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NEWSLINES

CHECK UP Lyster Army Health Clinic commander talks about upcoming improvements to meeting the health needs of the Fort Rucker community. See Page A3.

HELP WANTED

Installation Management Command needs alcohol and substance abuse care providers – now actively seeking applicants to help Soldiers and Families. See Page C5.

GOLFING FOR Scholarships

The Army Aviation Association of America hosted a golf tourney that raised funds to provide scholarships for Soldiers and Families. See Page D1.

POWER OUTAGE

A scheduled power outage will take place Sunday from 12:01-4 a.m. The outage will affect the entire Fort Rucker Cantonment Area, including the main post, Lowe Field, Hatch Field, Hanchey Field, Knox Field, Ech Field, the Lake Tholocco area and Family housing. The purpose of the outage is for workers to perform required testing and preventive maintenance on the Electrical Distribution System.

TIME TO SOAR

The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment hosts recruiting briefings Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the post theater. For more, call (270) 798-9819 or send an e-mail to timmy.hammonds@soar.army.mil.

ALLSTAR WEEKEND

CONCERT Allstar Weekend comes to Fort Rucker April 14 to perform at the post theater from 7-8:30 p.m. The concert is free, and open to military ID card holders and their immediate Family members only. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Leisure Travel Services in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 130. For more information, call 255-9810.



Former Miss Alabama Liz Cochran, center, poses with regional Alabama titleholders in front of an AH-64D Apache Longbow at Hanchey Army Heliport during the 2010 Salute to the Troops tour. This year's Salute to the Troops takes place May 13, when pageant contestants from around the state entertain Soldiers and Fort Rucker. See Page C1 for the full story.



Miss Wiregrass Area Jaye Herrod, left, and Miss Painted Rock Courtney Porter, attempt a practice startup in the TH-67 Creek cockpit procedure trainer at the Goodhand Simulator Complex in April 2010.



Student receives DFC



BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

An Aviation Captains Career Course student received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic efforts while in Afghanistan.

Capt. Jeffrey B. Meinders, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment at Fort Stewart, Ga., received the award during a short ceremony at Fort Rucker's Adams Hall Monday.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U

Crutchfield said. "When (Meinders) asked me to give him the award, he didn't come in and start talking about all the great things he'd done. I had to ask him what he did, and when I did, he kind of put his head down almost like he was ashamed to tell me. I know he wasn't ashamed, I know he was proud, but he epitomizes what selfless service means."

Meinders, an AH-64D Apache pilot, distinguished himself in Afghanistan when he was called to provide cover fire for an operations post in Margah,





PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, pins the Distinguished Flying Cross award on Capt. Jeffrey B. Meinders, HHC, 1st Bn., 3rd Avn. Regt., during a short ceremony at Adams Hall Monday. Meinders' leadership and brave actions in Afghanistan earned him the award.

Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, presented the award and said Meinders showed an unexpected humility in accepting his award.

"The highlight of anything I do as an officer and leader in the Army is to promote people and give people awards,"

East Paktika, Afghanistan, that was being overrun by insurgents, according to the citation.

Meinders and his crew rushed to the aircraft and immediately departed to provide close combat attack support to

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Fort Rucker honors Women of the Year

BY BREANNA WALTON Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker recognized five women Thursday for their remarkable "character and outstanding effort."

The 2011 Women of the Year nominees were honored, at the U.S.Army Aviation Museum during a ceremony marking their achievements.

"The importance of what women have meant to our country and the world is like a quilt. Can you imagine making a beautiful quilt with

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patches and tapestries, but leaving one patch out of the quilt? Would the quilt be as beautiful? No, It wouldn't," said Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general. "I think that is the way I would sum

up what women mean to our country, our Army and the world. It is like

the tapestries in a quilt, we could not have done without them, the quilt would not have been as

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PHOTO BY BREANNA WALTON

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, center, poses with Fort Rucker's Women of the Year recipients.

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Leadership Our greatest weapon

BY CW2 JOSE A. CINTRON C Co., 1-227tb Attack Reconnaissance Bn.

In the July 2010 issue of *Knowledge*, the official safety magazine of the U.S.Army, Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, wrote an article on his "Five Deadly Words" philosophy.

He explained that the majority of Army accidents have one or more of these common errors. These five deadly words are untrained, unsupervised, undisciplined, overconfident and complacent. It is undoubtedly true these failures are the ones you al-

ways see when you read an accident investigation report. However, these shortcomings don't just suddenly appear. Yes, anyone can have a lapse in judgment; however, for the

most part, these deficiencies are present in your unit before the accident occurred.

How many Soldiers do you have in your unit conducting tasks they were not trained to do? How many leaders are not present when they need to be? Are troops taking shortcuts because they think it's OK? Do they think nothing can happen to them because they

see themselves as experts on what they do? Is anybody in your unit falling into the same routine and functioning on autopilot?

By being proactive leaders, we can see the trends develop and we must put controls in place to mitigate the risks that come with these deadly deficiencies.

As Crutchfield describes in the article, the five deadly conditions are constantly changing and one can become a higher risk as another goes down and then comes back around. Unit leadership must constantly reassess the situations and hazards to determine if the mission is worth the risk and apply new control measures when needed.

Follow up with close supervision to ensure everyone carries out those risk decisions and that those five words are not part of the mission process.

The three deadly U's – untrained, unsupervised and undisciplined – are the ones leaders need to take care of first.

Identify the points where your unit is lacking in training. Provide the tools and resources required to have well-trained Soldiers able to

accomplish the tasks assigned to them. Delegate this responsibility to the leaders at every level. Disciplined Soldiers are a result of good leadership. Motivate and inspire Soldiers using strong, fair examples to gain their respect – not only because of rank, but also to build relationships with your Soldiers.

Overconfidence and complacency are much more complicated to detect, especially during a long deployment. These are harder to spot because they can become an epidemic even though they are a side effect of good training.

The Soldier is confident he knows how to get the mission done and the supervisor is confident the Soldier can get it done without him. He's been doing it for a while now and he doesn't need help from anyone, tools or a checklist. He doesn't even need to refresh his training or look at the -10 because he believes himself to be that good. This scenario is not hard to realize and, as you can see, all five deadly conditions are present.

Engaged leadership will always carry you through as long as you remain vigilant. Once a unit becomes well trained and good at what it does, it is not uncommon for the Soldiers to become complacent and overconfident in their duties.

Leader engagement includes increased leader awareness of hazards involving low-risk missions, ensuring "low-risk" missions are indeed low risk.

For all mission planning, leaders must ensure the approval process has the proper command involvement. For the last 90 days of a rotation, when complacency is most apparent, raise the approval levels up one level. This means that during this period, only battalion commanders should approve low-risk missions. For high-risk and extremely highrisk missions, only the first general officer in the chain of command should approve.

These "five words" do not discriminate. They can happen to anybody or any unit, regardless of branch. Therefore, it is imperative that we remain vigilant at all times and keep the team strong. There is no absolute answer on how to stop and defeat all accidents, but our greatest weapon comes in one word – leadership.

(Editor's note: Article courtesy of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.)

Get more education, training – they pay off

BY BRYAN THARPE Army Career and Alumni Program

We live in a competitive society.

There are generally more people looking for jobs than there are jobs available. A major factor that determines success in today's job market is higher education or training.

As a matter of fact, having at least a high school diploma is not only necessary to join the Army, but to secure jobs in many companies. Employers want well-trained employees to make products or provide services that are competitive in today's marketplace.

For a person with little education and training, the number of available jobs are limited, so looking for a job can be frustrating. If an employer has two people who apply for the same job and the two applicants are equal in every other way, the employer will select the applicant with the most advanced training – even

more education will generally be given first opportunities for advancement and promotions.

Why is further education and training so important? Computers and other advanced technology have made many job requirements more demanding and complex. Employers want motivated and trainable employees who have the proven ability to learn and develop, based on the situation.

In recent years, almost one-fourth of the adult population obtained degrees beyond high school. As education increases, so does income.

In addition to increased earnings, higher education also gives one more freedom in the job market. Generally, when people get promoted, they move up within the same career field. With the right training, employees can also move laterally to other career paths as the jobs open. For example, someone in purchasing can move into distribution management or other managerial areas with the right education. While you are still in the military, take advantage of all the training opportunities that are available to you. The Army offers excellent technical training in many job-related subjects.

Also, for those who perform well, there are management and leadership training opportunities, such as Primary Leadership Development Course and Command and General Staff College.

Army training is recognized for being top-quality, especially in highly technical areas.

When you can, take additional college classes. Start working on--or finish up-a degree. Take some computer courses. Most military posts allow colleges to offer courses on post and at times when it is easy to attend.

Take advantage of the classes available on computer at the Education Center's Learning Center. There are courses that you can use to brush up on neglected skills and courses where you tackle entirely new areas. The courses at the Learning Center are free to military personnel.

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Employers think that better-educated applicants will have more highly developed learning skills and will do better work. In addition, those workers with

When it's time to transition, remember to contact the Fort Rucker ACAP Center at 255-2558 or 255-2546. We offer the training that will make you successful in the job search process.



Why is it important to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month?



Sgt. Chris Wilson, Staff Sgt. Cory Morrell, Fort Rucker Military 597th Maint. Co. Police patrol supervisor "Child abuse is ongoing, putting the prevention in-"It is important to get the formation out to the public word out that child abuse can help recognize abuse is not acceptable and will and educate the public to not be tolerated." possibly decrease the number of abused children."



CW3 Tim Lawson, B Co. 1st Bn., 13th Avn.

Regt. " "So many signs of abuse let go unrecognized, so hopefully with the dissemination of information, people pr can become educated and start recognizing abuse."



Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Coplin, NCOA Operation Branch

"Child abuse is a huge probuse lem globally because there ppeis so much abuse that goes inaunrecognized. Hopefully, by providing information it will help educate the public."



Tawanda Jacobs, CDID program analyst

"It is important to recognize child abuse prevention because it keeps people alert of what is going on throughout the community and world."

