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open for summer season  
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Stamina prevails over  
experience in basketball finale  
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Fort Rucker gets new unit.  
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UNAUTHORIZED

People need to have the  
proper certifications to babysit  
on post.  
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THUNDER ROLLS

Thunder on Tholocco drag  
boat race is Saturday – and  
unlike previously reported, there  
is an admission charge of \$5  
for advance tickets and \$7 at  
the gate.  
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IG VISIT

The Training and Doctrine  
Command Inspector General  
will conduct a staff assistance  
visit at Fort Rucker May 2-6.  
The objectives of the as-  
sistance visit are to: assess the  
installation inspector general  
functions and operations; report  
on systemic issues, command  
climate, and perceptions  
through the use of multiple  
sensing sessions conducted  
with Soldiers, Army civilians,  
Family members and retirees;  
provide installation personnel  
an opportunity to speak with  
the TRADOC IG at a specific  
time and place; and conduct  
office visits with the installation  
leadership.  
The IG will facilitate separate  
sensing sessions for Soldiers  
and Army civilians through  
coordination with Fort Rucker  
unit commanders.  
The TRADOC IG will facilitate  
a special group sensing ses-  
sion for retirees and Family  
members at the Fort Rucker  
Family Readiness Facility, Bldg.  
8950, 7th Avenue, Tuesday  
from 4-5 p.m. Retirees and  
Family member participation is  
discreet and voluntary.  
The TRADOC IG will host  
an Inspector General Action  
Request session to receive and  
process individual complaints at  
the Fort Rucker Family Read-  
iness Facility, Bldg. 8950, 7th  
Avenue, Wednesday from 4-5  
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For more information on the  
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1st Class Deloise Forbes at  
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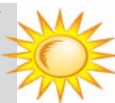
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THURSDAY

High **82**  
Low **53**  
Mostly sunny



FRIDAY

High **85**  
Low **56**  
Sunny



SATURDAY

High **88**  
Low **62**  
Sunny



## Soldiers return home



BY BREANNA WALTON  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Soldiers of the 164th Theater  
Airfield Operations Group set  
foot on the soil of Fort Rucker  
for the first time in a year Mon-  
day.  
The 41 Soldiers were wel-  
comed home at a ceremony  
where Family and friends wait-  
ed anxiously to wrap their arms  
around them.  
“I am excited daddy is com-  
ing home, I am going to give  
him a big hug,” said Alexandria  
Lawless, 7, daughter of Staff Sgt.  
John E. Lawless.  
Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutch-  
field, U.S. Army Aviation Center  
of Excellence and Fort  
Rucker commanding general,  
welcomed the troops home, as  
well.  
“I am so happy you are home  
and very proud of what you  
have done,” he said. “You reflect  
a level of professionalism our  
Army and our branch needs. A  
piece of our Family was miss-  
ing for a year and it left a hole  
in our heart. Today the hole has  
been filled.”  
The brigade headquarters de-  
ployed in April 2010 to Kuwait  
as part of the U.S. Army Central  
Command, commanding and  
controlling battalions across  
Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.  
The brigade was also respon-  
sible for all fixed wing, rotary  
wing and medical evacuation  
Aviation units assigned to  
USARCENT.  
The work the unit performed  
over the last year in support  
of Operation Enduring Free-  
dom, Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sgt. Angelique F. Young embraces her husband, Larry, and son, Jeremiah, after being deployed a year with the 164th TAOG.

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## Aviation leaders gather for Quad A forum

BY LISA EICHHORN & KELLY PATE  
*Fort Rucker Public Affairs Office*

Army Aviation leaders past and pres-  
ent gathered April 18-21 for the 2011  
Army Aviation Association of America  
professional forum and exposition in  
Nashville, Tenn.  
The exposition featured talks by  
Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S.  
Army Aviation Center of Excellence  
and Fort Rucker commanding general,  
and Gen. James D. Thurman, U.S. Army  
Forces Command commanding gen-  
eral, along with many other professional  
panels, a spouses wellness cafe and  
an inspiring presentation by former  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Gen. Hugh Shelton.

During Crutchfield’s opening re-  
marks he urged the Soldiers, Family  
members, industry partners and others  
in attendance to look past this current  
fight and think about what the future  
of Army Aviation will look like.  
“What are we doing now to adapt  
for the future?” he said.  
Further explaining his reason for  
picking the theme for this year’s ex-  
position, “Full Spectrum Aviation: Re-  
siliient and Adaptive for the Future  
Security Environment,” Crutchfield  
emphasized the need to not get stuck  
on Iraq and Afghanistan.  
“After a decade of combat we know  
our Aviation Soldiers are tired,” he said.

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PHOTO BY JAY MANN

Lt. Col. Craig Unrath, deputy director of the Directorate of Simulations,  
and Maj. Lee Ambrose, commander A Co., 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation  
Regiment, explain the Army Learning Concept 2015 at the U.S. Army  
Aviation Center of Excellence Booth during the Army Aviation Associa-  
tion of America professional forum in Nashville, Tenn., April 18-21.



PHOTO BY BREANNA WALTON

Chaplain (Col.) David Moran, Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton, Col. James  
Muskopf, garrison commander, Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army  
Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, retired  
Chaplain (Col.) Steve Cook, and Craig Clement cut the ribbon for the new  
Wings Chapel at Fort Rucker Monday.

## Wings Chapel opens to Fort Rucker community

BY BREANNA WALTON  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Fort Rucker’s Wings Chapel  
opened during a ribbon cutting  
ceremony Monday as a crowd gath-  
ered eager to view the inside of the  
new chapel.  
“This is a place Aviators, Soldiers  
and their Families, civilians, the Fort  
Rucker community and others will  
be able to worship God, according  
to the dictates of their hearts,” said  
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mickey Jett.  
The first worship service is 11  
a.m. Sunday at the new chapel. It

will be a combination of all services  
followed by fellowship, including  
children activities, food and bever-  
ages.  
“The aesthetics of the building are  
beautiful, but it will not nearly be as  
beautiful until you see the people  
who fill the pews,” said Maj. Gen.  
Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army  
Aviation Center of Excellence and  
Fort Rucker commanding general.  
“That is what will make this chapel  
beautiful, brick and mortar do not,  
it will be beautiful when the people

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## Net Threats: Knowing the dos, don'ts of posting on social media

BY MINDY CAMPBELL  
*Installation Management Command*

BAMBERG, Germany – During World War II, the U.S. government adopted the slogan “loose lips might sink ships” to warn people to be careful when talking in public.

Started in 1942 by the U.S. Office of War Information, the “loose lips” slogan was coined to help the public understand that casual conversations about sensitive information could tip off enemies.

Almost 70 years later, the same slogan could be used in relation to today's tweets, posts and published photos in the online world of social media. With the proliferation of social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr, the world has turned into a global network of connections and open source information.

Seemingly, innocent comments or posts could be used by terrorists and media organizations to negatively affect the military. Whether you are a Soldier, spouse or relative, community members need to be aware that what they post, however innocent, can have ramifications.

### The danger

Social media sites are great, especially for military Families. They allow Soldiers and their Families, who may move many times throughout a career to stay connected with friends and Family worldwide by allowing us to share our thoughts, photos and events throughout deployments. Even people's daily life and military experience is shared for all the world to see. But that doesn't mean that anything goes.

“Social media provides the opportunity for Soldiers to speak freely about what they're up to or what their interests are,” according to the U.S. Army Social Media Handbook. “However, Soldiers are subject to (Uniform Code of Military Justice) even when off duty, so talking negatively about supervisors, or releasing sensitive information is punishable under the UCMJ.”

Spouses and family members, while not subject to UCMJ, also need to be careful what they post.

“Sharing what seems to be even trivial information online can be dangerous to loved ones and the fellow Soldiers in the unit - and may even get them killed,” the handbook said. “America's enemies scour blogs, forums, chat rooms and personal websites to piece to-

gether information that can be used to harm the United States and its Soldiers.”

Many people think that if it's unclassified information, it's safe to post, said Tonya Heinbaugh, U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg security officer. However, it's those small pieces of information that could be the most harmful.

“I don't think spouses, and sometimes even Soldiers, realize how great a threat it is,” Heinbaugh said. “They only need bits and pieces of information.”

In fact, it's unclassified information that can be the most harmful. According to the “Manchester Papers,” an Al-Qaeda terrorist training manual found in England in 2000, more than 80 percent of all the information the terrorist group received was through unclassified material, Heinbaugh said.

That was even before social media sites took off, she said. So that number has probably dramatically increased.

“Think what they are collecting now,” she said. “We give them all the information they need.”

Those small bits of information can be added to other items you have already posted or will post in the future. For example, you generalize and say that your husband has deployed to Afghanistan. While looking through your photos on Facebook, someone might be able to see the unit patch on your husband's Army Combat Uniform or notice you “like” a specific unit's Family Readiness Group.

Those little pieces of information can be put together to give the enemy a larger picture.

“Even small pieces of information can do harm when they pair it with other information,” Heinbaugh said.

For instance, when a group of 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team was redeploying back to Bamberg this fall, one careless post from a spouse on Facebook naming the time of the return, caused the entire flight to be delayed due to operational security concerns, said Heinbaugh.

“Our adversaries are trolling social networks, blogs and forums, trying to find sensitive information they can use about our military goals and objectives,” wrote former Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston in the social media handbook. “Therefore, it is imperative that all Soldiers and Family members understand the importance of practicing good operations security measures.”

According to “Killing with Keyboards,” an operational se-

curity training slideshow, anyone can be a target.

However, some community members wouldn't read their profile or comments because they aren't anyone special or important.

“That may be true for now, but you never know when one online posting will bring you to their attention,” the training states.

Others might say that they don't have any enemies.

The information can be used by not just terrorists but by former girlfriends, boyfriends of divorced spouses, the report states. Angry neighbors, disgruntled co-workers and even identity thieves could use the information you posted.

### How to avoid revealing too much

If information on social media sites is being used by the enemy, is the answer to stay off the internet highway? Realistically, the answer is no. Social media sites are here to stay and are becoming an even more important tool in communication in modern technology. However, you can take some precautions to help keep both you and your loved ones safe.

“The adversary – Al Qaeda and domestic terrorists and criminals for instance - have made it clear they are looking. When using social media, avoid mentioning rank, unit locations, deployment dates, names, or equipment specifications and capabilities,” the social media handbook said.

