick succession. Rodgers somehow didn't see the 6-foot, 4-inch mass that is Bear linebacker Brian Urlacher who picked off a pass and looked like

he might pick-six it. Rodgers did a great job of getting the right angle, though, and then, unlike so many other QBs giving chase to their mistakes. actually brought the defender down.

Not wanting to take advantage of the huge momentum shift, the Bears sent the ancient one. I mean Todd Collins, into the game to replace the injured Cutler for two horrible possessions.

Still down by two scores, the Bears offense finally showed some life when third-string QB Caleb Hanie took the field. But Hanie's who giveth,



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away, because with the score 14-7 and the Bears looking to get a long drive going to tie things up, Hanie hit Packer lineman B.J. Raji with a perfect pass and he rumbled. bumbled, posed and postured his way to an 18-yard romp for a touchdown.

While the young QB may not have expected Raji to back up into coverage, it remains one of the great mysteries of didn't see the house-sized 6-foot, 2-inch, 337-pound lineman.

The Bears later drove for another score, but it was too little too late with the Super Bowl berth on the line as the Pack downed Chicago 21-14. I won't get into the rope, except to say maybe the Bears could've stifled some of the criticism of some information on his status during the game rather than letting people make stuff up. Way to

While the Bears did themselves no favors, the Packers got a lackluster performance from star OB Rodgers. That said, the team has to feel pretty good they can beat a quality opponent like the Bears on its home field with Rodgers shut down.

In the American Football Conference, New York Jets linebacker and expert smack talker Bart Scott gave one of the best post-game rants in the history of sports after his team downed arch-rival

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apparently also taketh New England Jan. 16. After launching various insults at the Patriots, ESPN broadcasters and former teammates, he finished the rant by saying "Can't wait!" about the team's trip to take on the Steel-

> He was wrong. The Jets, especially the defense, waited a full half before deciding to play in this

> The Steelers dominated the Jets in every facet of the game in the first half, and running back Rashard Mendenhall became the

unstoppable force to the Jets' defense's suddenly quite-movable object. Mendenhall torched the Jets D for 95 rushing yards and a touchdown, helping the Steelers build a 24-3 lead at halftime.

After the break, the lets came out ready to play, but it was too late. The Jets defense contained the Steelers throughout the half while the offense showed some spark and put up 17 points, while the defense added a safety to make the game

Then the Steelers shut Rex Ryan and bunch up for good, or until next year, at least. Deciding not to try an onside kick, the Jets sent it deep hoping the defense could get a three-and-out stop. They couldn't. Ben Roethlisberger hit a couple of clutch throws to seal the deal and get the Steelers into the Super Bowl for the eighth time.

The Steelers will go for the team's seventh Lombardi trophy, while the

during the Super Bowl Feb. 6 in Dallas.

But wait - There's another game to watch.

AFC vs. NFC Pro Bowl, Sunday, in Hawaii: OK, while I can't admit to ever watching a full one of these, the Go-Throughthe-Motions-and-Hope-I-Don't-Get-Hurt-Bowl returns to Hawaii and does feature all the big names not in the Super Bowl, and it's the only game on this Sunday. There will be Jets there, though. So, maybe some good quotes 24-19 with about three Packers seek its fourth, and taunts will pop up.

#### Weekly SUDOKU —

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### TRIVIA

Answers

- 1. Beat poet Allen Ginsberg
- 2. Vitamin A
- 3. Great soul Alice Walker
- Duke of Wellington 6. Polynesia7. Abraham Zapruder
- 8. Col. Wilhelm Klink
- 10. Abraham Lincoln

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

### **Super** Crossword

Answers

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Registration for Youth Spring Baseball is Feb. 1-28. Children must meet age requirements by May 1. Current sports physical and a valid Child Youth and Schol Services Registration are required for participation Cost is \$30 with each additional child discounted. Coaches are needed for all age groups. For more information, call 255-9105 or 255-9638.

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Youth bowling registration is Feb. 1-28 for children ages 6-18. Current sports physical and a valid Child, Youth and School Services Registration are required for participation. Cost is \$25 with each additional child discounted. Coaches are needed for all age groups. For more information, call 255-9105 or 255-9638.

#### SURVIVAL **SWIMMERS**

Wiregrass Aquatics Swim Club staff and parents host "Survival Swimmers," Feb. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fort Rucker's Splash! Pool. WAC members are children ages elementary school through high school from Fort Rucker, Enterprise and the surrounding communities. Anyone interested in sponsoring a club member to swim two hours or 200 laps, whichever comes first, may contact Keeley Garcia at 334-494-6857. Youth interested in joining the club are welcome to attend.

#### **ORLANDO MAGIC** TICKETS OFFERED AT **LEISURE TRAVEL**

The Fort Rucker Leisure Travel office offers Orlando Magic Basketball tickets. The prices range from \$26.50 to \$107. Seating is available in the upper and lower sections. A voucher will be given at time of purchase and reservations will be made for the game. These tickets are non-refundable. For more information, call 255-9517.

#### TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY

The Enterprise YMCA staff hosts two beginner's classes in the Taoist Tai Chi Society arts of health. Classes are offered Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. The beginner's class covers all 108 moves of the Tai Chi set. Taoist Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise that promotes health and relaxation. It is suitable for all ages and physical conditions. Comfortable, loose clothing and flat-soled shoes are recommended attire. All classes are taught by accredited volunteer instructors. For more information. call 334-348-9008 or 334 347-4663.

## Two Worlds sequel sees slight improvement

BY JIM VAN SLYKE

It's a bit of a surprise that Two Worlds was deemed worthy of a sequel.

The game was full of good intentions that were never realized thanks to the rough final product. Buggy in too many places, Two Worlds looked like it should never have been

For once, however, the sequel of a video game is actually an improvement.

This open-world fantasy role-playing game of Two Worlds II has improved enough that gamers should actually take it seriously, even if it probably won't earn any game of the year awards.

The graphics engine was totally rebuilt and the sequel is up to the standards of 2011. The gameplay is solid; although it might throw some RPGers to find out there aren't any classes to pick in Two Worlds II. Characters de-

their skill and parameter points are allocated.

Things can get a bit crazy in places. Spells can be stacked so wizards can combine spells that are sometimes deadly, but also sometimes a big letdown. The good news is that gamers get to decide how everything progresses.

It behooves gamers to keep their character's sword in its sheath at times and talk to the other denizens of the world. Gam-

ers can build their own village and then take care of it and the multiplayer modes are fairly fun.

The controls are still clunky in places and the dialog will make you wince from time to time. but the overall game is solid.

Two Worlds II won't cast a spell on many gamers - at least not for a long time - but there is fun to

Reviewed on the Xbox 360



Publisher South Peak Interactive Rated Mature Systems Multiple Cost \$50-60 Overall

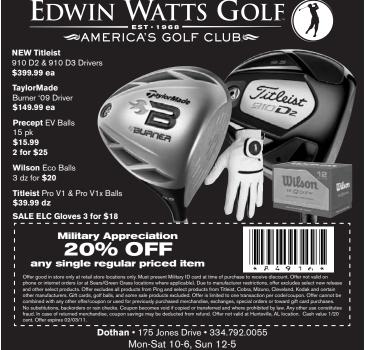
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