New technology, services **improve Lyster healthcare**

BY BREANNA WALTON Army Flier Staff Writer

Lyster Army Health Clinic is in the midst of consolidation of clinics, renovations and technology advancements to better serve the Army Family.

A new software program for viewing and sharing patient files is the first step to help Lyster advance in the new age of technology, said Col. Patrick Denman, commander of Lyster Army Health Clinic and the U.S. Army Aeromedical Center.

Currently there are two electronic health record systems, Alta and Aero. The current process of using two systems is ineffective and time consuming, said Denman.

"We are currently in the process of gaining access to a demo touch screen computer that will mount on a bracket in each exam room," he said. "It will allow the provider to log in to the system, view Aero and Alto simultaneously, and share information to other computers by the single touch of a finger."

The time frame for the new system will begin in a phase process. Within the next nine to 12 months, the new system should be available in the exam rooms and allow providers the ability to view two programs at once.

Over time, providers will be able to use voice Internet protocol for video teleconferencing and be able to use context management software to share information with the single flick of the finger, according to Lt. Col. Joseph Graham, deputy commander for administration Lyster Army Health Clinic and the U.S. Army Aeromedical Center.

"The first good aspect of being able to video teleconference is if a patient wants a family member to sit in on the appointment and they were unable to attend, providers can conference them in via video teleconference," Denman said, "Secondly, doctors will be able to conduct peer-to-peer conferences with specialists while the patient is in the room, allowing the patient to hear the discussion concerning their health."

While the new system could be up and running within the next few months, a demo will begin within the next 90 to 120 days to make sure the program

said.

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tial theft."



Col. Patrick Denman Lyster Army Health Clinic Commander

works efficiently and the providers are happy with the service, he added.

By having portions of the new system in place so soon, providers and beneficiaries need to keep in mind that it will be a process that takes time, Graham said

"Initial operating capabilities will include touch screen and dual view of systems," he said. "What will be available is when you sit down in an exam room, the health care provider will come in and dictate directly to the computer all information gathered during the examination. Beneficiaries will be able to see the information going directly into their records."

"Everything is being done in real time. When you and the provider walk out the door, your chart is complete and signed. It is ready to go just as you are ready to go." Denman added.

The system will also be mobile-when a Soldier or their Family is transferred to a new military installation all of their information will go with them. Their current health care provider at the installation will be able to pull up and view their medical information from Fort Rucker, Denman said.

"Our goal is to be mostly wired with 21st century technology being able to provide 21st century treatment plans for our beneficiaries," he added

Additional ideas being discussed are adding educational classes for beneficiaries who come to Lyster for medical support.

We are going to try to partner with you; we want you to live a long and healthy life," said Denman."We will educate by putting together educational teams that will teach you about physical fitness, eating healthy and losing weight so you do not put yourself at risk.

For example, Denman said diabetics may require education for the care of themselves or their Family members. Providers will make arrangements to take a patient and their Family members to a patient education room to speak with a nurse who can educate them on the disease process, and managing and maintaining it.

Also, if a patient has children or is pregnant, Lyster will help educate them on how to take care of their children, so they will be healthy and help take care of themselves so the baby will be healthy.

"A lot of parents have anxiety over immunizations, we want to partner with the parents and make sure they understand preventative medicine so they will get their children immunized," Denman said.

According to Denman, ideas are flowing freely on adding such education at Lyster. An additional possibility is adding cooking and physical fitness classes. Denman believes it would be nice to come to the

clinic and see a nutritionist who will take a beneficiary into the kitchen and teach them how to prepare food in a healthy way. Simultaneously, while learning how to cook, they are also being taught by a fitness instructor on how to take care of themselves with moderate to heavy exercise.

"We want to sit down with you to create a lifestyle of wellness that you and your family can engage in throughout the course of life," Denman added

Denman and his team are in the initial stages of exploration for this process which is meant for Soldiers, Families and retirees to get the information they need.

"The whole intent is to not wait until you get sick to come see us - we are here for you," Denman said.

DPS officials warn against 'crimes of opportunity'

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

Recent thefts and vandalism at Fort Rucker provide ample reason to why motorists parking on post should never leave their vehicles open and unlocked, Directorate of Public Safety offi- of a car, in plain view or cials said.

It's important for driv- down, is inviting poteners to be mindful of what they leave in their vehicles, and how easily accessible those items might be to people in- to prevent, too, Massey

tent on taking things added. Government propthat don't belong to erty was taken during rethem, Maj. Massey, DPS cent vehicle thefts and it deputy provost marshal, was due to thieves having an opportunity.

"It's important people "If you've got somedon't create crimes of thing of value in open view, someone could eas-Massey said. "Leaving expensive ily come by and take it," items in the front seat Peggy Contreras, Community Police supervisor, with the windows rolled said."People just need to be aware of their surroundings and not make Theft of government it easier for individuals property is something to take things that don't DPS officials are trying belong to them."

Both Massey and Con-

treras said those parking added.

their cars for any period

of time should make

sure it is secure before

Windows should be

rolled up all the way or

slightly open to allow

air flow, doors should

be locked and, if park-

ing at night, the vehicle

should be parked in a

well-lit area. Those liv-

ing in the housing areas

should also be mindful

of where they park their

cars and what they've

left in them, Contreras

leaving it.

"If someone has a garage or some kind of enclosed area to park their car at night, they should use it instead of leaving the car in the open," she said.

Most high-dollar items, such as laptops, tablets and other electronic de- online registration of vices, have serial numbers that can be used to help with the process in trace the item if it is ever stolen and resold, Contreras said. However, it is up to the owner of those items to keep track of 255-2222.

those numbers

"If someone has an expensive item, they should keep a log of its serial number in case it's ever stolen or goes missing," Contreras said. Contreras added that

there are "many companies who allow for certain items in order to case it is ever stolen."

For more information on preventing crimes of opportunity, call



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Instructors of the Quarter

Fort Rucker's Instructors of the Quarter accept their award certificates at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum March 30. From left, CW2 Nicholas Missler, Officer Instructor Pilot of the Quarter; Sgt. 1st Class Adam Mauro, Noncommissioned Officer Academic Instructor of the Quarter; Staff Sgt. Daniel Powers, Noncommissioned Officer Flight Instructor of the Quarter; Charles Curtis, Civilian Instructor Pilot of the Quarter and James Baker, Civilian Academic Instructor of the Quarter.

Severe weather a year-round concern

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

As spring and winter continue to battle for dominance in Alabama's weather system, officials urge those living and working in the area to be mindful of changing weather patterns.

Warmer air mixing with the slowly departing colder air can make for potential severe weather situations, said Cindy Howell, Fort Rucker Weather Operations assistant site manager.

"When warm, moist air meets cooler, dry air, bad things can happen," she said, "Like the hail storm we had (recently), which was unusual for this time of year. We can also experience things like strong thunderstorms and tornados

According to Howell, Alabama has two peaks of severe weather activity - occurring between March and May, and again in November

"Until the air mass modifies and we have the change in pattern that brings us into summer, then we'll see fronts come down, clash with the air masses and produce severe weather," she said.

Being prepared for dangerous weather scenarios is important no matter where you live, Howell added.

"Have a plan and know where in your home is your safe room," she said."It needs to be an interior room, away from windows, like a basement or bathroom. Being in a car or mobile home is bad. They can become projectiles."

Staving alert is another way to avoid being in a bad situation when severe weather hits, she added.

"I'm old school in my notifications. I use a (batterypowered) weather radio to let me know if severe weather is threatening," she said. "If someone has a weather-alert application on their smart phone, that can be a useful way of

staying alerted, too.' According to Lt. Col. Michael Hughes, Fort Rucker Emergency Operations officer, Fort Rucker will only sound the sirens when a possible or actual tornado affects Fort Rucker.

"Dale county and surrounding communities may sound their sirens due to a tornado warning, but if the possible or actual tornado won't affect Fort Rucker, ours won't be sounded," he said. "All personnel should purchase a (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio, which can be programmed to alert you of any severe weather watches and warnings for the county you are in. They are very low cost and available at (several different retail) stores."

While the Gulf Coast region is affected by the annual hurricane season from June 1-Dec. 1, thunderstorms and tornados can strike anytime, anywhere, Howell said

"We've seen tornados pop up just about everywhere in the country at different times of the year," Howell said. "Usually, the peak time of activity is during the afternoon, but severe weather can happen at any time of day.

Earlier this week, the Fort Rucker area experienced strong winds accompanied by brief, strong thunderstorms. While this event was short-lived. Howell said it's important for those living and working at Fort Rucker to remain vigilant.

When severe weather becomes a threat to the installation, those on post should listen for warnings and instructions being broadcast over the post warning system. Howell added people should

review the Fort Rucker tornado warning and all-clear signals at http://www.rucker.army. mil/6weather/genwx.htm.

The Army's safety campaign, Ready Army, has more safety tips at its Web site, www.acsim. army.mil/readyarmy.







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the ground forces on-site.

As the Air Weapons Team arrived overhead, it observed the OP erupting under a constant barrage of indirect fire, and a vast array of tracer fire arcing across the sky. Instead of remaining at altitude and out of small arms range, Meinders and his crewmember descended in order to positively identify the armed insurgents who had overtaken the observation post and secured a tactical advantage over the central OP.

With the ground force commander pinned down under heavy machine gun and RPG fire, Meinders quickly grasped the vulnerability of the friendly position and began engaging the insurgent targets.

Both the AWT and ground forces observed large secondary explosions, indicating the heavily armed nature of the attackers. Despite the success of the initial engagement, multiple squads of enemy combatants continued to advance on the friendly position, indicative of the enemy's resolve and determination to overtake the COP.

Over the next six hours, Meinders and his crew remained overhead, providing continuous fire support to the ground troops despite the persistent enemy fire.

Meinders' display of precision fires while acting as the pilot in command, managing medical evacuations and emergency combat resupply missions on an active battlefield is evidence of his superior airmanship, according to the award citation. His courage under fire was also demonstrated when he conducted single ship refuel operations in order to maintain a constant presence on the battlefield.