Don't talk about unit morale, said Heinbaugh, who said that things such as bad equipment or not enough equipment, bad leadership and other complaints can be used by the enemy.

And, in fact, it's not just social media sites. Commenting on newspaper articles, blogs or other public forums can also give away more information than you intend.

For example, Heinbaugh said that a recent article about a local commander in the “Stars and Stripes” caused many people within the unit to comment on the newspaper's website. These comments exposed low morale and even possibly leadership problems within the unit. All this information can be used by the enemy.

“If they know you are upset, they could target you,” she said. “If a person is upset, they may vent or get emotional and could reveal more things than they should.”

Take a close look at all privacy settings, especially on Face-

book. Heinbaugh recommends checking out your setting at least once a month. Often, the website administrators will change or add security features without letting the customers know. She also recommends changing your privacy settings to be “friends only.”

Talk to members of your extended Family and friends about what they can post. How well do you know your “friends” on Facebook? If you have several hundred “friends,” chances are you don't know all of them that well. In addition, it's easy to fake an account, Heinbaugh said.

“What you post to friends is not the same thing you would post to someone who is just an acquaintance,” Heinbaugh said.

Do not reveal sensitive information about yourself such as schedules and event locations, the social media handbook states. Ask, “What could the wrong person do with this information?” and “Could it compromise my safety or that of my Family or my unit?”

Look at photos, as well as what you post. Geotagging is a feature that reveals your location to other people within your network, the social media handbook states. Consider turning off the GPS function of your smart phone. In the same way, videos can be damaging as well. Make sure the videos don't give away sensitive information.



If damaging information has already been posted, that's not an excuse to post sensitive information. Some spouses, Heinbaugh said, have the attitude that since Soldiers post things that it's fine for spouses to post information.

“That's not an excuse to keep doing it,” she said. “Two wrongs don't make a right. You can't control anyone but yourself.”

If you see information posted that you think is inappropriate, contact the site administrator, she said. The administrator can delete the comment and send the person a personal message explaining the reason for the deletion. If you reply in the comment section that the information is a violation of operation security that just waves a red flag to others about the information.


“These are not personal forums,” Heinbaugh said. “They are public forums. In a technology world, not much is private anymore.”

For more information on Army social media regulation and to view the handbook, visit <http://www.slideshare.net/USArmySocialMedia/army-social-media-handbook-2011>.




# Rotor Wash

“ May is Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month. What would you do to help someone you know who is abusing drugs or alcohol? ”




**Joe McDaniel,**  
Fort Rucker fire fighter

“I'd try to live by example and show them that it's possible to have a good time without those things.”




**Lola Evangelista,**  
Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility lead recreation assistant

“I would encourage them to come to the gym and do something healthy. That's how I handle stress or difficult situations.”




**WO1 Ahmed Edwards,**  
B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt. flight student

“I'd sit down and talk with them and take them to a place where they could get real help. I'd assure them that I'll be there for them through that tough time.”



**Spc. Christopher Britt,**  
A Co., 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt. advanced individual training student

“I'd try to find them the most help I could. I'd do whatever he or she needed me to do in order to help them.”



**CW3 Eddie Diaz,**  
HHC 317th CAV Aviation maintenance officer

“I'd try counseling first and talking to them as a friend. I'd try to help them understand they have a problem.”



# Quad A: Leaders discuss Army Aviation future

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"If you don't know that, talk to them, talk to their Families. But I'm not worried about their commitment today, I'm worried about tomorrow."

He went on to explain that while the future battlefield is unknown, it is known that it will include missions like security, peacekeeping, counter insurgency and possible full-scale war.

To prepare for the full spectrum of missions, Army Aviation must now train, adapt and equip the future force to be able to do that.

Crutchfield also thanked the Families for attending the event this year and for their dedication to supporting their Soldiers and their branch.

His wife, Kim, spoke to the audience about her efforts at this year's exposition and how it was very important to her that people not forget the spouses' commitment and contribution to the branch.

"We wanted to tie in the theme of resiliency," she said "I believe we are so much better for each other if we take care of ourselves."

## FORSCOM

Thurman opened by thanking the association for what it does for Army Aviation, and encouraged everyone to remember fallen Soldiers.

As commander of 80 percent of the Aviation force, Thurman said Army Aviation is a "key enabler" in the warfight, with more than 4.5 million combat hours flown since Febuary 2003, and 1.1 million combat hours for unmanned aircraft systems.

"If a commander wants to destroy a target, he calls Army Aviation," he said.

"More than nine years of Army Aviation's presence during protracted conflict is a story with tremendous successes. The commander on the scene always needs more Aviation,"Thurman said.

The Army will have to determine how to sustain the force in light of declining budgets, as there will be continued high demand for Aviation at home and around the world. However, the budget cannot be what the Soldier worries about, the general said.

"We can never let this reduced budget get in the minds of these Soldiers on the battlefield, and we've got to do everything in the world to protect Soldiers and keep them sustained," Thurman said.

He also spoke about the 12th combat Aviation brigade activation coming up in 2012 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and building a 13th brigade to be stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., in 2013, which should help sustain the Army during high operational tempo and give Soldiers more time at home duty station between deployments.

Thurman then lauded the collective training at Fort Rucker.

"I think what Fort Rucker is doing with the Aviation training exercise is an essential ingredient to the overall Aviation training strategy," he said.

## Aviation Safety

Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, commanding general of the U.S.Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center,



Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, thanks Soldiers who were demonstrating the ALC 2015 training concept at the USAACE booth during the Army Aviation Association of America professional forum in Nashville, Tenn., April 18-21.

thanked leadership and Families for making a difference in Army safety, and gave some statistics on Army Aviation incidents:

- Class A Aviation incidents are historically found to result from human error.
- Overconfidence shouldn't be a cause of that error, but sometimes that is the case.
- Incidents shouldn't be a result of poor communications in the cockpit. In times when conversation that should be happening in the cockpit isn't happening, or becomes dysfunctional, the bottom line is "We're better than that," Wolf said.

## Special operations

Brig. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum, commanding general of the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command Provisional, talked about collaboration among the Aviation Enterprise.

The command activated during a ceremony at Fort Bragg, N.C., March 25.

"We're trying to make sure every precedent we set is one that we are proud of," he said of the new unit.

The goal in standing up Army Special Operations Aviation Command is to enable Soldiers to focus on the warfight by taking some of the generating force functions off Soldiers, the regiment commander and the regiment staff, he said.

"We are absolutely oriented on Major General Crutchfield's aim point. We have the same obsolescence challenges as the rest of the fleet does. There is a great demand for special operations forces. US-SOCOM has more than doubled in size since Sept. 11, 2001, while the mission load has quadrupled," he said.

He went on to say the 160th has maintained continuous presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, which puts unique demands on the organization. However, it's paying off on the battlefield.

"Army Aviation and special operations, in conjunction with our brigade combat team and Joint partners, are having a devastating effect on the enemy," he said.

"Army Aviation has never been better — the demands on our combat Aviation brigades have



Staff Sgt. David Dunlap, USAALS, explains the virtual environment trainer, a new system for training Aviation maintenance personnel, at the USAACE booth.

never been higher. The demands on our special operations Aviation forces have never been higher. The demands are just different," he said.

While the exposition was an encompassing event focused on the future of Army Aviation, Shelton was asked to speak about personal resiliency, a key theme of this year's event.

He described how he felt after a fall from a ladder just months after he retired that left him paralyzed from the neck down. He said, "The doctor came in and told me I'd never walk again."

"I looked at him and said 'your name is not God, is it? He said 'no,' I said then we'll just see about that."

Shelton added that he was determined from that point forward to walk again, and indeed he is walking.

He wanted the Army Aviation community to use the things he had learned to help them stay resilient. To do that he described the four main things he learned during the recovery process. The first is: never take hope away from an individual, ever; the second is never, never, never quit, even if the odds are small and against you; the third is keep your sense of humor and the fourth is to have a strong faith to carry you through.

"You are all good people," he said. "Your country is better because of you."



Gen. James D. Thurman, FORSCOM commanding general, and Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, present the AAAA Aviation Soldier of the Year award to Spec. Cory Frazee, B Co., 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter Army Air Field, Ga.



Nicolette Maroulis, wounded veteran athlete, speaks to Aviation spouses about resiliency during the Army Aviation Association of America professional forum in Nashville, Tenn., April 18-21.



# Soldiers get ‘in-depth’ training

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Being proficient in equipment use and repair is common-place for Soldiers in the 597th Maintenance Company, but now the unit is trying to spread that knowledge around.

About four weeks ago, the first 94 Delta Certification Training program began here with a group of 10 noncommissioned officers from various installations around the world. The program is designed to help them gain knowledge that will make them even better at operating mobile radar equipment while in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, according to 1st Sgt. Charles Bodner, 597th Maint. Co. and 94 Delta Certification Training program creator and coordinator.

“What we’re trying to do is help our fellow 94 Delta Maintenance technicians get certified on all the Air Traffic Control tactical equipment they’ll be responsible for,” he said.

The six-week program consists of giving the technicians a training program on each piece of equipment followed by a certification exam, which consists of a theory exam and a hands-on performance exam. Once both tests are passed by the Soldiers, the Air Traffic Services Command commander signs off on their certification, Bodner said.

“This is important because it shows the proficiency of the technician on that equipment,” he said. “We have to be in compliance with (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations and Army doctrine at the same time. The certification program is primarily designed to aid us on the FAA side.”

Bodner said the first group of Soldiers to go through the certification program



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Sgt. Pamela Kay, 458th AOB, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Korea, works with Pfc. Alexander Vargas and Antwoneous Bellamy, F Co., 2nd Bn., 227th Avn. Regt., Fort Hood, Texas, on attaching an integrated board assembly to a cold plate on a precision approach radar antenna vehicle as part of the new 94 Delta Certification Training program April 22 at the 597th Maint. Co. Headquarters.

learned quickly and effectively. Another goal of the program is to train those who can then take the knowledge to their units and pass it on to others.

“We receive a lot of specialized training in this organization,” he said. “It can be hard to filter the information down to the other units when a lot of the (94 Delta Maintenance technicians) are consolidated here. This is helping to change that.”

Spc. Joshua Garrett, F Company, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., said the training has given

him a deeper insight into how the equipment works and will be a big help when his unit deploys later in the year.