Disregarding the imminent threat to his helicopter, Meinders sent his wingman away to refuel while he remained on station, providing constant support to the ground force commander.

Meinders said it was an intense ex-

perience, but he could only focus on what needed to be done.

"There was a lot of incoming fire, but mostly you just think of protecting your wingman and the people on the ground," he said. "Once they're safe, you can always just fly home."

Meinders' sister, Kelly, his fiancé Courtney Ricci, and several members of his former unit made the trip to Fort Rucker to see the award presentation. Meinders said it was a heart-warming show of support from his friends and Family.

"It was awesome to have their support," he said. "Some of them drove six to seven hours just to be here."

Women: 'These women have excelled beyond their peers'

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beautiful and certainly not as functional without the one piece."

Eugenia Jones, Aviation Center Logistics Command, was recognized as Professional Woman of the Year. Jones provides technical guidance and leadership for her organization. She was crucial in establishing USAACE as a worldwide training facility, said Melissa Harry, Special Emphasis Program manager.

Lisa Cheatwood, Directorate of Simulation, is the Administrative Woman of the Year. She is the resident expert for her organization's management controls. Her actions ensure administrative functions are carried out with guidelines, policies and laws, said Harry.

"This award means a tremendous amount to me," said Cheatwood. "The fact that my directorate would nominate me for this among my peers at Fort Rucker shows I have the support of my command and Fort Rucker to help accomplish my mission."

Deborrah Cisneros, U.S.Army Training and Doctrine Command, was recognized as Technical Woman of the Year. She serves as an analyst, technical adviser and liaison for multiple programs and initiatives. She maintains day-to-day awareness regarding public, military and administrative issues that impact the Soldiers, units and Families at Fort Rucker.

Patricia Eagerton, Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 110th Aviation Brigade, is the Clerical Women of the Year. Eagerton has become the "know all" administrative individual for her organization. Her guidance, direction and sup-



Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and his wife, Kim, congratulate Lisa Cheatwood, Administrative Woman of the Year, P and Patricia Eagerton, Clerical Woman of the Year.

port of her organization coupled with her personality make her indispensible, according to Harry.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," said Eagerton. "I enjoy my job and I try to do it well. It is an honor that people think enough of me for the nomination "

Sandra Ausley was recog- fall into the theme of this year's nized as the Government Contract Employee Woman of the Year. Ausley is the standard Army management information Aviation maintenance contract in the Army.

"These women have excelled beyond their peers and

ceremony, 'Our History is Our Strength," said Maj. Angela D. Tucker, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, deputy staff judge system manager for the largest advocate and guest speaker, focused on the theme, quoting her mother, "You can't know where you are going unless you know where you've been."

The reason the theme was chosen is because those involved feel that knowing the challenges that women have faced and overcame are an enormous truth to all of us today, said Tucker.

Tucker spoke of several women who have made history throughout the years, including Elizabeth Stanton, Francis Perkins, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul and Minnijean Brown Trickery.

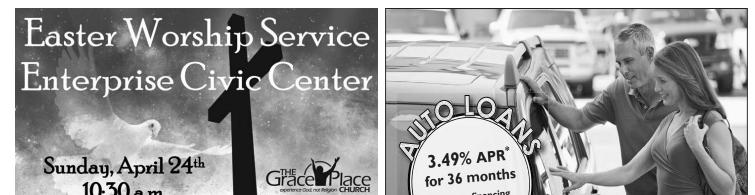
"I am able to feel comfortable in my skin as a professional woman because of women like these," Tucker said. "I am forever grateful to them.

"Learning about the extraordinary achievements of women helps to diminish the tendency of some to trivialize who women are and what they have accomplished," said Tucker."It can provide each one of us, women and men, with the knowledge that adversity can be overcome,' said Tucker. "These women should be our role models for what is needed to face the extraordinary changes and relenting challenges we face today in our society,"Tucker added.

Congress passed the first Congressional Resolution acknowledging the importance of observing Women's History Week in 1981. In 1987, it passed a resolution designating the month of March as Women's History Month.

"The contributions of women of different races, cultural backgrounds, nationalities and religions represent a significant landmark into United States history," said Crutchfield. "We salute the achievements of women both in the military and civil services as directors, supervisors, managers, fellow co-workers, community leaders and volunteers.

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ARMY BRIEFS

DOD TO DROP SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FROM ID CARDS WASHINGTON - Beginning June 1, Social Security numbers on military identification cards will begin disappearing, said Air Force Maj. Monica M. Matoush, a Pentagon spokeswoman. The effort is part of a larger plan to protect servicemembers and other DOD I.D. card holders from identity theft, officials said. Criminals use Social Security numbers to steal identities, allowing them to pillage resources, establish credit or to hijack credit cards, bank accounts or debit cards.

Currently, the Social Security number is printed on the back of common access cards, and on the front of cards issued to dependents and retirees. Beginning in June, when current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DOD identification number replacing the Social Security number, officials said.

The DOD identification number is a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number also will be the service member's Geneva Convention identification number.

An 11-diait DOD benefits number also will appear on the cards of those people eligible for DOD benefits. The first nine digits are common to a sponsor, the official said, and the last two digits will identify a specific person within the sponsor's family. Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of identification cards will remain there for the time being and will be phased out beginning in 2012.

The department will replace identification cards as they expire.

CSA CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY **CEREMONY WEBCAST** WASHINGTON - A Change of Responsibility Ceremony for the United States Army chief of staff is scheduled to take place Monday at Joint Base Myer-

Henderson Hall's Summerall

Field. Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who became the 36th chief of staff of the Army on April 10, 2007, will hand the helm to Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, who was confirmed by the Senate March 16 as the 37th chief of staff of the Army. Watch a video stream of the Change of Responsibility Ceremony starting at 2 p.m. by visiting the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System Web site at www.dvidshub.net.



Capt. Christopher Bulson and Capt. Zachariah Gummert, from Provincial Reconstruction Team Zabul, step off a CH-47 Chinook in Daychopan, Afghanistan, March 29.

OD announces CAB stations

BY U.S. ARMY Press Release

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense recently announced the stationing of two Army Combat Aviation Brigades. The 16th Combat Aviation Bri-

gade will be split-based and established at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and Fort Wainwright, Alaska, using existing Aviation units not currently assigned to a CAB.

Fort Carson, Colo

The 16th CAB stationing action realigns existing assets resulting in an increase of about 1,400 new Soldiers and 44 helicopters at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This action for the split-based CAB at Joint Base Lewis-McChord will begin in fiscal year 2012 and is expected to be completed by fiscal year 2014.

The Army recognizes Alaska as a strategic location and continues to maintain a significant Aviation A new CAB will be activated at presence there. This stationing licopters. Fort Carson establishes ments.

evacuation strength in Alaska by three additional aircraft in fiscal year 2013. It also validates the Army's commitment and support to the Aviation infrastructure through military construction programmed for replacement and upgrade of the Aviation facilities.

The new CAB activation at Fort Carson will result in a total growth in Army forces and equipment by about 2,700 Soldiers and 113 he-

increases the invaluable medical the new brigade beginning fiscal year 2013 and is expected to be completed by fiscal year 2014.

The activation of these brigades will increase the capabilities of the active component of the U.S.Army and increase dwell time for Aviation units between deployments in support of overseas contingency operations. These combined force structure actions represent integrated changes that support the Army's transformation require-

USASOC activates new Aviation command



SGT. 1ST CLASS MICHAEL R. NOGGLE USASOC Public Affairs Office

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - The U.S. Army Special Operations Command officially activated its newest unit, Army Special Operations Aviation Command (Provisional) during a ceremony at Meadows Field March 25.

Lt. Gen. John Mulholland Jr., USASOC commanding general, presided over the ceremony activating the unit commanded by Brig. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum.

sponsive, special operations Aviation support to Special Operations Forces and is USA-SOC's Aviation staff proponent.

"Today, Special Operations Aviation Command embarks on our journey to build upon a magnificent legacy of those who went before us," Mangum said "On that foundation we are committed to develop and oversee a USASOC Aviation enterprise to represent, orchestrate and advocate."

During the past decade of persistent engagement by

PHOTO BY TRISHA HAR

Lt. Gen. John Mulholland Jr., USASOC commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Parry Baer unveil the Army Special Operations Aviation Command colors during an activation ceremony at Fort Bragg's Meadows Field March 25.

The ARSOAC will be responsible for organizing, manning, training, resourcing and equipping Army Special Operation Aviation units to provide re-

Special Operations Forces, U.S. Army Special Operations Command Aviation experts

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ARMY SAYS 'GENERATING FORCE' SHOULD NOT BE CUT FURTHER

WASHINGTON - Under Secretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal told senators March 29 that the Army's generating force has already taken significant cuts and must be preserved to ensure a pipeline of trained troops. Westphal testified before the U.S. Senate Armed Services subcommittee on readiness and management support, chaired by Sen. Claire Mc-Caskill (D-Mo.). The committee met to hear how the services proposed to cut costs and produce efficiencies called for by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates.

Monster of Chowkay: Taliban fears Army lieutenant

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS MARK BURRELL 20th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan - He's 10 feet tall. When he walks through the valleys he makes bombs fall from the sky and controls helicopters.

After a failed attempt to recruit him, the Taliban put a reward on his head: \$25,000 dead or alive.

Some of this is true, some of it exaggerated by hyper-imaginative insurgents. One thing is sure - U.S. Army 1st Lt. Benjamin A.Amsler is rattling Taliban leaders in Chowkay district in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar province.

"They fear our platoon. They've created this character. I represent it, but it's my guys.

It's not me. It's this Lt. Ben guy," explained Amsler, assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, Task Force No Slack.

"When we first got here, you couldn't really get into the vallev without getting hit and beat up a little bit," said Amsler. "So we made it a point to kind of say who we were, specifically me. I put my name out there, this is me and this is why I'm here. I'm in support of the government and I'm here to support the governor because he's unable to get up here. I have the armored trucks and guns I'm here to help the people and kill the Taliban." Amsler said that his platoon

makes contact with the enemy about 85 percent of the time

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HOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS MARK B

First Lt. Benjamin A. Amsler, a platoon leader assigned to B Co., 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. Regt., Task Force No Slack, uses an interpreter to speak to an Afghan villager during a recent operation in the Chowkay district in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar province. The villager already knew who Amsler was because of his reputation in the area.