“Here, we ran into some issues that I had seen downrange before, but didn’t have a lot of experience with,” he said. “Now I’m able to get in there and know so much more about how to confront these issues when they happen.”

The training these maintenance technicians received here is also being taken to an international level, thanks to the presence of Sgt. Pamela Kay, 458th Airfield

Operation Battalion, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Korea.

“Some of the equipment I hadn’t seen in a few years, so this was a much-needed, in-depth session,” she said. “I hope to pass along all my knowledge to those Soldiers we get from (Advance Individual Training). There are some pieces of equipment we have in Korea that are unique to that country, so teaching them those and more in-depth training on equipment they learned in AIT will be very beneficial for all of us.”

# ‘Nighthawks’ join Fort Rucker community

BY BREANNA WALTON  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The C. Company “Nighthawks” of 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment stood up at an activation ceremony at Fort Rucker April 20 under the command of Capt. John A. Plitsch.

“As Army Aviation continues to become an ever-critical component of all Army Operations and we see an increase in the demand for training new Aviators in ever more complex aircraft, it is only logical that our training structure must evolve,” said Lt. Col. Michael F. Burns, 1st Bn., 212th Avn. Regt. commander.

“Looking around this museum, it is easy

to see that this is ultimately why we exist — to support our ground forces. As a main effort company, the Nighthawks will pursue this fundamental principle,” Plitsch added.

C. Co. is charged with training U.S. Army and foreign military initial entry rotary wing students in Flight School XXI, which includes contact, instruments, basic combat skills, and night vision goggles to be dual qualified in both the UH-60A and UH-60M Black Hawks at Lowe Army Heliport.

“New Aviators successfully completing the training conducted by C. Co. are qualified in both aircraft,” said Plitsch. “We refer to it as a ‘hybrid’ program.

They have the ability to go to units with either the UH-60A or UH-60M Black Hawks.

“This gives the Army more flexibility and reduces future training requirements, which is directly in line with keeping the ‘cost culture’ and developing the ‘correct Aviation force,’ two of Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield’s (Commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker) imperatives.”

“The hybrid mission will continue in the hands of the Nighthawks. The mission will grow and we have much to do. With the experts in this organization, we will do more than succeed, we will excel,” added Plitsch.



COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. John A. Plitsch salutes Lt. Col. Michael Burns, 1st Bn., 212th Avn. Regt. commander, during the activation ceremony of C. Co. “Nighthawks” of the 1st Bn., 212th Avn. Regt.

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# Soldiers: Family members greet unit with tears of joy

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and Operation New Dawn has had far reaching impacts on Army Aviation operations throughout the theater of operations, according to a memorandum from Lt. Col. Dennis Griffin, 164th TAOG deputy commanding officer.

“It has been a lot of work and we were busy up until the last minute,” said Col. James R. Macklin Jr., 164th TAOG commander. “Morale was always really good and we stayed safe throughout the year, which was one of our major goals.”

As the senior Aviation command in USARCENT, the 164th TAOG advised USARCENT on all Aviation operations, and U.S. Forces Afghanistan and U.S. Forces Iraq on all actions associated with air traffic services, to include air traffic controller training and certification and airfield management operations.

The 164th TAOG routinely provided air traffic control evaluators to train both U.S. Army and government contractor air traffic controllers - enhancing the operational capability of airfields throughout Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. They assisted in planning a spectrum of Aviation operations, from humanitarian assistance missions and improved coverage for the medevac of casualties, to the eventual transition of airfields to Afghanistan’s government



PHOTO BY BREANNA WALTON

The 164th TAOG returns to Fort Rucker after a year serving overseas.

and the drawdown operation in Iraq.

Once Soldiers were released from formation, Family members rushed to

them in a tearful and joyful reunion.

“Thank you for this safe return, bless these Soldiers and Families, may they

find a warm and restful homecoming,”

said Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton, garrison chaplain.

## Wings: ‘May this facility be a reminder of the higher calling God has given to us’

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are inside worshipping their faith.”

Additional services, including Tuesday morning Protestant Women of the Chapel and Wednesday night worship, will be at the new chapel.

The new chapel is 22,600 square feet and can accommodate more than 600 visitors. It was built for the purpose of housing the contemporary service, which was busting at the seams at the headquarters chapel, said Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Mitera, B. Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, garrison chaplain’s office.

The worship center holds 400 people with an activity center and overflow area that can hold 200 additional people. The chapel has the capability of worship services and provides additional rooms for Sunday school.

“It’s like a one-stop shopping center for religious activities,” said Mitera.

Other additions are the

new stand-alone sound and video system, two giant folding partition walls to separate or combine rooms, digital projectors, the ability to combine sound systems, and feed live video for overflow of the worship center and two multi-purpose rooms.

“I have had the opportunity to see this site transform from red, muddy Alabama clay to the beautiful facility we have here today,” said Mitera. “This is a joyful oc-

casation and marks an exciting time as we begin our ministry to the Fort Rucker community.

“Wings chapel was designed and built by the hands of man. It’s ultimately God who is the architect and builder of our faith,” he continued. “May this new facility be a reminder of the higher calling that God has given to us as we exercise our faith and that we may use Wings Chapel for his glory.”

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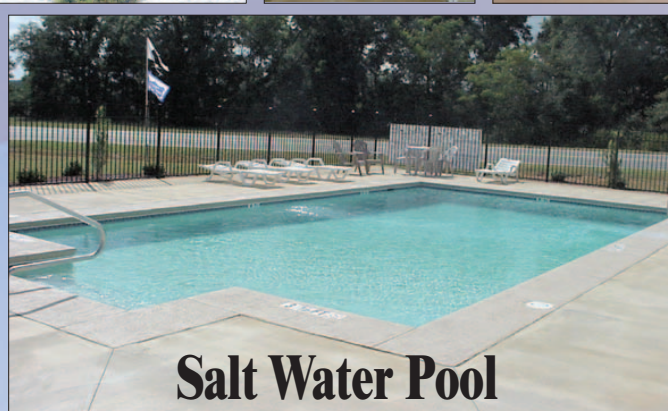
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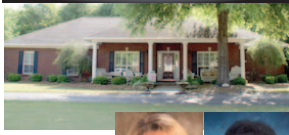
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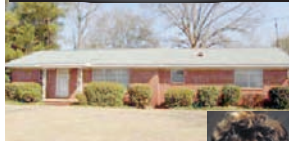
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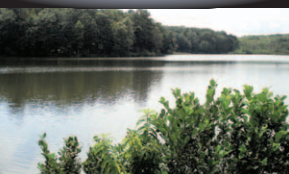
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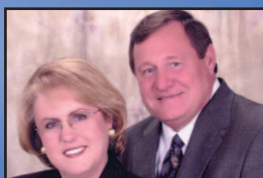
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## ARMY BRIEFS

### SMA DISCUSSES SOLDIER ISSUES

SAN ANTONIO — Despite the stress on Soldiers after nearly a decade at war, the Army is doing well, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III said during the Association of the United States Army Institute for Land Warfare Installations Symposium, April 21 in San Antonio.

He acknowledged the problems facing the Army as it begins another decade engaged in war, but noted last year, the Army met its recruitment and retention goals.

"You all are a large part of that," he said, addressing the IMCOM workforce and Department of the Army civilians. "IMCOM is a flexible, adaptable organization that provides what our Army asks for. Thank you for what you do to make Soldiers' and families' lives seamless."

Chandler focused on issues facing the Army, including the recent repeal of the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy and mental health problems in Soldiers returning from war. He also condemned sexual harassment and assault within Army ranks.

### RESERVE CELEBRATES 103RD BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON — On the cusp of the Army Reserve's 103rd birthday April 23, 56 Reserve Soldiers from all 50 states and the territories gathered in the National Archives rotunda April 20 to re-enlist.

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, the Army Reserve chief, administered the oath or affirmation to defend the Constitution, the original of which is housed along with the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights in heavily-guarded cases within the rotunda.

The 56 Reserve Soldiers who re-enlisted are all part of the operational Reserve.

Today, the Army Reserve has 206,000 volunteers serving in 25 countries. Many of these warriors have deployed more than twice to Iraq and Afghanistan as the Reserve force has morphed into an operational reserve from a one-weekend-a-month, two-weeks-a-summer strategic organization. Stultz called the old Army Reserve a "force of last resort."

### DEPLOYED DENTISTS TEST MOBILE X-RAY

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — It can sometimes be difficult for deployed Soldiers to access conventional dental treatment, but Army dentists at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, are testing a portable X-ray system which could change that.

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The ability to X-ray Soldiers' teeth is vital to providing dental treatment. With a digital image, dentists can almost instantly see the patient's teeth and can make a determination on what specific care the individual needs.



PHOTO BY PEO AVIATION

Apache attack helicopters will soon field a new high-tech Ground Fire Acquisition System, or GFAS.

## Pilots test detection system

BY KRIS OSBORN  
Army News Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Apache attack helicopters will soon field a new, high-tech Ground Fire Acquisition System, which uses cameras and infrared sensors to instantly identify the source location of ground fire, service officials said.

"GFAS detects ground fire. It allows us to take information about incoming fire, get our sensors on it and identify and prosecute ground

targets," said Maj. Justin Highley, assistant product manager for the AH-64D Apache Longbow.

The infrared sensors built into the GFAS system detect muzzle flashes from the ground, allowing Apache pilots to get their sensors on potential targets and immediately know the location and distance of ground fire, Highley explained.

Next spring, 1st Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment out of Fort Campbell, Ky., will become the

first unit equipped with GFAS, he said.

The cameras on the aircraft detect the muzzle flash from ground fire — and move the information through an Aircraft Gateway Processor into the cockpit so pilots will see an icon on their display screen, said Lt. Col. Jeff Johnson, AH-64D Apache Longbow product manager.

"The beauty of this system is that we are not changing the aircraft software. We are not adding

displays. It's integrated through an Aircraft Gateway Processor," he said.

Upon receiving the information about the ground fire on their display screens, the aircraft crew can move their Modernized Target Acquisition Designation Sight and Pilot Night Vision Sensors to the target at the touch of a button, Johnson said.

"The crew sees the point

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## Lakota delivery frees up Black Hawks for combat



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured is the Army's newest utility helicopter, the UH-72 Lakota.

BY C. TODD LOPEZ  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than 20 Black Hawk helicopters have been freed from duty in the United States to go to combat elsewhere, thanks to stateside delivery of UH-72A Lakota helicopters.

As Lakotas are fielded, said Col. John Thurgood, project manager for Army utility helicopters, they take Black Hawks out of the mix and send them back to combat.

"As we field the UH-72A, we are able to take Black Hawks at some of those units and give them back to combat units, and those combat units take those aircraft to the fight," Thurgood said. "So the Lakota is a very im-

portant part of our Army strategy to make sure our combat units have what they need."

"And to make sure our states, our governors, our homeland-security missions have what they need — this platform delivers all those things," he continued.

Thanks to delivery of Lakotas, about one assault battalion of Black Hawks have been freed to return to combat, Thurgood said, about half of a combat Aviation brigade.

Thurgood, along with John Burke, program manager for EADS North America's light utility helicopter program, spoke April 20 at a press conference regarding the Lakota program

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## Hawaii Five-O cast, crew teams with 25th CAB

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS TYRONE C. MARSHALL JR.  
25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii — "Book'em, Dan-O" is one of the most well-known pop culture phrases in television history, and with revival of the popular television series *Hawaii Five-O*, some Soldiers have been involved in action sequences set in Honolulu.

Soldiers from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade provided UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and ground vehicles while assisting the production crew in safely shooting aerial scenes on two separate occasions.

During the first event, filmed January 12, the 25th CAB participated in an episode where a tsunami warning was called for the island of Oahu. Aircraft from 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, "Diamond Head," 25th CAB provided



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS TYRONE C. MARSHALL JR.

Sgt. Jeffrey Ingram (left), UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew chief, C Company, "Dustoff," 3rd Bn, 25th GSAB, 25th CAB, films a scene with Daniel Day-Kim, an actor from the television show, *Hawaii Five-O* at Kahana Valley State Park, near Kailua, Hawaii, March 1.

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# Pilots: Detection system increases capability

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of origin where the muzzle flash was detected," he said. "It is not just about the aircraft, but about getting information to guys on the ground who are in the fight. Apache has led the way for other platforms with net-centric operations and situational awareness."

The GFAS effort — called an Early User Evaluation — has undergone a range of key

tests at places such as Mesa, Ariz., and Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., Johnson explained. Pending the successful outcome of the User Evaluation, the Apache Program Manager will look at expanding GFAS' capabilities, including integrating the technology with Blue Force Tracker display screens, Johnson said.

"Crews often return from missions in Afghanistan with small-arms damage to the aircraft," Johnson explained. "GFAS is an of-

fensive targeting system. It is not a piece of aircraft survivability equipment. It helps us fulfill our mission of closing with and destroying the enemy."

"How many of those forces who've been trying to shoot down our helicopters with small arms would have been eliminated by now if we had been able to pinpoint their locations?" Johnson asked. "A recent historical example of why we need GFAS is the battle for Camp Keating in October

2009. We lost eight Americans and had 24 wounded in one day because we could not locate an attacking enemy during the daytime.

"Medevac could not extract our wounded until 9 p.m., when it was dark and those small-arms weapons had finally been located and destroyed — after eight or nine hours of fighting," Johnson said. "To me, that's unacceptable. Our Soldiers deserve better."

# Lakota: UH-72A best suited for domestic operations

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during the 2011 Army Aviation Association of America's annual Professional Forum and Exposition in Nashville, Tenn.

Thurgood said the Army has been pleased with both the aircraft and with contract performance.

"They have been doing a tremendous job of producing every aircraft on time, or early," he said. "That's very important to us."

Thurgood said the Army plans to purchase about 345 Lakotas, and as of now more than 150 have been delivered. "We are about halfway through the delivery of this program and do-

ing it exactly on the cost and schedule that the Army asked it to do."

The Lakota is a slightly modified version of the manufacturer's commercial EC145 aircraft.

"We literally chose the EC145, painted it green, and we've only added to it — the basic aircraft — one thing, and that's an ARC-231 radio," Thurgood said.

The Army "knew what they wanted and they have held to that requirement," Thurgood said regarding the Lakota.

"Holding ourselves to that requirement without changing it really gives the program managers a lot of flexibility to use best business practices," Thurgood said.

Variants of the Lakota include a two-litter medical version, a VIP version used in the National Capital Region, a security and support version used for state missions by National Guard units, and a version used by "opposing forces" at combat training centers.

The S&S version of the aircraft, on display at the AAAA convention, sported a mission equipment package with a search light, a GPS navigation system that allows pilots to find locations by street address as well as military grid coordinates, and a visual sensor ball that can transmit imagery to a ground station.

Thurgood said there will be small continuous modifications

for the Lakota — the sensor ball might become obsolete, for instance, and may be changed eventually.

But because the Lakota is essentially a commercial product, the manufacturer is incentivized to do continuous improvements on their version of it — improvements the Army can opt to buy into without having to fund.

"If they decide to put on a new tilt rotor system then the Army gets to take advantage of that without the investment to do that," he said.

Conversely, for an aircraft like the Black Hawk, the Army must pay for such modifications, Thurgood said.

Right now, the Lakota is fielded to National Guard units for state support, disaster relief and homeland defense, and in the active component where it's used in non-deployable units for medical evacuation and at training centers, for instance.

"There is no better aircraft in the military's inventory right now for domestic operations — there is none," said CW3 Kevin Mudd, Utility Helicopters Project Office, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. "With its communications, sensors, and ability to be in a location you're not used to, and still function and complete your mission — this is the premiere domestic-operation platform right now."

# Hawaii: Project helps form a beneficial relationship

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a UH-60 Black Hawk for the scene.

Ground vehicles and Soldiers during the tapings came courtesy of 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, "Lightning Horse," 25th CAB. Aerial footage used in the episode was shot by the 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs.

The second event where the 25th CAB pro-

vided support was during scenes for an aerial rescue with aircraft and crews from C Company, "Dustoff," 3rd Bn., 25th General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th CAB. Soldiers filmed scenes with Daniel Day-Kim, and served as stand-ins for safety purposes, at Kahana Valley State Park, near Kailua, Hawaii, March 1.

The 25th CAB provided a UH-60A Black Hawk medical evacuation heli-

copter for the two scenes, one which required operating the aircraft's hoist during the taping.

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PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS TYRONE C. MARSHALL JR.

A television crew films a scene for an upcoming episode of Hawaii Five-O at Kahana Valley State Park, near Kailua, Hawaii, March 1, 2011. The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade provided a UH-60A Black Hawk medical evacuation helicopter for two scenes during the taping.



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Primary School students spearhead fundraiser for disaster relief in Japan  
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## Splash! Pool, West Beach open for summer season

BY BREANNA WALTON  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Sliding down the double flume water slide, playing in the spray park with its 13 water features and eating lunch at Tiki Bay are a few signs that summer has arrived at Fort Rucker.

The opening of Splash! Pool and West Beach Saturday for the summer season provides children and parents a way to cool down from the south Alabama heat and humidity.

“We welcome everyone to our facilities and we hope they have a phenomenal time,” said Jon Cole, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation aquatics manager.

The Splash! Pool and spray park general hours are seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The full facility, meaning Splash! Pool and spray park, is open weekends only April 30 to June 12, daily June 13 to Aug. 12 and weekends only Aug. 14 to Oct. 2.

Additionally, the spray park is open weekdays April 30 to June 12 and weekdays Aug. 14 to Oct. 2 from 1-5 p.m.

A season-opening pool party is Saturday with live entertainment from noon to 4 p.m. The Memorial Day pool party is May 30, the Independence Day pool party is July 2 and the Labor Day pool party is Sept. 5.

There is a fee charged for entering Splash! Pool. Children ages 2 and under are free, ages 3-12 are \$1.50, ages 13-17 are \$2.25, and ages 18 and up are \$3.

Season passes are also available for Splash! Pool and are prorated throughout the summer. Season passes are sold at both physical fitness facilities, leisure travel, outdoor recreation



Anna Bullington, of Enterprise, plays with her daughters, Beth, 7, and Kate, 11, in the Splash! Pool last year.

and Splash! The prices are as follows: a one person season pass is \$50, a two-person pass is \$80, a three-person Family pass is \$110, a four-person family pass is \$140 and \$25 for each additional member.

As a returning patron or first timer, there are a few rules and regulations everyone should keep in mind.

The pool is open to active duty military, dependents, Department of Defense civilians and contractors and their guests.

Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. If a child cannot stand or swim a parent or guardian must be within one arm’s length of the child at all

times.

“The lifeguard’s primary responsibility is to prevent incidents,” Cole said. “They are going to respond to incidents, but prevention is the key.”

Cole also requested that patrons honor the other rules beyond the basic pool rules.

Food and drinks are not allowed within 10 feet of the pool — they are restricted to the upper deck. Only individuals can slide down a slide — no double sliding — and there is a 3 1/2-foot height requirement for the slides. There is no running or horse play allowed in the spray park.

Lastly, Cole wants to encourage parents and children to be aware of recreational water-

borne illnesses.

“This is one of the biggest problems we face,” Cole said. “RWIs are from fecal contaminations. This goes back to showering before entering the pool and using the restroom on a regular basis.”

Cole encourages everyone to shower before entering the pool, take young children to the bathroom every 30 minutes and suggests that people who are ill or have an upset stomach to stay at home.

West Beach at Lake Tholocoo opens the same weekend as the Splash! Pool and has multiple features for Families and individuals looking for a place to relax or have fun.

West Beach has a swimming

area with dock, a 70-foot long double flume water slide, a water trampoline, small slides, a spray pad and a sandy beach area.

The facility is open normal hours April 30 to June 11, weekends only May 28 to June 12, normal hours June 13 to Aug. 12 and weekends only Aug. 12 to Sept. 5.

“We also want to remind everyone that it is hot outside, so drink plenty of fluids and wear sun block,” Cole said. “Also, follow general water safety advice.”

For more information on Splash! or West Beach, call 255-2296 or 255-4305; or visit [www.ftrucker.mwr.com](http://www.ftrucker.mwr.com) or [www.poolsafely.gov](http://www.poolsafely.gov).

## Post event celebrates Asian-Pacific American heritage

BY BREANNA WALTON  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Asian-Pacific Heritage month kicks off Friday and runs throughout May at Fort Rucker with multiple events to celebrate the rich heritage these cultures bring together.

“We celebrate this month to give people knowledge about Asian customs,” said Piyanuch Olsen, Army and Air Force Exchange Service visual merchandiser.