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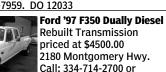
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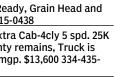
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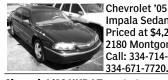
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USASOC: New command improves efficiency

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recognized a need for separating the combat role of Army Special Operations Aviation from the resourcing responsibilities.

ARSOAC, a one-star subordinate command to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, will provide the appropriate command and control, manning and visibility for the complex and sensitive tasks required of ARSOF Aviation units and organizations.

"This provides the enabling

entity to allow us to do even better then we're doing today," Mulholland said. "Managing, leading and equipping this incredible force so we can continue to be the absolute leading edge, not just within our country but for around the world for what we ask Army Special Operations Aviation to

do." ARSOAC is comprised of the Headquarters and four subordinate units: 160th Special **Operations Aviation Regiment** (Airborne), headquartered at Fort Campbell, Ky.; U.S. Army

Special Operations Command Flight Detachment, Fort Bragg; Systems Integration Management Office, Fort Campbell; and Special Operations Aviation Training Battalion, Fort Campbell.

The Army SOF Aviation is a complex enterprise that continues to grow in size, scope and expense. Under this new structure, ARSOAC is a nondeployable, resourcing head quarters charged with:

• Providing command and control, manning and vis-

ibility for the complex and

sensitive tasks required of Army SOF Aviation units and organizations.

Enhancing the 160th SOAR (A) war-fighting role of providing rotary-wing aircraft to support SOF missions in all geographic combatant commands.

• Providing Aviation oversight as well as service and component interface to ensure system integration, fleet modernization, material readiness, training, and doctrine development.

• Facilitating greater integra-

tion between its headquarters at USASOC and U.S. Special Operations Command, and improve connectivity with Army staff as well as Aviation staffs of sister services.

"We are keenly focused on our task, purpose and reason for being," Mangum said. "To organize, man, resource train and equip the world's premiere Aviation force, enabling them to support the most elite warriors on the planet. That is our mission, our commitment and our vow."

Monster: 'It's a matter of getting underneath their skin'

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they head into the Dewegal Valley in Chowkay. Yet, that hasn't stopped him from continuing to push farther into the vallev to further the influence of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

"We've gained a lot of support for us and the government, which is ultimately our goal," said Amsler. "We try to build support for the government, but first you have to be trusted by the people before they're going to listen to you. I think we've gained the people's trust and that shakes the Taliban up a little bit."

When Amsler, a recent graduate from Ranger school who took over the platoon in August, visits elders and local leaders, he isn't shy about passing out his contact information. He gives Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army troops his personal cell phone number. He lets everybody know that he's not in Afghanistan to hide behind the walls of Combat Outpost Fortress

"I'm not afraid to give my cell phone number out to anybody that a Taliban leader calling could possibly need me to propose a comproat any point or to pos- mise.



PHOTO BY SGT 1ST CLASS MARK BURRELL

First Lt. Benjamin A. Amsler, a platoon leader assigned to B Co., 2nd Bn., 327th Inf. Regt., Task Force No Slack, poses for a photo to depict that he has been made out to be a monster with incredible powers by the local Taliban leaders in Afghanistan's Kunar province. Amsler, a Ranger, has been in the military less than two years and is on his first deployment.

sibly contact me for (information)," said Amsler as he folded his arms defiantly

Then one day, he got a phone call. "Lt. Ben? Lt. Ben?" "Yes, this is him," he

said. Then the caller started

to speak in Pashtu and Amsler passed the phone to his interpreter. It was

Amsler explained the Taliban commander said, "We respect you as a fighter and you have good men. You're a good leader and have excellent fighters. So we're going to give you one chance."

The young lieutenant was willing to listen to the Taliban if it meant helping the people in his district.

"I told him I'd be willing to sit down and talk

about our differences and just try to provide for the people, but they didn't want that," said Amsler. "They wanted me to convert to Islam and fight for them. (It's) so not going to happen." Shortly after that,

Amsler started hearing rumors about a bounty placed on his head. "It's a matter of getting underneath their

skin," said Amsler. "All my guys fighting, they

feared our platoon. We rattled them. Though Amsler laughs at the mythical proportions of the situation, he knows it's not a game

out there and has been more cautious. It's just one more thing to worry about as a pla-

toon leader. "My guys have joked about turning me in for (the reward money) if I make them climb one

Amsler as he was preparing to go out on vet another patrol. "It's funny, and it's a game, but at the same time, it's not a game. If they truly are trying to target me or us, then we'll have to be more careful"

After patrolling into the Dewegal Valley for hours and taking enemy fire, Amsler came upon an Afghan villager.

Immediately, the villager recognized Amsler and said that he was doing a good job in getting rid of the Taliban.

He explained one last thing to his interpreter about a villager before heading out, "If he's not going to tell me anything about the enemy, then I'm not going to treat him good. (Because) I know that the enemy was talking about using this as a staging point to attack me. So that means that he's friends with the Taliban. If he's friends with the Taliban, he's not friends with me."

Amsler stands about 5 feet 9 inches tall, is broad-shouldered, has a set jaw and piercing eves. Though he has been in the military for less than two years and is on his first deployment, he doesn't back down from much, espemore mountain," said cially not the Taliban.





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With more than 12,000 eggs scattered across the post's festival fields, children race to gather as many as possible during one of the largest Easter egg hunts in the Wiregrass area at the Children's Festival in 2010. The annual event, hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, once again takes place April 16 from 1-4 p.m. at the festival fields.

celebrates m ildren

BY: INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND Public Affairs

April is Month of the Military Child and it's being celebrated with a theme of "Celebrate Military Children: The Strength of Our Future" at Fort Rucker and other Army garrisons.

During April, U.S. military installations around the globe recognize the contributions and sacrifices servicemembers' sons and daughters make daily.

More than 1.7 million children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the armed forces. It is estimated that more than 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times.

Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff host special events to honor Soldiers' children. These events Family Fun Run/Walk in recog-

stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support promised them through the Army Family Covenant, according to Installation Management Command officials.

At Fort Rucker, multiple events take place throughout the month beginning April 11-17, which is National Library Week at the Center Library. Daily drawings and giveaways are held throughout the week.

April 12 and 26 is Character Dining at The Landing Zone from 5-7p.m.

April 13 is National Library Week open house at the Center Library from 11a.m.-1p.m. April 14 is the Allstar Week-

end Concert-the Top 10 Disney Band performs at the post theater from 7-8:30p.m.

April 16 at 9:30 a.m. is the

nition of Child Abuse Prevention Month at the Fort Rucker

Physical Fitness Facility. Following the Fun Run, the Children's Festival is from 1-4 p.m. at the Fort Rucker festival fields. This year's theme is

"Down on the Farm," and features a magic show, petting zoo, games, prizes and one of the largest Easter egg hunts in the area. April 29 is the Children's

Fashion Show for Army and Air Force Exchange Service and DFMWR from 5:30-8 p.m. inside the Landing Ballroom. Children and teens of all ages will be modeling new lines of clothing available at the post exchange for the spring and summer seasons.

April 30 is the Splash! Pool Party from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The month-long celebration

reinforces to military children they are, indeed, a key part of

the armed forces community. For example, last year, First Lady Michelle Obama noted: "As a grateful nation, it is our sacred responsibility to stand by our military children, just as they and their Families stand by us."

President Barack Obama earlier this year spotlighted the importance of military Family support overall, recalling a trip to Afghanistan in December where he spoke to troops, asking what he could do to better support them.

"Without missing a beat," he said,"they looked me in the eye and they gave me their answer. It wasn't about more equipment. It wasn't about more resources on the battlefield. In fact, it wasn't about them.

"They said, 'Sir, take care of our Families. If we know our Families are all right back home, then we can do our jobs."

In late January, Obama unveiled a government plan to strengthen military Family support, including the education and development of military children and expanding child care options for military parents

Servicemembers and their Families, the president said, have done everything the nation has asked of them in this decade of war. Such commitment by the youngest members of the Army community will be highlighted throughout Month of the Military Child, and their accomplishments will be on display for all to appreciate.

For more information on Fort Rucker's MOMC events, visit http://www.ftruckermwr. com

(Editors Note: Breanna Walton, Army Flier Staff Writer. contributed to this report.)

Beauty queens to entertain troops, community

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

"We visit Fort Rucker so these young ladies can

Pageant contestants from around the state entertain Soldiers and Fort Rucker community members for a second year in a row May 13.

Salute to the Troops is a free, 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 cast.

As Miss West Central Alabama during the group's 2010 visit, Davis said she was honored to spend time with Soldiers because she was a military child whose Army parents retired at Fort Rucker.

"(Visiting) reminds me of the sacrifices Soldiers make and the Families of our Soldiers make," she said. "This is an opportunity to thank them and let them know they're



learn a little bit about what Soldiers do and because they are all very patriotic." Janasky said. One of the stops on this

vear's tour is the Goodhand Simulator Complex. While there last year, the ladies experienced the aircraft student pilots fly by sitting in the cockpit and learning the start-up procedures of both the TH-67 Creek and CH-47F Chinook.

Witnessing the intense training students receive here hopefully will give the young women a new level of respect for Soldiers' duties, said Brett Smith, 110th Aviation Brigade deputy chief of academics and Goodhand tour guide.

PHOTO BY FMILY BRAINARD

Pvt. Jordan Thomas, A Co., 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt., second from left, enjoys lunch at DFAC Bldg. 6204 with Alabama pageant titleholders during the 2010 Salute to the Troops tour. This year pageant contestants from around the state entertain Soldiers and Fort Rucker May 13.

special." Davis and 2011 Miss Alabama hopeful, Catilin Guffin, who wears Miss Wiregrass Area Di-

the Miss Wiregrass Area rector Patricia Janasky. crown, are among this In addition to the afteryear's cast, according to noon show, earlier in the day the group will visit

various training facilities and have lunch with Soldiers at one of the post dining halls.