The month kicks off Friday at the post exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Thai dancing, hula dancing, local Asian restaurant tasting, Korean alphabet writing, food sampling, local vendors, ultimate Frisbee tournament sign up, prizes and more.

Other activities are scheduled throughout May, including a DFAC luncheon May 18 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., ultimate Frisbee tournament



Sgt. 1st Class David Cofer, Garrison Equal Opportunity Office, serves Army and Air Force Exchange Services’ Susie Antonello an Asian dish during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration kick-off last year.

May 21 and movie night on May 25 from 7-9 p.m.

Like most commemora-

tive months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. May was chosen be-

cause the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States May 7, 1843, and the anniversary

of the completion of the transcontinental railroad was May 10, 1869 and the majority of the workers

who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants, according to Olsen.

In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill to the Senate.

On Oct. 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law, Olsen continued.

For more information on Asian Pacific Heritage month, call 598-9423.



# On Post

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Employment event

The Fort Rucker Army Career and Alumni Program Center staff hosts Med-Trans, PEMCO World Air Services, Army Fleet Support and SES-I May 13 in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, second floor break room, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendees are asked to bring their resumes and come network with military-friendly companies. This event is open to active duty military, Family members, veterans and retirees.

### Salute to the Troops

Pageant contestants from around the state entertain Soldiers and Fort Rucker community members for a second year in a row at the post theater May 13 at 3 p.m.

Salute to the Troops is a free, action-filled musical revue tribute to Fort Rucker Soldiers and Families featuring regional title holders who will vie for the Miss Alabama crown currently worn by Ashley Davis, who was among last year's Salute cast.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this Family-friendly event.

For more information, call 255-2474.

### Couples Luau

Flight School staff hosts the bi-monthly Family Readiness Group event — a Couples Luau at West Beach, Lake Tholocco — May 20 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The event features a pig roast, live music, door prizes and more. Patrons are asked to bring their own lawn chairs. Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple.

Tickets are sold at The Commons on Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May 13. Free child care is available for the event.

For more information, e-mail Lindsey.skilling@gmail.com. Children

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### Johnston Road paving

Camping opportunities with the Engineer Beach Recreational Vehicle Park and Campground are currently limited due to the paving of Johnston Road.

Paving in the campground is under way and will continue through May 15. The campground will run at half capacity during this time.

Expect heavy equipment and partial lane closures on Johnston Road, below Singing Pines, now through May 27. Delays are possible during peak traffic.

Please allow extra travel time during this period. The Engineer Beach boat ramp is closed until paving is complete.

Boaters can access the West and East Beach ramps until the Engineer Beach boat ramp is reopened. For more information, call 255-4305 or 255-4234.

### Fort Rucker Boot Camp

The four-week Boot Camp at Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility is now through May 20.

It is five days a week from 6:30-7:30 a.m. The 8-9 a.m. session previously available has reached full capacity.

The cost is \$75 per participant. Cost includes weekly consultations to keep track of personal progress, training with certified personal trainers and access to all group fitness classes during the four weeks.

Registration forms are available at either physical fitness facility. For more information, call 255-3794.

### Volunteers needed

The Fort Rucker Non-Appropriated Employee Assistance Foundation is seeking volunteers to assist in fundraising projects, as well as individuals interested in participating in general membership and as officers on the executive board.

For more information, e-mail frnaeaf@yahoo.com.

### Education Expo

Army Community Service staff hosts an Education Expo Friday from 9-11 a.m. inside the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284.

The forum is designed to inform attendees on college applications, enrollments and scholarships for future students.

For more information, call 255-3949.

### Children's Fashion Show

Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff host a fashion show Friday from 5:30-8 p.m. inside the Landing Ballroom.

Admission is free and open only to active duty military and their families. For more information, call 598-9423.

### Asian-Pacific Kick-Off Event

Fort Rucker Equal Opportunity Office and post exchange staff host a Asian-Pacific Heritage Month celebration kick-off Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is open to the public. For more information call, 598-9423.

### Splash! Pool Party

Splash! Pool opens

on weekends Saturday. Come out and enjoy live entertainment by Sons of Summer on the pool deck from noon to 4 p.m. Splash! Pool is open to authorized patrons only.

For more event information, call 598-2426. For more information regarding swimming hours, call 255-9162.

### Thunder on Tholocco

The Thunder returns to Lake Tholocco's West Beach with drag boat racing Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event is a multi-class outboard drag boat race sanctioned by the American Outboard Federation, which has become a family fun event.

The event offers multiple food vendors and free entertainment for kids and adults. Advance tickets are \$5 and are available at outdoor recreation and leisure travel offices.

Tickets are \$7 for adults at the gate. Children ages 12 and under enter free. No pets or glass containers are allowed on the beach.

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### Mother's Day Brunch


A Mother's Day Brunch is May 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Landing. All mothers who attend receive a carnation and are entered into a drawing for a grand prize. Traditional brunch items are provided. Cost is \$16.95 for ages 13 and older, \$6.95 for ages 6-12, \$3.95 for ages 3-5 and free for children ages 2 and under. For more information or to make reservations, call 598-2426.



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## Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Cecila, a 3-year-old female Chihuahua. She is quiet and lovable. It costs \$81 to adopt her, which includes spaying, a microchip and heartworm testing. For more information on Cecila or other 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. No pets were adopted last week.

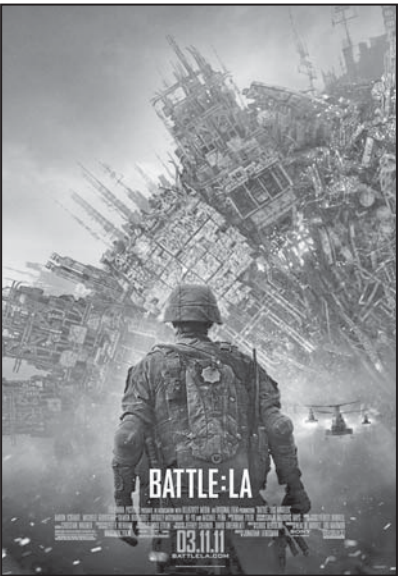


## FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for April 28 - May 1

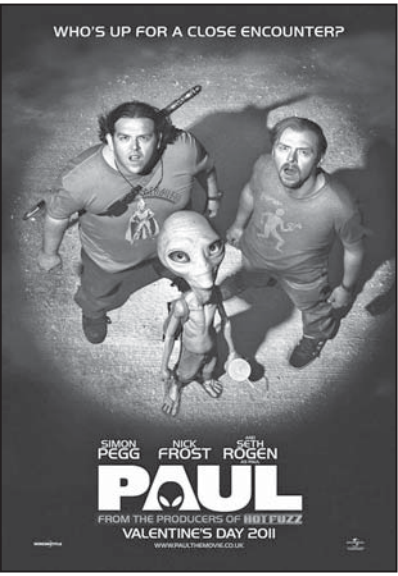
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**Paul (R)** ..... 7 p.m.



# Supporting Japan

Primary School students spearhead fundraiser for disaster relief

BY BREANNA WALTON  
Army Flier Staff Writer

“Together We Can Help Japan” is the modified school motto for kindergartners and first grade students at the Fort Rucker Primary School.

Sixteen first grade and eight kindergarten students raised \$1,100 to help Japan earthquake and tsunami victims.

Fundraising began when primary school teacher Brenda Forti’s unit began studying Japan, which coincidentally was the same week the earthquake and tsunami hit the country.

“Students started seeing the images on television and were upset,” said Forti. “One of the students was particularly concerned and asked if we could help.

“The children began brainstorming and some wanted to send toys and some wanted to send wood so the Japanese could rebuild their homes,” she continued. “We talked about the logistics of shipping toys and wood, and settled on the idea that maybe the Red Cross could buy the toys and wood if we sent them the money.”

A coin drive with the modified school motto was put into action. Mason jars were bought, stickers were made and students visited each classroom and explained the fundraiser.

“Japan had an earthquake and tsunami and everything is destroyed. We are a special school and we want to help other people, make their schools better and help them have better lives,” said Hyasen Gray, 6.

Multiple fundraisers were then put in place by students to start raising money. A first grader started a lemonade stand with two friends and donated about \$70.

“On the lemonade stand board we wrote ‘donations for Japan,’ and people came by and didn’t get lemonade but would just give us the money,” said



PHOTO BY BREANNA WALTON

Kindergarten and first grade students at Fort Rucker Primary School were presented a check for \$1,100 by the Red Cross for the money they raised for the Japan earthquake and tsunami victims. Picture are (back row, from left) Sue Beckman, American Red Cross, Coffee County Chapter, executive director, Brenda Forti, Principal Cynthia Martone, (middle row, from left) Avica Burrill, Hyasen Gray, Emily Emmett, Isabella Morter, Elijah Rawleigh, Ava Young, Tate Nicholson, Ava Paul, Neftali Maldonado, (front row, from left) Audrey Velezky, Katie Hill, Jacob Brady, Caleb Rothmeyer, Riley Hager, Ainsley Fletcher and Mia Adams.

Isabella Morter, 7.

Additional money was collected from piggy banks, ice cream money and change children gathered from their parents.

“It feels really good to help. I had ice cream money and I didn’t really want ice cream, so I donated it to Japan,” said Tate Nicholson, 6.

At the end of four weeks, students gathered the money and took it to Vicky Davis at Army Aviation Federal Credit Union in Daleville. She allowed the students to use the bank’s machine to count the change.

“When Mrs. Davis realized the children were short \$37 of reaching \$1,100, she donated her own money,” said Forti. “We were so fortunate to work with her. She was genuinely excited about what the children were doing, and praised them for their efforts and success.”

Sue Beckman, American

Red Cross Coffee County Chapter executive director presented the students with a check for \$1,100 at the school April 15.

The money raised will go to the Japan earthquake and Pacific tsunami response, specifically the Japanese Red Cross, which is providing direct emergency relief, medical service and emotional counseling to affected communities.

“Today I have seen a group of children show compassion and love for others around the world,” said Beckman. “Their passion to help can encourage other children and adults to take part in helping others. I was honored to see these children were so excited over the hard work they did to help someone they didn’t know.

“The American Red Cross loves to hear about children raising funds to help others as a humanitarian organization, it’s a wonderful thing to see,”

she continued.