"The largest percentage of the (Wiregrass) community is military," he said. "These women can see how we're contributing and experience (military) professionalism while they're here."

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

DEADLINE

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Walk

Family Fun Run,

Service staff hosts a Fam-

ily Fun Run and Walk April

16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort

cility. Pre-registration runs

now through March 31.

Registration costs \$7 per

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velopment Center, Youth

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call the Family Advocacy

Program at 255-3898.

Wiser Than Fools

Farewell Tour

For more information,

Wiser Than Fools rock

out The Landing Zone for

one of their last perfor-

mances April 21 from 9

p.m.-1 a.m. Cost is \$5 at the

door and admission is open

tional family members.

Member Program

Respite Care

Program

New Theater Company

Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation announces the formation of a community theater group.

The group is looking for individuals to audition for an upcoming performance. The group will cast several male and female adult actors for an upcoming "Saturday Night Live" style comedy theater production.

Auditions for this adult humor show will be Friday and Saturday at the Rucker Picerne Partners Building, 2908 Andrews Avenue, next to the Class Six. Arrive anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. on Friday or between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The all-volunteer group welcomes anyone (experienced or not) who is excited about community theater - including acting, set design and construction, costumes, props and technical facets.

For more information on the community theater group, call Brian Jackson at 255-9810. The director can be reached at (360) 561-9794

Allstar Weekend concert

Allstar Weekend comes to Fort Rucker April 14 to perform at the post theater from 7-8:30 p.m. The concert is free, and open to military ID card holders and their immediate Family members only. Doors Rucker Physical Fitness Faopen at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Leisure Travel Services in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 130. For more information,

call 255-9810.

Character Dining featuring Magician

The Landing Zone will be hosting Character Dining Tuesday from 5-7p.m. Favorite characters from TV and film will be serving. Children 12 and under eat free from the Kid's Buffet with the purchase of an adult entrée. For more information, call the Landing Zone at 598-8025.

to the public. For more in- assault, consent, dating and formation, call 598-8025. **AFTB** instructor training

Army Family Team Building instructor training classes are Monday -Thursjhughes@armyflier.com.

day from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A. For more information or

to register, call 255-3643.

Scheduled power outage

A scheduled power outage takes place Sunday from 12:01-4 a.m. The out age effects the entire Fort Rucker Cantonment Area, to include main post, Lowe Field, Hatch Field, Hanchey Field, Knox Field, Ech Field, the Lake Tholocco area and family housing. The purpose of this outage is ing and preventive maintenance on the Electrical Distribution System.

Exchange/ Commissary **Advisory Meeting**

The Exchange/Commis-For more information, sary advisory meeting will be held at Building 9214 in the training room on Monday at 1 p.m. This meeting is for active duty, retirees, and organizations on the In recognition of Child installation For more information call Robin D. Kehler Abuse Prevention Month, the Army Community at 255-2095

Denim Day

April is nationally designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Communities are asked to show support by wearing denim Wednes day in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. For more information, call 255-3898.

Educational comedy

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Victim Advocacy Program presents "Voices of Men," an educational comedy by Ben Atherton-Zemen, April 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Post Theater, Bldg. 9212. The multimedia play uses humor and male celebrity voices to educate audiences about sexual

For more information, call 255-9636 or 255-3898. **Education Expo** Army Community Service staff hosts an Educa-

domestic violence.

tion Expo April 29 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. UFC 129 at Mother

Rucker's UFC has finally arrived at Mother Rucker's! Come on

over and experience UFC 129, St. Pierre vs. Shields, at Mother Rucker's Sports Bar to perform required test- on April 30th from 9p.m. to midnight.

Seats will fill up quick, so be there early. Cost will be a \$10 cover charge. Please drink responsibly. Mother Rucker's will provide a complimentary shuttle to anywhere on post. For more information,

please call Mother Rucker's Sports Bar at 503-0396.



PHOTO BY BREANNA WALTON

Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Dee Dee, a 2-year old, female, domestic longhair available for adoption at the Fort Rucker Stray Facility. She is quiet and lovable. It costs \$81 to adopt Dee Dee and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, microchip and spaying. For more information on animal adoptions, call the veterinary clinic at 255-9061, open Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The stray facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. Two dogs were adopted last week.



DFMWR

Spotlight

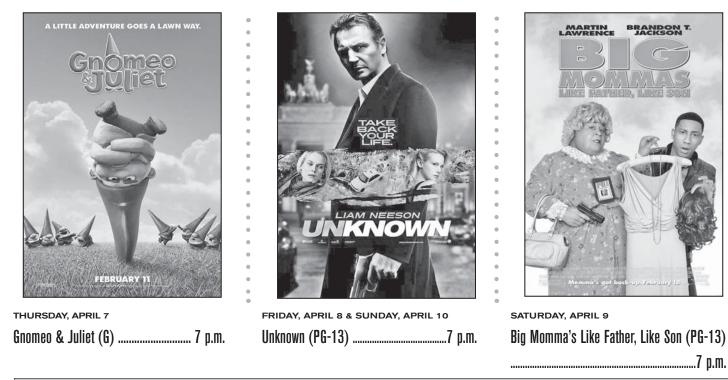
Children's

Children's Festival

Fort Rucker's annual Children's Festival is April 16 from 1-4 p.m. at the Festival Fields.

The event features a magic show, petting zoo, games, prizes and Easter egg hunts. Egg hunts begin at 1:30 p.m. for children ages 3 and under, 1:50 p.m. for ages 4-6 and 2:10 p.m. for two groups ages 7-9 and 10-12. The event will also feature a "Diaper Derby" for the first time that is open to all children age 15 months and under who still crawl. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 255-1749.





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

Post honors volunteers for service

BY BREANNA WALTON Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Family gathered for "Celebrating People in Action" to salute individuals who selflessly serve the community.

Volunteers who give hours, days, months and years of their time to Fort Rucker and local communities were recognized at the Volunteer of the Year Ceremony held at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Monday.

"These volunteers did something extraordinary, they stood up and said 'Yes' when they found something they could do to serve this community," said Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general.

"These volunteers remind me of a picture I saw last week when I stayed in Arizona. I came down in the lobby of the hotel, and there was a large picture of a man This man was the manager of the hotel for several years and you could tell he was well loved," said Crutchfield. "But what struck me was the caption under the picture. The caption said, 'The answer is yes, now what is the question?'That was know for a fact these volunteers have said 'yes' bethat you need me to do?' That is the hallmark of a gratifying." volunteer."

Volunteer of the Year awards were presented in five categories: Active the Catholic services and Duty Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Family of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Volunteer of the Year, lumbus, fund raising, and Youth Volunteer of the preparing and distributing



Left to Right; Gary Swidergal, Adult Volunteer of the Year; Jennifer Borneman, Youth Volunteer of the Year; Velma Bastin, Lifetime Achievement Volunteer of the Year; Karyn, Ashley and Joshua Halverson, Volunteer Family of the Year; and Capt. Thomas Beier, Safety Officer 23rd FTS instructor pilot, Active Duty Volunteer of the Year, are joined by Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and his wife, Kim, during the Volunteer of the Year Ceremony on Monday.

of the Year.

Active Duty Volunteer of the Year, Capt.Tom Beier, Safety Officer 23rd FTS instructor pilot, shared his who had passed away. time over the last three years as a volunteer in the Fort Rucker Catholic Chapel program and in the local community.

"Volunteering is an opportunity to give something back to the people who have done something for you," said Beier. 'You don't realize who this man's motto and I all has been involved in getting you to where you are today. When you have fore they asked 'What is it the opportunity to give something back it is very

Beier also serves on the parish council and is a Eucharistic minister at volunteers with the Military Council of Catholic Women, Knights of Co-

mas baskets. Volunteer Family of the

Year was awarded to the Family of Lt. Col. Scott Halverson, 1st Battalion 14th Aviation Regiment, including his wife, Karyn, and children. Ashley. Joshua and Taylor. They were recognized for their significant impact on the Fort Rucker community. Scott volunteers time with the church and Boy Scouts. Karyn volunteers her time with the Family Readiness Group, is a care team member, Fort Rucker Thrift Shop publicity chairperson and is a member of the church's relief society. Ashley, Joshua and Tay-

lor spend their time volunteering for yard work, childcare, Boy Scouts, Project Linus and more.

Velma Bastin was recognized as the Lifetime Achievement Volunteer of the Year. Bastin has volunteered her time since many, and has continued volunteering in the U.S. and at Fort Rucker.

"For me, volunteering is a fulfillment I enjoy it very much and I love helping people," said Bastin. "I think it makes a difference in the lives of those I help, especially the nursing

homes." Bastin has volunteered for many organizations, volunteering 800-900 hours per year for the last 20 years. She has spent time serving the enlisted spouses' organization, high school scholarship committee, the Christmas Bazaar, the senior citizens Christmas party and helped with the Dale County Nutrition Centers.

Youth Volunteers of the Year, Jennifer and Victoria Borneman, have spent time with the religious education program since their arrival at Fort Rucker. They have also served as

Year and Adult Volunteer Thanksgiving and Christ- the 1960s, starting in Ger- hall monitors, collected attendance sheets and compiled numbers for the religious education director, and have been substitute teachers and classroom helpers.

> "I am honored to receive this award, but the award is not as rewarding as actually volunteering," said Jennifer.

The girls have served as ushers the last four years at Sunday Mass, they are also members of the Catholic Youth Organization and participate in all CYO events.

"By volunteering I have gained a better understanding of people and broader view of the world," Jennifer added

Adult Volunteer of the Year, Gary William Swidergal, serves the Protestant Chapel community and has been a Sunday school teacher for over 20 years. Swidergal directs children's church, serves as an you do every day."

usher and assists with various service projects. Other projects he spends his time volunteering for include: designing props for chapel dramas, musicals and conducting teaching demonstrations One of his biggest accomplishments is volunteering with the Bible-era carpentry shop offered during Vacation Bible School each year. The shop allows children of all ages to safely "try their hand" at using tools.