“I am very impressed with the focus and drive these children exhibited. These 6 and 7 year olds were so proud their idea

became a reality and they truly believe they can change the world,” Forti added. “I have always known what wonderful and caring students we

have at Fort Rucker. Their parents are doing an amazing job raising thoughtful and considerate children who believe they can make a difference.”

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## DOTHAN

**MAY 7** — Water World opens for the season at Westgate Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 615-3790 or visit [www.waterworlddothan.com](http://www.waterworlddothan.com).

**MAY 7** — Dothan Civic Center staff hosts Baby Palooza from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 615-3175.

**MAY 7** — Dothan hosts the Mural City Art Fest-Street Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival celebrates the arts in historic downtown and provides families with an opportunity to share a wide variety of arts experiences and encourages children to find their niche in the arts.

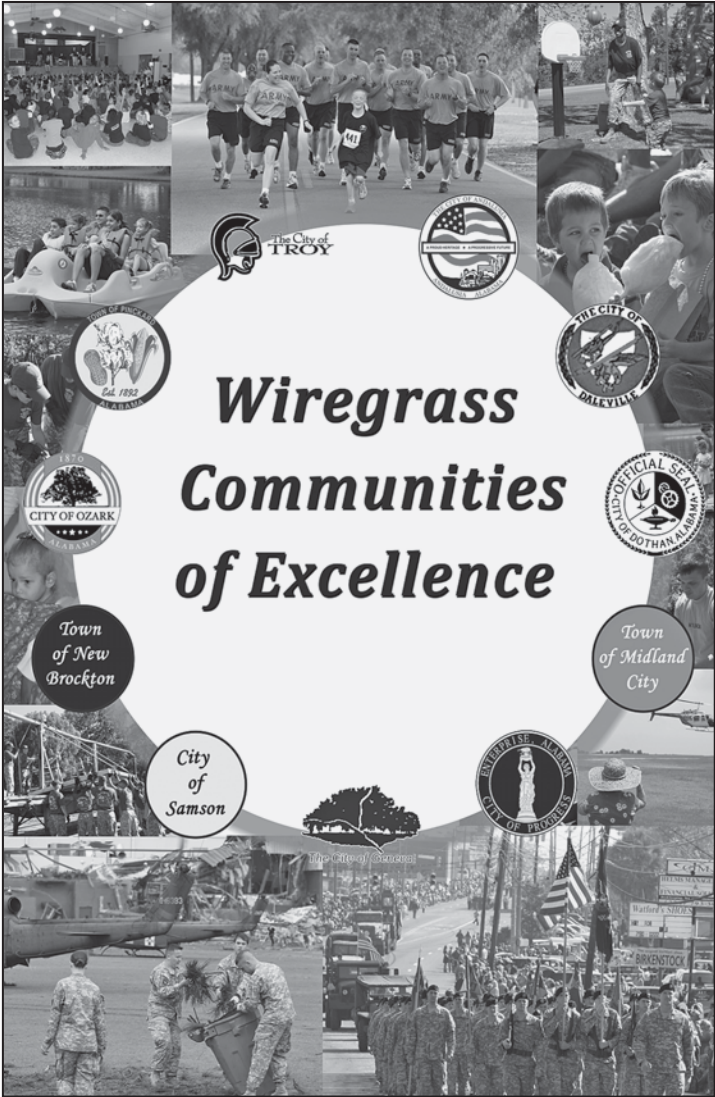
For more information, call 793-3097 or visit [www.muralcityartfest.com](http://www.muralcityartfest.com).

**MAY 14** — Landmark Parks staff hosts the Johnny Mack Brown Western Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include Dutch Oven Cooking; the C-4 Gang Equestrian Demo Team; Native American music, dance and exhibit; Johnny Mack Brown films; and an opportunity to meet the children of Johnny Mack Brown. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit [www.johnnymackbrownfestival.com](http://www.johnnymackbrownfestival.com).

**JUNE 11** — Landmark Parks staff hosts the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social from 5-9 p.m. Activities include cow milking, butter churning, ice cream making and more in observance of National Dairy Month. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkpark.com](http://www.landmarkpark.com).

**JUNE 16 AND 30, JULY 14 AND 28** — Landmark Parks staff hosts Music by Moonlight from 7:30-9 p.m. under the stars on the Gazebo lawn. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkpark.com](http://www.landmarkpark.com).

**JUNE 10, 17, 24 AND JULY 1** — Animal Adventures starts at 10 a.m. at Landmark Park. Events take place through-



out the day. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and free for children age 3 and under. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit [www.landmark-park.com](http://www.landmark-park.com). \$\$\$

**JUNE 25 THROUGH JULY 2** — The Dothan Country Club hosts the Future Masters Golf Tournament from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 793-7144 or visit [www.futuremastersgolf.com](http://www.futuremastersgolf.com).

**JULY 2 AND 3** — A gun and knife show will be at the National Peanut Festival fair grounds from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 793-4323.

## ENTERPRISE

**MAY 7** — Enterprise Children's Festival in the Park is 2 p.m. at the Enterprise Recreational Facility.

Events throughout the day include inflatables, pony rides, train rides, petting zoo, karaoke, face painting and concessions. A fireworks display begins at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 347-1211 or visit [www.cityofenterprise.net](http://www.cityofenterprise.net).

**MAY 14** — Enterprise 2011 Downtown Summer Fest is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are several sidewalk sales with a festival taking place on Main Street

and College Street with live entertainment. For more information, call 347-0581, or visit [www.enterprisealabama.com](http://www.enterprisealabama.com).

**MAY 14** — Enterprise Lions Club will host the "Boll Weevil 100" Bike Ride and 5K Fun Run starting at 7:15 a.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church. For more information, visit [www.enterpriseclub.com](http://www.enterpriseclub.com).

**JUNE 4** — Take a Kid Fishing Day is 9 a.m. to noon at the city recreational complex for children ages 12 and under. For more information, call 348-2684 or visit [www.cityofenterprise.net](http://www.cityofenterprise.net).

## GENEVA

**FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY** — Geneva's Festival on the Rivers is April 29-30 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.

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

## MIDLAND CITY

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

## NEW BROCKTON

**ONGOING** — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school.

Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

## OZARK

**NOW THROUGH SATURDAY** — The Rudd Art Center staff announces final call for entries for Fusion, which runs now through April 30.

The show features three-dimensional art such as sculptures, handmade jewelry and various other art pieces.

For more information, call 774-2944 or e-mail [dandrews266@charter.net](mailto:dandrews266@charter.net). Visit [www.ruddartcenter.org](http://www.ruddartcenter.org) to download the entry form.

## PINCKARD

**ONGOING** — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 983-3064.

## SAMSON

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

## TROY

**FRIDAY AND SUNDAY** — Troy International Film Festival takes place at The Studio in downtown Troy.

The event is three days of screenings of independent films and workshops. For more information, visit [www.ala-film.org](http://www.ala-film.org) or call 670-3593.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY** — TroyFest takes place in downtown Troy. The event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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](http://www.troyfest.com) or call 566-2294.

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## Beyond Briefs

### Gardening with the Master

The Columbus Botanical Garden in Columbus, Ga., will hold Gardening with the Masters today from 9 a.m. to noon.

Topics include Container Veggies, Happening Herbs, Watchable Wildlife: When, Where and How," and Heavenly Hydrangeas. To register, call (706)327-8400 or visit [www.columbusbotanicalgarden.com](http://www.columbusbotanicalgarden.com).

### Symphony on the Sand

Callaway Gardens will host the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Friday from 8-9:30 p.m. at Robin Lake Beach, Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. Gates open at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-Callaway or visit [www.callawaygardens.com](http://www.callawaygardens.com).

### Symphony "Funk"Tastique

The Symphony "Funk" Tastique is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the River Cen-

ter for the Performing Arts Heard Theatre in Columbus, Ga. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (706) 256-3612

### Thunder Beach Spring Rally

The 13th annual Thunder Beach Spring Rally is now through Sunday at Panama City Beach, Fla. For more information, visit [www.thunderbeach-productions.com](http://www.thunderbeach-productions.com).

### CSI: The Experience

Crime Scene Investigation: The Experience is available until Sunday at the Main Exhibit Hall of the Huntsville Space Camp.

Show times are between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week and tickets are sold up to two hours before closing time. 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.

For information, including ticket prices, call (800) 63-SPACE or visit [www.spacecamp.com/museum/csi/tickets](http://www.spacecamp.com/museum/csi/tickets).

### Wings Over Cullman Air Show

Wings Over Cullman Air Show is May 21 starting at 9 a.m. The air show features world class aerobatics by military and civilian aircraft, war birds, skydivers, static displays and food vendors.

Performers include the Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt Team and two-ship Cobra Demo Team. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit <http://cullman.schultzairshows.com/>.

### Southern Silver

The Columbus Museum in Columbus, Ga., will have an exhibition from now through June 26.

The exhibition will include examples of New Orleans coin silver from the Louisiana State University Museum of Art that will be supplemented by pieces from other collections, including Columbus-related objects owned by the Columbus Museum.

For more information, call (706)748-2562 or visit [www.columbusmuseum.com](http://www.columbusmuseum.com).

### Reconsidering Regionalism: Contemporary Prints about the South

The Jule Collins Smith Museum at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., will hold an exhibition now through July 23 that examines the themes of contemporary printmaking created in the American South and by artists from outside the region.

For more information, call 844-7075 or visit [www.jcsm.auburn.edu](http://www.jcsm.auburn.edu).

### Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival

The Art Show Committee of the Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival is issuing a call to artists for this year's festival, Nov. 4-6 in Seville Square, Pensacola, Fla.

Artists' applications for the juried fine art show are available online at [www.ggaf.org](http://www.ggaf.org) or send a request and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival, P.O. Box 10744, Pensacola, FL 32524-0744.

The deadline for submitting an application is May 15. For more information, e-mail [submit@ggaf.org](mailto:submit@ggaf.org).



# Unauthorized care providers put children, themselves at risk

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Before parents drop their children off at someone's home for child care on post, they need to make sure the providers are certified by Fort Rucker's Family Child Care program.

A number of unauthorized providers are operating on Fort Rucker, endangering those they care for and risking serious personal liability issues, according to Vender Tabb, FCC director.

"Online babysitter sites show more than 30 non-certified providers are operating here. These people may not realize they are in violation of Army regulations and putting their Soldiers' career in potential jeopardy," Tabb said.