Four additional volunteers were recognized for having dedicated over 800 hours of their time in the past year to serving others throughout the community. Luis Lampon dedicated 1,101 hours with the Cub Scouts, Therese Erthal dedicated 1,311 hours with the Catholic Chapel, Ernest Smith Ir. dedicated 1,495 hours with the Thrift Shop and the Department of Public Works, and 1st Sgt. Michael McGee dedicated 1,778 hours with the Boy Scouts.

In 2010, there were 64,170 volunteer hours reported at Fort Rucker, the estimated dollar amount of those who volunteer is \$1 370 671

Volunteers not only help others, but obtain valuable work experience and opportunities for training to learn new skills, opportunities to increase marketable job skills, and assume responsibility of leadership roles, said Karen Haves Army Volunteer Corps Program Manager.

"We are very lucky to have these volunteers who perform duties to make others' lives much better," said Crutchfield. "To the people who say 'yes' to our community, I would like to personally say thank you for what



no cost. Adult education classes provide a second opportunity for adult learners committed to improving their academic and life skills. Instruction is based on individual student need and may range from one-on-one tutoring to group instruction. Students may prepare for the GED, get certified and tested through WorkKeys, earn the Alabama Career Readiness Certificate, learn English-as-a-Second Language, or take college preparatory classes for an easy transition into college. Adult education classes emphasize English language competency and basic skills such as reading, writing, math, and problem-solving.

For more information, call (334) 347-2623, ext. 2218.

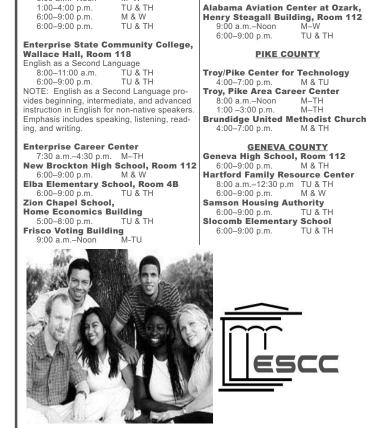
Schedule of Classes DALE COUNTY

COFFEE COUNTY Enterprise State Community College, Wallace Hall, Room 202 M-TH 9:00 a.m.-Noon 8:00 a.m.-Noon 1:00-4:00 p.m. M-W

Fort Rucker, Kingsman S Building 4502, Room 301 TU & TH 9:00 a.m.-Noon Alabama Aviation Center at Ozark,

Street,





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Wiregrass community calendar

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ANDALUSIA

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

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

DALEVILLE

ONGOING — The Fort Rucker chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are in the Daleville VFW Post Ballroom.

DOTHAN

SATURDAY — The Untouchablez MC hosts a charity basketball single-elimination tournament at 11 a.m. in Kinney Park's Hawk Houston Boys and Girls Club on Chickasaw Street. Money and trophies are awarded to first and second place. There is a \$25 registration fee for each five-player team. Proceeds benefit the Hawk Houston Boys Club and various charity projects. For more information, call 805-5871, 805-6077 or 718-5712.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - Dothan Gem and Mineral Club hosts its fourth annual show in Westgate Park at the James Grant Recreation Center Gym on 501 Recreation Road. Show hours are Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 792-7116 or e-mail arlambert@comcast. net.

APRIL 16 – The Alabama Air National Guard 280th Combat Communications Squadron plays host to the Minuteman 5K Trail Run and Walk.

Registration is 6:30-8:30 a.m. Pre-run brief is 8:30 a.m. Official race start is 9 a.m. For more information, call 701-5703 or e-mail at minuteman5k@hotmail. com.

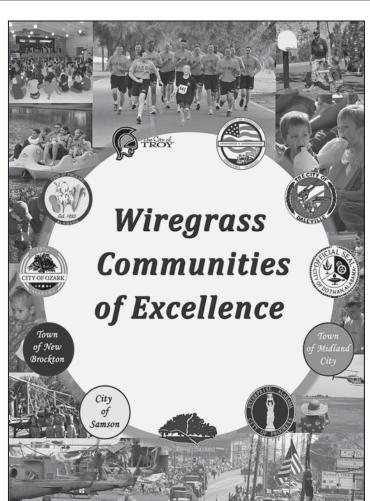
APRIL 17-24 — The Dothan Pro Classic is each day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The event takes place at the Westgate Tennis Center and various other locations.

The tournament features a Pro-Am, lessons for children, school field trips and the play of more than 50 professional women competing for \$75,000.A tournament pass is available for \$20.

For more information and individual session ticket prices, call 596-2352 or visit www.dothanprotennis.org. \$\$\$

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

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



JUNE 10, 17, 24 AND JULY 1 — Animal Adventures is each day starting at 10 a.m. at Landmark Park. Events are held throughout the day including, guests speakers teaching about native and exotic animals. 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.landmarkpark. com. \$\$\$

JULY 4 — Dothan Family July 4th Celebration is 1-10 p.m. at the Nation Peanut Festival Fairgrounds. There are events throughout the day including a car show, inflatables, water slides, live music, shows, fireworks and more.

Admission is \$10 for adults. Children age 12 and under are admitted free. For more information, call 699-1475 or visit www.family4thcelebration.com. \$\$\$

ENTERPRISE

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

Events throughout the day including inflatables, pony rides, train riders, 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.

College Street with live entertainment. For more information, call 347-0581, or visit www.enterprisealabama.com

GENEVA

APRIL 29-MAY 1 — 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. \$\$\$

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters, located on County Road 537, every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 389-5434, 347-8297 or 347-7076, or visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683 on Face book.

MIDLAND CITY

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

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

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

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

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

NOW-APRIL 30 - 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. Visit 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.

information, call For more 983-3064.

SAMSON

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

TROY

APRIL 29 AND MAY 1 — Trov 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.alafilm.org or call 670-3593.

APRIL 30-MAY 1 — TroyFest takes place in downtown Troy. The event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 and 1 to 5 p.m. May 1.

It is free and open to the public and is the premier community arts festival for the Pike County region.

It features fine arts and crafts, a juried art show, antiques, farmers market, food court, merchants walk, children's

For more information, call 793-3097 or visit www.muralcitvartfest.com.

Beyond Briefs

'Red Run' 5k

Panama City Beach's "Red Run" 5k is 8 a.m. Sunday at Aaron Bessant Park. For more information or registration. visit http://www.active.com/running/ panama-city-beach-fl/red-run-5k-2011# or call (850) 630-9623.

Seabreeze Jazz Festival

Panama City Beach's Seabreeze Jazz Festival is Wednesday through April 17 at Pier Park. It is a five-day festival featuring multiple musicians. For more information, visit www.seabreezejazzfestival.net.

Thunder Beach Spring Rally

The 13th annual Thunder Beach Spring Rally is April 27-May 1 at Panama City Beach, Fla. For more information, visit www.thunderbeachproductions.com.

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

ONGOING - Residents are invited to Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, troy fest.com or call 566-2294. 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

art exhibit and kids' corner. For more information, visit www.

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

Yatta Abba Day

Abbeville residents gear up to celebrate Yatta Abba Day Saturday around the courthouse square. Yatta Abba is the Indian name for Grove of Dogwoods and is what the city of Abbeville was named after. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and go until 9 p.m. Features include garden vendors, a classic car show and dog shows, just to name a few.

For more information, contact the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce at (334) 585-2273 or visit www.abbevillecoc. com or www.cityofabbeville.org. Vendors may contact Jeff Skipper at (334) 334-3473 or e-mail at skippertrucking@ vahoo.com.

CSI: The Experience

Crime Scene Investigation: The Experience is available until May 1 at the Main Exhibit Hall of the Huntsville Space Camp. Show times are between 9 a.m. to 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.

Festival of Flowers

The 2011 Festival of Flowers is now through Sunday at the Providence Hospital campus in Mobile.

The event celebrates spring at the southeast's largest outdoor flower show, produced by Providence Hospital Foundation.

Explore over 300,000 square feet of landscaped garden displays, floral exhibits, gardening seminars, cooking demonstrations, photography contest, shopping and outdoor dining. Advance tickets are \$10 per person.

For more information, call (251) 639-2050 or visit www.festivalofflowers.com.

Treasurers of the Past Antique Appraisal Show

Treasurers of the Past Antique Appraisal Show is Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clarke County Historical Museum grounds in Grove Hill.

Participants can bring their antiques and collectibles and have them evaluated by certified appraisers. The event also features live entertainment, food and a special auction.

For more information, call (251) 275-4188 or visit www.grovehillal.com.

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 civil aircraft, war birds, skydivers, static displays and food vendors. Performers include the Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt Team and two-ship Cobra DemoTeam.Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit http:// cullman.schultzairshows.com/.

IMCOM CG provides ASAP hiring update

BY LT. GEN. RICK LYNCH Installation Management Command Commanding General

In this unprecedented era of persistent conflict, the risk for substance abuse among our Soldiers and their Families has never been greater.

As I have often stated, the Army will not break because of our Soldiers, they are indeed the finest force in the world: however, the Army is at risk as ing Soldiers cope with stress has placed on our Soldiers and their Families.

The stress on our Soling social problems. Multi- and sustain balance - and ple, extended deployments resiliency - in their lives. with too little dwell time at with loved ones. Partners adjusting to new family depart for and return from life post-deployment.

The unfortunate reality is that some Soldiers and alcohol and drugs to help them cope.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

a result of the stress the by means other than alcohol focuses on prevention, identreatment of high-risk behav-

We've come a long way in Family members turn to ors to help our heroes heal. In fact, garrisons and instal-

life at home. As the stigma of seeking treatment has decreased, an increasing number of Soldiers and Family members are seeking help in making a successful transition. However, the number of qualified professionals entering the field has not grown to meet the need. IMCOM is seeking to ex-

pand the ASAP workforce so we can offer a wider variety of services, provide

more intensive treatment over longer periods of time, past 10 years of conflict or other drugs. The program and explore alternative prevention and treatment tification, intervention and techniques.Now more than ever, the Army needs civildiers and Families is often iors to enable Soldiers, their ians to step up and lend a manifested in new or grow-Families and civilians achieve hand to those who have sacrificed so much to defend our freedom.

IMCOM is enlisting the home strains relationships helping our Soldiers become aid of civilians through sevmore resilient, both on the eral measures to address and children face difficulty battlefield and on the home the needs of our active front. Thanks to the efforts duty, Reserve and Guard dynamics as their Soldiers of our dedicated employees, Soldiers, retirees and their we are continually improv- Family members. As an deployments. Many war- ing, but we must do better. incentive to join the Army riors have difficulty tran- The Army currently faces ASAP team, we are joining sitioning from the battle a critical shortage of coun- hands with universities field to the home front and seling psychologists, social across the nation to supworkers, licensed marriage port post-graduate educaand family therapists and li- tion by offering exciting censed professional counsel- new opportunities, such as the new Clinical Internship Program, tuition relations are struggling to ac- imbursement, salary and The Army implemented commodate the thousands supervision towards licenthe Army Substance Abuse of Soldiers every month as sure, and hiring, relocation Program to enhance mis- they transition from the bat- and retention bonuses. In sion readiness through help- tlefield to post-deployment addition, the Army is expe-

diting the hiring process to get qualified candidates on board faster

The Army also offers competitive benefits and advantages, including life and health insurance plans; 13 paid vacation days with the ability to increase to 26 per year; 10 paid holidays; and retirement benefits including a 401(k)-type government matching program.

But most importantly, an ASAP counselor will serve our country, help our heroes heal and build the strength of our nation, our Soldiers and their Families.

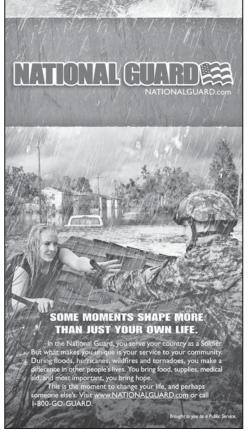
If you or anyone you know is interested in making a difference in a Soldier's life, please go to http://www.usajobs.gov/or http://www.armycivilianservice.com/ and apply for job series 0180 and 0185, or call toll free 1-877-880-2184 for more information. For more information

about ASAP and IMCOM, please visit us online: http://medcell.army.mil/

http://www.imcom army.mil/ho/

http://www.facebook com/home/Installation-ManagementCommunity

Our promise is to ensure no Army Family has to face the challenges of dealing with substance abuse alone. I encourage vou to join our team and help a hero heal.





Motorists are reminded to obey all traffic signs.





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Actors ride with troops, promote safety

BY MICHAEL HECKMAN Fort Hood Public Affairs

FORT HOOD. Texas -About 300 Soldiers throttled up cruisers, sport bikes and custom choppers in March to take a 50-mile motorcycle mentorship ride dedicated to safety.

Actors Kim Coates and Theo Rossi, from the TV show "Sons of Anarchy," accompanied the columns of riders led by III Corps and Fort Hood Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur L. Coleman Jr. and Command Sgt. Maj. Glen Vela, senior enlisted adviser of the ride's sponsoring unit, the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade.

"We've come so far during just the past five years, bringing motorcycle safety to the forefront," Vela said before the bikes were fired up. "Here at Fort Hood we set the standard for the Army to follow in our motorcycle mentorship program."

Since they were implemented about three years ago by then-commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, who kicked the movement off in 2008 with a 1,200-motorcvcle ride called "Phantom Thunder," the post's motorcycle safety programs and related safety rides have become the Army's "gold standard" according to Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, Army Safety director, who recently toured Fort Hood's Motorcycle Training Facility on West Fort Hood.

Vela said the timing of the ride was no coincidence.

"We're about to go on spring break and, with gas prices high, right now, a lot of people are thinking about hitting the road. At the end of the day, if we can save one guy from a motorcycle accident by being more visible and cautious, that's what it's all about."

Caution is an attitude not enough motorcycle enthusiasts possess, according to Sgt. Sean McConnell, D Company, 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cav. Bde.

"A lot of people get a bike, and they want to get something they saw in a magazine with a 1,300 cc motor or bigger, and they can't handle it. I suggest to my friends they take these classes before they go out and ride," he said.

McConnell, who works on the weapons and electronic systems on Apache attack helicopters, was riding his first custom bike, a \$13,000 project in progress on a 2007 Harley Davidson Soft Tail Deuce with modified exhausts and foot pegs machined from a 30-mil

have ridden motorcycles. "There's something about motorcycles and being a warrior. These two things are akin," he said.

his 32 years in the service

One of those twowheeled warriors, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Glovas, Fox Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was a mentor for the ride, which wound from Fort Hood down East Range Road to the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area and back to Sadowski Field, where an after-ride briefing was held.

Glovas started riding bikes as a 5 year old. He and friends rode through the hills and wooded lots surrounding Rathbun, Iowa.

"We didn't do any racing, just what young, dumb guys do. I'm trying to prevent a lot of that from hap pening now," he added.

Glovas rode a 2009 Harley Davidson Night Train with a 96 cubic-inch motor. He's been riding Harleys for 20 years, he added, "Because they're made in the USA."

The H-D brand was a common bond for many riders. Vela mounted up on an Electra-Glide. But freedom and getting away from it all also were mentioned.

"For me, it's stress relief," Vela said. "You have to concentrate on what vou're doing.You can't davdream while you're riding a motorcycle. The Army, we have our rules and regs. But for me, it gives you that free spirit, being out in the wind. It's calming."

Vela met Coates and Rossi last year when they were touring Camp Taji in Iraq. They plan to visit the troops again after filming for the TV series ends this year "We had a great time (in

Iraq), and can't wait to go back. We support everything you guys do and we take our hats off to you. Thank you so much. Be ometer. safe downrange and come





Staff Sgt. Synetta Peete, 418th Transportation, 13th COSCOM, has her photo taken in March at Fort Hood, Texas, with Theo Rossi and Kim Coates, actors from the television series, "Sons of Anarchy,"

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he described as a "Harley bagger." Rossi was riding a 2003 H-D Night Train.

Although it's more difficult to relax in Los Angeles traffic, Rossi said, he enjoys riding motorcycles.

"It's quiet time. I get away from all the madness of cell phones and girlfriends. So it's just me and the road. It's one of the few times in the chaotic environment we live in that you can find peace," he said.

Another rider, 1st Sgt. Alonzo Taylor, Division Headquarters and Headquarter Battalion, 1st Cav. Div., has attended all of the basic and advanced motorcycle mentorship courses, but he also relies on another form of protection while riding his 2007 Harley Davidson V-Rod.

Sewn into his reflective vest is the phrase "Never ride faster than your angels can fly."

Although his motorcycle is capable of speeds up to 140 mph, Taylor said he's never pegged the speed-RED RIDING HOOD - P613

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casing from an Apache.

Addressing the riders. the installation's commanding general, Lt. Gen. Bob Cone, said he often is asked why he makes it so hard on people who want to ride a motorcycle at Fort Hood.

"We've lost 30 Soldiers at Fort Hood since 2007, killed on motorcycles," the general explained. "So we as leaders are going to take care of younger Soldiers who want to get on motorcycles to make sure they have all the skills and techniques and abilities necessary so they don't become another casualty or statistic."

Although the number of active-duty Soldiers stationed on post who have died in motorcycle accidents has declined for three consecutive years, Cone said, "We lost a Soldier already this year."

While the general is not a biker, he said some of the best Soldiers he's known in



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SPORTS SHORTS

GOBBLER CLASSIC TURKEY HUNT Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation staff hosts the annual Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt Friday from 5-10 a.m. Trophies and door prizes will he awarded. Particinants must have an Alabama State Hunting License and a Hunter Safety Education Course **Completion Card. Cost for** participation is \$10. For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

FAMILY FUN RUN, WALK

Army Community Service staff hosts a Family Fun Run and Walk April 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility. Preregistration ends today and costs \$7. Late registration is \$10 after today. No registration fee is required for infants or children age 18-months and younger. Participants may register at the Child, Youth and School Services Parent Central Services, Child Development Center, Youth Center, both physical fitness facilities or by mail. Children 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Participation awards will be given to all registered participants age 16 and under. Registration includes a T-shirt while supplies last and \$5 for the no T-shirt option. For additional information on **Child Abuse Prevention Month** activities, call 255-3898.

NASCAR TICKETS

The Fort Rucker Leisure Travel Office offers Talladega Superspeedway tickets for the NASCAR races April 16-17. The prices are \$90 per person for both days and \$45 for Sunday only. Seating is in the Gadsden Grandstands. For more information, call 255-9517.

BOOT CAMP

Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility staff hosts a Boot Camp from April 25 to May 20. It is five days a week with a 6:30-7:30 a.m. session or an 8-9 a.m. session. The cost is \$75 per particinant and includes weekly consultations to keep track of personal progress, training with certified personal trainers and access to all group fitness classes during the course. T-shirts will be given to all participants who complete all four weeks of training. Orientation is April 22 at the Fortenberry-Colton PFF at 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. Registration forms are available at either PFF. For more information. call 255-3794.

Wind makes course **'level' for all players**

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

Maintaining straight shots is challenging in windy conditions, even for experienced golfers.

And that's exactly what happened Friday, according to this year's Army AviationAssociation ofAmerica GolfTournament winners. The 1st Aviation Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company command team, Col. Ken Biland, Command Sgt. Mai. Roger Kingston, Majs. Scott Johnson and Mike Sines, posted a winning score of 51 at Silver Wings Golf Course.

While the day started off like a normal day of golf for the team, it became more and more challenging as time went on and the winds picked up.

"The winds really put us all on a level playing field," Kingston said. "Still, the greens were better than I've ever seen them at Silver Wings."

Other than the wind, the team encountered other unexpected challenges on the course.

"The par-3s were not our friends today," Kingston said."We didn't birdie a single one."

Challenges aside, the team managed to pull out some impressive shots that everyone was pleased with, Kingston said.

"Getting eagles on the par-5s were our best playing moments," he said.