"FCC-certified providers meet the highest standards and are well-trained in nutrition, CPR and other aspects related to quality child care," she said. "We have developed a comprehensive program that allows anyone interested in becoming an FCC provider to start a certified child care business with no out-of-pocket expense."

This is an issue that has garrison command's attention, as well.

"April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and so it is fitting that we raise awareness about authorized and unauthorized child care on our installation," said Justin Mitchell, Fort Rucker deputy garrison commander.

"As a former domestic abuse investigator, I am all too familiar with the signs of abuse and so are our certified FCC providers. They are trained to recognize the signs of abuse of those in their care and are familiar

with proper reporting procedures," he said.

Mitchell said he is concerned about the number of non-compliant caregivers operating on the installation, and he "strongly suggests these folks find out how to become certified by visiting the FCC office to receive the free guidance and education required to open an authorized child care facility in their homes."

Becoming a certified FCC provider requires an investment of time, but offers potentially huge returns on that investment, according to Tabb.

"We not only provide training equivalent to a two-year certification program, at no charge, but the FCC program also subsidizes meals and our lending locker is stocked with everything a person needs to start a quality in-home child care business," she said.

"From kid-sized furniture and toys to books and visual materials, we can help those operating outside Army regulation guidelines and start them on the road to benefitting from the various services we offer," she said.

"For instance, the FCC staff can arrange for a substitute when providers need time off to de-stress, have an appointment or need to visit the gym," Tabb said. "We don't want our FCC providers to experience the anxiety or burnout often associated with in-home child care."

FCC providers take stress off parents, too.

"My schedule is unpredictable, and the flexibility FCC homes offer takes the pressure off," said CW2 Jaira Sanchez, who started using the FCC program in July



PHOTO BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

CW2 Jaira Sanchez, her 3-year-old daughter, Alena, and Christy McWilliams share a playful moment at the Family Child Care home of McWilliams. McWilliams, a certified FCC provider, has cared for Alena since she was a baby. Anyone interested in becoming a certified FCC provider should call Vender Tabb at 255-3446.

2009 when her 3-year-old daughter, Alena, was a baby.

"When I have had to attend out-of-town medical appointments or pick up Family members at the airport, my FCC provider has been available to take care of Alena, early morning or late night," said Sanchez, who is the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group human resources technician at Cairns Army Airfield. "If there is an unscheduled event, there is a smooth transition from regular hours to extended hours without the need to pick up and drop off."

"Knowing that my provider has had professional training and is certified by post officials gives me the peace of mind I need while I'm at work or on the road, and relieves me of the worry and stress about the quality of care my child is

getting," she said.

As the program director, Tabb sees the opportunity for win-win situations for all concerned.

"Fort Rucker needs more certified FCC providers, and those who are now operating unauthorized child care services out of their homes are in a perfect position to meet that need here," she said. "While there are rules that must be followed, those rules are in place to ensure that our FCC homes are safe and secure for the little ones entrusted to the providers' care. I encourage anyone interested in operating regulation compliant and

profitable in-home child care to call me at 255-3446 to set up a time to go over the program specifics."

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<b>Friday</b> Catfish, Fried Chicken, BBQ Pork, Pork Ribs, French Fries, Rice & Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Corn Nuggets, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Corn Bread or Rolls	<b>Saturday</b> BBQ & Baked Chicken, Fried Chicken, BBQ Pork, Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, English Peas, Red Skin Potatoes, Fried Okra, Corn on the Cob, Fried Corn on the Cob, Rice, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Corn Bread or Rolls	<b>Sunday</b> Baked Chicken, Country Fried Steak & Gravy, Fried Chicken, BBQ Pork, Dressing, Butter Beans, Turnips, English Peas, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Yams, Rice, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Corn Bread or Rolls	<b>Everyday</b> Corn Dogs, BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Livers & Gizzards, Chicken Fingers, Potato Logs, Cobbler

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BOOT CAMP

The next four-week Boot Camp at Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility is now through May 20. It is five days a week from 6:30-7:30 a.m. The 8-9 a.m. session previously available has reached full capacity. The cost is \$75 per participant. Cost includes weekly consultations to keep track of personal progress, training with certified personal trainers and access to all group fitness classes during the four weeks. Registration forms are available at either physical fitness facility. For more information, call 255-3794.

GERMAN ARMED FORCES PROFICIENCY BADGE TRAINING

The German Liaison Staff host the training and testing of the GAFPB for the Spring Cycle from Monday through May 29. Training is conducted daily from 6-7 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility track. For more information on the training and competition, or to reserve a slot, call 255-3059 or e-mail fabian.montano@us.army.mil.

UFC 129 AT MOTHER RUCKER'S

The Ultimate Fighting Championship is shown at Mother Rucker's, UFC 129, St. Pierre vs. Shields, Saturday from 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is a \$10 per person. Mother Rucker's provides complimentary shuttle service to anywhere on post. For more information, call 503-0396.

SCUBA COURSE

The Fort Rucker Aquarians Dive Club sponsors a scuba certification course beginning Monday. The first class meets at Flynn Pool at 6:30 p.m. After the first class, the course meets Mondays and Wednesdays for no less than six weeks and no more than seven weeks, dependent on weather. One weekend is required at the end of the course to complete open-water training in the Gulf of Mexico. For information, call 774-3483 or 347-6936.

FREE BOWLING

Throughout the month of May, Rucker Lanes offers free bowling from 7-11 a.m. and from 1-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Free bowling offer does not include shoe rental. Event is open to the public. For more information, call 255-9503.

AL ROBERTS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Al Roberts Memorial Golf Tournament, which benefits the American Red Cross, Coffee County Chapter and Wiregrass Area Chapter, is May 6 at Silver Wings Golf Course. Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. There is a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Tournament play consists of four-person teams. Cost is \$60 per person or \$240 per team.

ARMY 10-MILE RUN OFF AND TEAM RELAY

The Physical Fitness Facility hosts the annual Fort Rucker Army 10-Mile Run Off and Team Relay at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility located at Bldg. 4605, Andrews Ave., May 14. Race day registration begins at 6 a.m., and the race starts at 7 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15 prior to

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‘Don’t call it a comeback!’

Stamina prevails over experience in basketball finale

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

It took two games, but in the end the Advanced Individual Training students of A Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, took home the intramural basketball championship Tuesday.

The AIT Soldiers fought through the winners' bracket during the tournament and faced off against the U.S. Army Aeromedical Center in what became a two-game final. In the end, AIT prevailed, 65-57 in Game 2.

USAAMC forced a two-game final by winning the first round, 68-65.

Constant lineup changes throughout the season made AIT's journey to the championship a rocky one, but it was the team's stamina and commitment to a strategy that allowed it to take down USAAMC, said Roderick Massey, AIT coach.

"The guys really stepped up for us," he said. "The guys on the other team were about my age, so I could tell they were tired by Game 2. The secret to winning for us was pressure. We kept the pressure on them to move back to defense just as soon as they would score and they couldn't keep up with us after a while."

While AIT struggled through the first game due to an aggressive passing strategy from USAAMC that also relied heavily on defensive plays, one player managed to put a rally together in Game 2.

Leonard McKellar, AIT player, was the championship player of the night as he showed quick feet and accurate shooting from the free-throw and three-point lines. His ability to navigate around and through the USAAMC defense pushed his team to a 10-point lead in Game 2 that it managed to carry to the end.

"We came from the bottom, starting with new people just about every game, and here we are," McKellar said. "In game one, it wasn't 'win or go home.' It was in Game 2 and I didn't



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Leonard McKellar, AIT player, runs by L.V. Miller, USAAMC coach and player, during the intramural basketball championship game Tuesday. AIT took home the championship after dropping the first game, 68-65, but winning the final, 65-57.

want to go home."

McKellar did run into a small problem in the final quarter of Game 2 when he started to experience cramps in his legs. Still, he managed to power through and put up a few more points to help his team keep a comfortable lead to the end.

"It really started to worry me, but you have to play through it and drive on," he said. "I'm in the Army, we're built for that."

L.V. Miller, USAAMC coach,

said it was a good season for his team, and while he wanted to do well, making it to the championship game was a victory in itself.

"In Game 1, we had plenty of defense going," he said. "We got a couple of good runs going that stopped them on offense and then we'd get the easy buckets."

By the time Game 2 rolled around, the fast and aggressive playing of the first game caught

up to both teams, but USAAMC felt it more.

"(AIT's) rebounding ability is what killed us in Game 2," he said. "Our rebounding just wasn't there in Game 2 and we couldn't get those good runs going again. They're a young team and they played a great couple of games."

Miller said he plans to get his team back to form for next season and that USAAMC will be back to play again.

‘Thunder’ rolls back onto Tholocco

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Boating and speed enthusiasts in the Wiregrass have an opportunity to see the worlds of water sports and drag racing collide at Lake Tholocco this weekend.

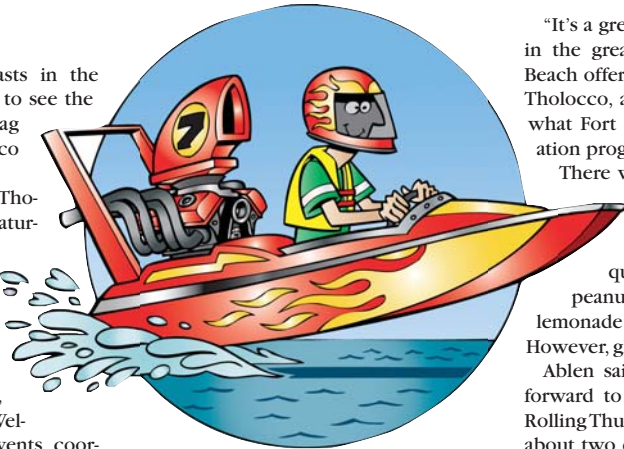
The sixth annual Thunder on Tholocco returns to Fort Rucker Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at West Beach on Lake Tholocco.

"Thunder on Tholocco is a fast-paced, adrenaline-pumping, multi-class outboard drag boat race," said Kimberly Abeln, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation annual events coordinator. "It's the kick-off to the Outboard Drag Boat Association's race season, and they love coming to Fort Rucker to initiate it."

The event is open to the public, she added. Advance tickets are \$5 and are available at the leisure travel and outdoor recre-

ation offices. Tickets at the gate are \$7. Children ages 12 and under are admitted free.