The four-man team, charity tournament experienced its highest attenwith 228 players comprising 57 teams.

each year," said Bob Carter, nament, Carter said. All AAAA Fort Rucker presi- money raised by the tourdent."The good part about nament goes toward scholall this is that all the money arships for Soldiers' Family

"Last year's race sold out in a

record 36 hours. We still ex-

pect the 30,000 runner field to

fill quickly and urge runners to

For those who miss registra-

tion in May, the Army Ten-Miler

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1. Last year, more than 2,500

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The 27th Annual Army Ten-

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ington, beings at 8 a.m., Oct. 9,

register early."

gram.

and it's always nice to support what AAAA is trying to accomplish with the money raised by charity tournament," he said, "We events, according to De-

Last year, AAAA awarded 30 scholarships through

"The money raised through this tournament is used only for Army Aviation Soldiers and their Families," she said. "The scholarships are so helpful

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Troops to get priority Ten-Miler registration

THUNDER ON THOLOCCO

Thunder returns to Lake Tholocco's West Beach with drag boat racing April 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This multi-class outboard dragboat race event is sanctioned by the American Outboard Federation. Boats reach speeds in excess of 100 mph. There will be multiple food vendors and free entertainment for children and adults. No pets or glass containers are allowed on the beach. This is an Exceptional Family Member Program-friendly

BY ARMY TEN-MILER Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON - Army Ten-Miler race officials have announced changes to the registration date and procedures for signing up to run in the 2011 race.

This year, there is a priority registration for all U.S. servicemembers and other runners who have participated in at least seven Ten-Miler races. About one-third of the total 30.000 race entries, the race's runner cap, will be reserved for this new priority registration program.

Priority registration opens May 1, and U.S. servicemembers must use a ".mil" e-mail address to register. A searchable data base will be posted for seven-time plus race participants to determine if they qualify for priority registration.

The remaining two-thirds of the race entries will be available to the general public, on a first-come-first-served basis beginning May 15.



"This is the Army's race and the opening of the Association of the United States Army's Anwe wanted to improve regisnual Meeting and Exposition tration opportunities for U.S servicemembers and those at the Walter E. Washington loval Army Ten-Miler runners." Convention Center. Race officials also announced Jim Vandak, race director, said.

that staging of the 2011 race has been moved to the Pentagon North Parking Lot. Because of this move, the race will start on Route 110.

The flat, fast scenic course will continue to pass national monuments and memorials as it winds through the nation's capital. For the runners' convenience, race officials will implement a shuttle bus service between the Pentagon North and South Parking Lots.

Army Military District of Wash-The race's two-day Health and Fitness Expo at the D.C. at the Pentagon, the day before Armory is Oct. 7-8, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days. More than 35,000 attendees normally visit this pre-race event.

The armory is located at 2001 East Capitol Street across from RFK Stadium in Washington. Free parking will be available to runners and the public during EXPO hours.

The armory is also accessible from the Stadium/Armory Metro Station on the Blue and Orange lines.

The Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, Va., will again serve as the headquarters hotel for this year's race.

The hotel is located less than a mile from the Pentagon and is on the Metro Blue and Yellow Lines.

The hotel offers a special room rate for runners and also offers the popular all-you-caneat GEICO Pasta Dinner on Saturday evening before the race. Since the room block and Pasta Dinner always sell out, race officials encourage runners to make reservations early.

Complete race information is available at www.armytenmiler.com.

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Down Time

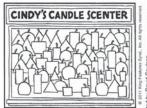




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Kid's Corner



DON'T BE A DRIP solving this one. Can you count the candles in Cindy's shop vindow? You have 30 seconds

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this problem, you must replace the letters in the AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same elters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total then we did. DON'T GET "SNOWED UNDER" BY THIS ONE! To solve

S=5, N=0, O=1, W=3, B=4, Y=6, F=9, R=7, T=8. (5013 + 4165 = 9178).

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 24 and 26, and 10 through 17 to fill in this Magic Square. The numbers in each hori-zontal row and vertical column should total 71. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you

Our answer: First row: 17, 20, 24, 10, 5econd row: 23, 11, 16, 21. Third row: 12, 26, 18, 15, Fourth row: 19, 14, 13, 25.



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Video Game Spotlight >>

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



Latest installment blends arcade racing, simulation

BY JIM VAN SLYKE Contributing Writer

Shift 2 Unleashed is not a game for the meek. It's extremely loud and in your face, and that's just the opening

credits.

The rest of the game follows suit and gamers will be hard pressed not to feel exhausted



Rated

Everyone

Systems Multiple

Cost

\$50-\$60

Overall

3 out of 4

Electronic Arts in a good way-when the racing is done for the day. The driving isn't as crazy as in the first

Shift, but there are times when it feels more important to survive a race instead of actually win it.

Part of that's because Shift 2 Unleashed includes the option to use a helmet cam that gives a much better sense of reality when it comes to what a real driver would see.

The television screen is lined by the helmet's limits and will turn with the gamer as they move the controls. This is much more realistic than simply being in the car like some games and it offers some terrific thrills that racing fans will enjoy.

The competition is good. The artificial intelligence for opposing drivers is good and will challenge the best racing gamers. The AI racers defend their line well and will jostle for position. However, there are times when the AI drivers feel a bit too ag gressive.

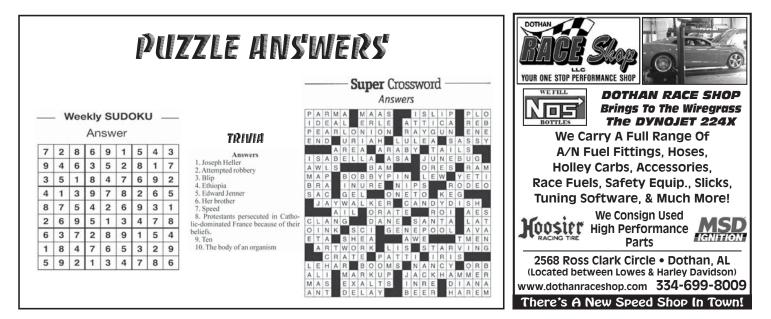
Shift 2 Unleashed is a racer built for gamers who sit com-





fortably between arcade racing and the ultra sims such as Gran Turismo. It's fun and has a wild side, a good thing for a genre that often drives around in a stale circle.

Reviewed on the Xbox 360



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event. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 255-1749.

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ARCHERY SHOOTS

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'King of the Hill 2' challenge 13 Soldiers compete in combatives octagon

BY SPC. DALINDA HANNA 41st Fires Bde. PAO

FORT HOOD, Texas - The sounds of cheers could be heard all throughout Starker gym as Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, applauded for their peers fighting inside the combatives octagon March 24. Thirteen Soldiers from

First Strike competed to see who was King of the Hill in their weight category.

The competition was a First Strike-hosted event as Soldiers from every battery competed in the different weight classes. The competitors walked into the ring to a song of their choice and a desire to win. Pfc. Richard "Puppet

Master" Cole, a native of Virginia Beach, Va., a fire direction specialist for Battery C, 1st Bat., 21st FA Regt., kept his title as King of the Hill middleweight champion by staying calm and using his specialty move to make his opponent submit.

"It is important to always stay level-headed because if you don't, you will make mistakes," said Cole. "My special moves always start with a triangle and once I get someone in there, I can go into other moves or use my other arm to cut off their airway."

Training is just as important as technique and mindset to keep up combative skills and win a bout.

Pvt. Eric "The Virus" Varela, originally from Oceanside, Calif., a multiple launch rocket system crewmemready for anything. ber for Btry. C, 1st Bat., 21st FA Regt., trains as often as give Soldiers an incentive he can at the gym with people of different levels de corps, build teamwork and said that he is always learning new techniques. Varela fought the heavyweight match and kept his title by forcing his opponent into submission.

"I train Tuesdays and our Soldiers well trained." Thursdays and am constantly rolling with people better than me to learn new techniques and practice the ones that I already know," said Varela. "I hope to go to a combatives level four class and improve my skills.' Combatives training is

compete to see who will reigns as King of the Hill.

Wind: Tournament raises money for active duty Soldiers, Families

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because school can be really expensive. (The scholarships) are available to military AAAA tournaments, call 300-6321 or e-mail children, but also for Soldiers who might

have gone on active-duty and had their school work interrupted."

as King of the Hill.

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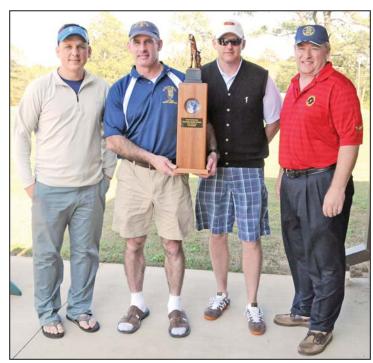


Capt. Ryan Debeltz (right), battery commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 21st F.A. Regt., 41st Fires Bde., puts up his guard against Spc. Corey Garrell, a motor transport operator for 575th Forward Support Company, 1st Bn., 21st FA. Regt., 41st Fires Bde., during the King of the Hill 2 competition at Fort Hood, Texas, March 24,

a skill all Soldiers should know, and the King of the Hill 2 challenge gives Soldiers a chance to compete against other Soldiers in their weight class. Those who win have their name posted in the battalion area Command Set Mai Mark Brinton, 1st Bat., 21st FA Regt., supports combatives tournaments and says that even with increasing technology Soldiers need to be "Combativetournaments to do well, promote esprit

Sgt. Tommy Ferrell (left), a light wheeled vehicle mechanic for Battery A, 1st Bn., 21st F.A. Regt., 41st Fires Bde., tries to grab Sgt. Octavius Tryee, a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear nor lquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 21st F.A. Regt., 41st Fires Bde., for a choke. Hear





The winning team from HHC 1st Avn. Bde. accepts its trophy from local AAAA chapter president Bob Carter (right) at the annual AAAA Golf Tournament at Silver Wings Golf Course Friday. From left, Maj. Mike Sines, Col. Ken Biland and Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Kingston.

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