Families with children also have a variety of options available to them during the event, including open swimming from 10-11 a.m., giant games, inflatables, vendors, displays and more, said Abeln.



"It's a great way to spend a beautiful day in the great outdoors," she added. "West Beach offers one of the best views of Lake Tholocco, and it's a good way to explore what Fort Rucker and the outdoor recreation programs have to offer."

There will also be a variety of refreshments available from local and regional vendors including funnel cakes, bratwurst, quesadillas, snow cones, boiled peanuts, roasted corn, smoothies, lemonade and much more, she continued. However, glass containers are prohibited.

Abeln said the part she's most looking forward to is meeting veterans from the Rolling Thunder organization. There will be about two dozen members coming to this event, many on motorcycles.

"They are dedicated to Prisoners Of War/ Missing in Action issues and I believe it is a great cause that many Fort Rucker Soldiers, retirees and their Families can identify with," she added.

For more information, call 255-1749.



# Down Time



## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

# TRIVIA

- 1. MUSIC: How many strings does a ukulele have?
- 2. HISTORY: Who founded the Ottoman dynasty?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the traditional dividing line between Manhattan's east and west sides?
- 4. U.S. STATES: What state's motto is, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you"?
- 5. MONEY: What is the common currency of South Africa?
- 6. LITERATURE: What was the first land Gulliver encountered in the satirical novel "Gulliver's Travels"?
- 7. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral D?
- 8. PRESIDENTS: Who was Dwight Eisenhower's vice president?
- 9. COMMON KNOWLEDGE: Who is the patron saint of physicians?
- 10. LANGUAGE: From what language are all the modern Romance languages directly derived?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword APRIL DILEMMA

**ACROSS**

1 Lump ("75 film)

5 Showed sorrow

9 Anthony of "Boston Public"

14 Jambalaya ingredient

19 Hammett hound

20 Where to find an onager

21 Songwriter Greenwich

22 Spine-tingling

23 Fertile soil

24 Tumble

25 Java joints

26 —garde

27 Start of a remark

31 Herriot title start

32 Vigoda or Saperstein

33 Slippery character?

34 Brit. fliers

37 Singer Manchester

41 Celt

44 Faucet

47 94 Across highlight

49 Pants part

50 "The Jungle Book" boy

52 Cask

54 Part 2 of remark

57 "Love — the Ruins" ("75 film)

58 Neon —

60 Cap or dolman

61 Bookstore section

62 Bog

63 Precambrian

65 In honor of

66 Snick and —

68 — above (somewhat superior)

69 Part 3 of remark

75 Baseball family name

76 Antitoxins

77 Mouth piece?

78 Long or Peoples

79 Solidarity leader

81 Forger's need

83 Cultural

88 Wear away

89 Carthaginian

90 Part 4 of remark

93 Comic Rickles

94 Bizet opera

95 Nasty

97 "How sweet —!"

98 Cpl.'s superior

100 Type of fuel

101 Porgy and bass

104 Fast flier

105 He gives a hoo!

107 Cooke or Donaldson

108 Male swan

110 End of remark

121 Biblical city

122 "That's ('54 tune)

123 Actress Thompson

124 Gymnast Korbut

125 "West Side Story" role

126 Porsche propeller

127 Tel —

128 Crucifix

129 Texas' state tree

130 Marvel marvels

131 Coty or Clair

132 Dweeb

7 Disagreeable sort

8 Hard to believe

9 Priam's wife

10 Cheer

11 — Romeo

12 Mortgage, for one

13 Actor Amaz

14 Serenity

15 Disgust

16 Composer Khachaturian

17 Deep red

18 Volleyball divider

28 City on the Danube

29 Kind of kiln

30 Fenwick or Carter

34 Snitches

35 Inland sea

36 Prix —

38 Baton Rouge coll.

39 Cloth finish

40 — Mateo, CA

41 Errs

42 It darkens your doorway

43 Bird-to-be

45 Join

46 "ollow

48 — you for real?"

50 2001, to Tiberius

51 Skater Midori

53 Publisher Conde

55 At any time

56 Brewer or Wright

57 Orlon, for instance

59 Part of Q.E.D.

61 Tofu base

62 Occupation

64 Sail

65 Cozy cloth

67 Tons of time

69 Mild cigars

70 Fermented tea

71 Deplored

72 Shock

73 Word with baby or snake

74 Inauguration Day event

75 Filled with wonder

80 Instant, for short

82 Coq au —

84 — polloi

85 '87 Streisand film

86 Egyptian deity

87 — la vie"

89 Supportive of

90 Princess bruiser

91 Klutz —

92 Plastic Band

95 Bill of Rights grp.

96 Interoffice communique

99 Honda competitor

101 Wimsey's creator

102 From C to shining C?

103 TV's "Scooby- —"

106 '81 John Lennon hit

107 Senator Thurmond

109 Borg of tennis

110 Actress Skye

111 Bank's backup org.

112 Clammy

113 "Typee" sequel

114 A bit of Beethoven

115 Weekend warriors: abbr.

116 Donated

117 Frigga's fellow

118 South African plant

119 Sikorsky or Stravinsky

120 Diane of "Chinatown"

121 Weaken

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8			5				6	2
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	2	8	1				3	

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

# Kid's Corner

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

TALLYHO, WORD SEARCHERS!

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

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

### CHAIN REACTION!

Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom: Charm, dam, dawn, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt.

### BETCHA PUZZLE!

Place an odd-shaped piece of paper (fig. 1) on the table and challenge your friends to cut it into four equal pieces, all the same size and shape. The solution is shown in figure 2.

### WHAT MOST RESEMBLES HALF A CHEESE?

Connect the dots and find out!

Answer: The other half.





PHOTOS BY JENNIFER CAPRIOLI

Black River Rollers block skaters from the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Roller Radicals Saturday during the the Roller's first-ever bout at Watertown Arena. The Radicals won, with a score of 141-138. The Roller's next bout is May 14 in Oswego, N.Y.

# Rocking the rink

*Spouses find off-beaten-course outlet for coping with military life*

BY JENNIFER CAPRIOLI  
USAG Fort Drum

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — They don helmets, mouth guards and knee pads as often as five days each week. They raise Families and hold down careers while their husbands fight for a peaceful nation. And they love to blow off steam by plowing through groups of roller skaters.

The women of the Black River Rollers, especially the military spouses, hold it together as a team and have each others' backs — on and off the course.

The skaters busted their way along the Watertown Arena's 130-foot roller derby course April 23, during the Black

River Rollers' first-ever bout.

The Wilkes-Barre Scranton Roller Radicals made the four-hour trip to take on the local roller derby team, and after an hour of pushing, shoving and falling, the Radicals beat the Rollers with a score of 141-138.

Roller derby made its debut in 1935. Since then, interest in the sport has risen and fallen, and in 2001 was revived.

Teams are composed of a pivot, the skater who sets the pace for the rest of the team; a jammer, the only skater who can score; and blockers, the skaters who help their jammer score by blocking the opposing team's jammer.

The Black River Rollers, an all-female team founded in January 2010, is com-

posed of 11 competing skaters — six of them are military spouses.

Whitney Walker, who was on a roller derby team in Georgia, joined the team in February 2010 after moving to Fort Drum with her husband, Spc. Cody Walker, 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment.

They have three children, including a 4-month-old infant. Although her husband is deployed, Walker still finds time to make it to practice.

"Roller derby actually helps take my mind off missing my husband," she said, noting that skating a few laps around the derby course also helps relieve stress.

Although Walker does not participate in her husband's unit's family

readiness group, she said her teammates are a different type of support group because many of them have been through deployments. This is the Walkers' first deployment together.

Not only are her teammates supportive, but Walker said that before her husband deployed, he attended every practice to cheer his wife on.

Donna Schaefer, also a spouse, said skating kept her busy while her husband was deployed.

One thing the skaters agree on is the fact that their husbands are very supportive of their participation in the sport.

The Black River Rollers' next bout will be May 14 against the Oz Roller Derby in Oswego, N.Y.



Black River Rollers, Amanda Moore and Kristy Pastrano, both Fort Drum spouses, watch roller derby skaters make their way around Watertown Arena's course April 16. The Rollers took on the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Roller Radicals that night, which was its first-ever bout since being established in January 2010.

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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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

**Answers**

1. Four
2. Osman I
3. Fifth Avenue
4. Michigan
5. Rand
6. Lilliput
7. 500
8. Richard Nixon
9. St. Luke
10. Latin

**TRIVIA**



SPORTS SHORTS

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May 7 and \$20 after. Registration fee for five-person relay team is \$10 per person. Top active duty finishers will be considered for the team to represent Fort Rucker at the Army 10-Mile Run in Washington, D.C. Trophies will be awarded to the Overall Male and Female, Masters Male and Female, Grandmasters Male and Female, and Male and Female second Place through 11th place finishers. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded to the Relay Teams.

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The Enterprise YMCA staff hosts two beginner's classes in the Taoist Tai Chi Society arts of health. Classes are offered Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10-11:30 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 348-9008 or 347-4663.

# PORTAL 2™

*Puzzle-driven gameplay asks players to think before they shoot*

BY JIM VAN SLYKE  
Contributing Writer

Portal 2 is the sequel to a short, but amazing puzzle game that was released back in 2007 in a package with Half-Life 2: Episode 2 and Team Fortress 2 as part of Valve's Orange Box.

The first game caught a lot of people by surprise because it had one of the most unique puzzle experiences around. The sequel is just as good, if not better.

It's about 2 1/2 hours longer for one thing and features some impressive characters that would feel at home in a role-playing game.

The villain from the first game is back and is especially intimidating. It's a murderous machine called GLaDOS. She is missing a few wires, but is often hilarious and always challenging.

This puzzle game is played from the first-person perspective. Gamers get a gun, but it doesn't shoot bullets. It shoots portals.

Gamers can have two portals open at the same time, an entrance and an exit. Using these portals is the key to solving puzzles



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and avoiding danger.

The puzzles are bigger and much harder in the sequel, something that should make fans of the first Portal drool a little bit.

Portal 2 also features a co-operative mode that is entirely separate from the single-player story mode. It has a different story, dif-

ferent characters and even different puzzles.

Portal 2 isn't for everybody. It will appeal to those gamers who would rather think first and only use a gun to solve puzzles.

If thinking is part of your gameplay — check it out.

*Reviewed on Xbox 360*



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