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BE SAFE OUT THERE
TRADOC and IMCOM commanding generals ask for people to keep it safe while enjoying the Independence Day holiday.
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FIRES THREATEN
The newly re-designated 2nd Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment went to work at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., recently to help stave off fires threatening the post and local communities.
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FEEL FLIGHT
The U.S. Army Recruiting Command Aviation Adventure Semi will be outside the Enterprise Walmart at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday to give people a taste of what it's like to be an Army Aviator. Featuring two "immersadomes," the Aviation Adventure Semi is designed to help people experience being an Army Aviator as close as possible without actually training to become one, said Staff Sgt. Jason Underwood, U.S. Army Mobile Exhibit Company.
The semi will also be at Freedom Fest Saturday at the post.

CHANGE OF COMMAND
The 110th Aviation Brigade hosts a change of command ceremony at 8:30 a.m. today at Fort Rucker's Howze Field.

FIREWORKS TESTING
The Beaver Lake running trail and park will be closed from 10 a.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Sunday for people's safety during testing of the fireworks and the actual fireworks display during Freedom Fest.

FORT RUCKER PFF
The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility reopened its indoor pool, locker rooms and racquetball courts Monday. The indoor pool is now open Mondays-Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fitness swimming and military training only. Recreational swimming is available at the Splash! Pool. Also, the Flynn Pool changed its hours to 5:30-7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

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High **98**
Low **76**
Isolated t-storms

FRIDAY
High **96**
Low **72**
Isolated t-storms

SATURDAY
High **98**
Low **73**
Isolated t-storms



PHOTO BY MOLLY HAYDEN

Freedom Fest

Gary Sinise and Mari Anne Jayme perform as the Lt. Dan Band during a recent USO sponsored concert for Soldiers and Families. The Lt. Dan Band headlines Fort Rucker's Freedom Fest celebration that runs 4-10 p.m. Saturday. See this week's special Freedom Fest insert for more information.

New leader assumes command of 1st Aviation Brigade Golden Hawks



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Col. Brian D. Bennett, 1st Avn. Bde commander, Col. Kenneth J. Biland, outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Edward F. Mandril, 1st Avn. Bde. commander of troops, and Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, troop the line during a change of command ceremony at Howze Field June 24.

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Soldiers and civilians of the 1st Aviation Brigade look to continue the work started by their previous commander as a new leader takes command.

Col. Brian D. Bennett assumed command of the large and diverse unit from Col. Kenneth J. Biland, who commanded the unit since 2009.

Bennett was previously the chief of the tactics division for Directorate of Training and Doctrine here. He said he was honored to take command of such a storied unit.

"I'm truly humbled to lead this organization and tackle the mission with the leaders in the field," he said. "I'm also looking forward to being able to work with the surrounding communities."

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, said he expects Bennett to continue the work started by his predecessor and to advance the mission of the 1st Avn. Bde. into the future.

"Brian is no stranger

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1-223rd Spartans welcome new leader

BY JAY MANN
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Soldiers and civilian employees of the 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment welcomed their new commander during a change of command ceremony Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Demetrios J. Nicholson assumed command of the 1-223rd Spartans from Lt. Col. Joseph C. Matthew at Fort Rucker's Howze Field.

Col. Russell E. Stinger, 110th Aviation Brigade commander and host of the event, said he is confident Nicholson will lead the Spartans with the same spirit Matthew has for the last two years.

"He will have to hustle to maintain that momentum, but he is the right man for the job," Stinger said.

The new commander said

he was proud to take the reins of the unit.

"The Spartans exemplify the mark of excellence," Nicholson said. "My Family and I are humbled and honored to become a member of your superb team, the Spartan team."

Nicholson joins the unit after an assignment at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he served as an instructor at the Center for Army Tactics, Command and General Staff College.

His military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Captain Career courses, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course (UH-1 and AH-1F), Combined Arms and Services Staff School, OH-58D Kiowa Warrior Aircraft Qualification Course, Command and General Staff College, Air Assault



PHOTO BY JAY MANN

Lt. Col. Demetrios J. Nicholson, new commander of the 1st Bn., 223rd Avn. Rgt., hands the unit colors to Sgt. Maj. Micheal D. Sutterfield, battalion sergeant major, during a change of command ceremony Tuesday at Fort Rucker's Howze Field.

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TRADOC CG asks for help preventing tragedy

BY GEN. ROBERT W. CONE
*U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command
Commanding General*

Independence Day is a time to celebrate the birth of our great nation. It is also an opportunity for Family and friends to gather to enjoy the holiday weekend.

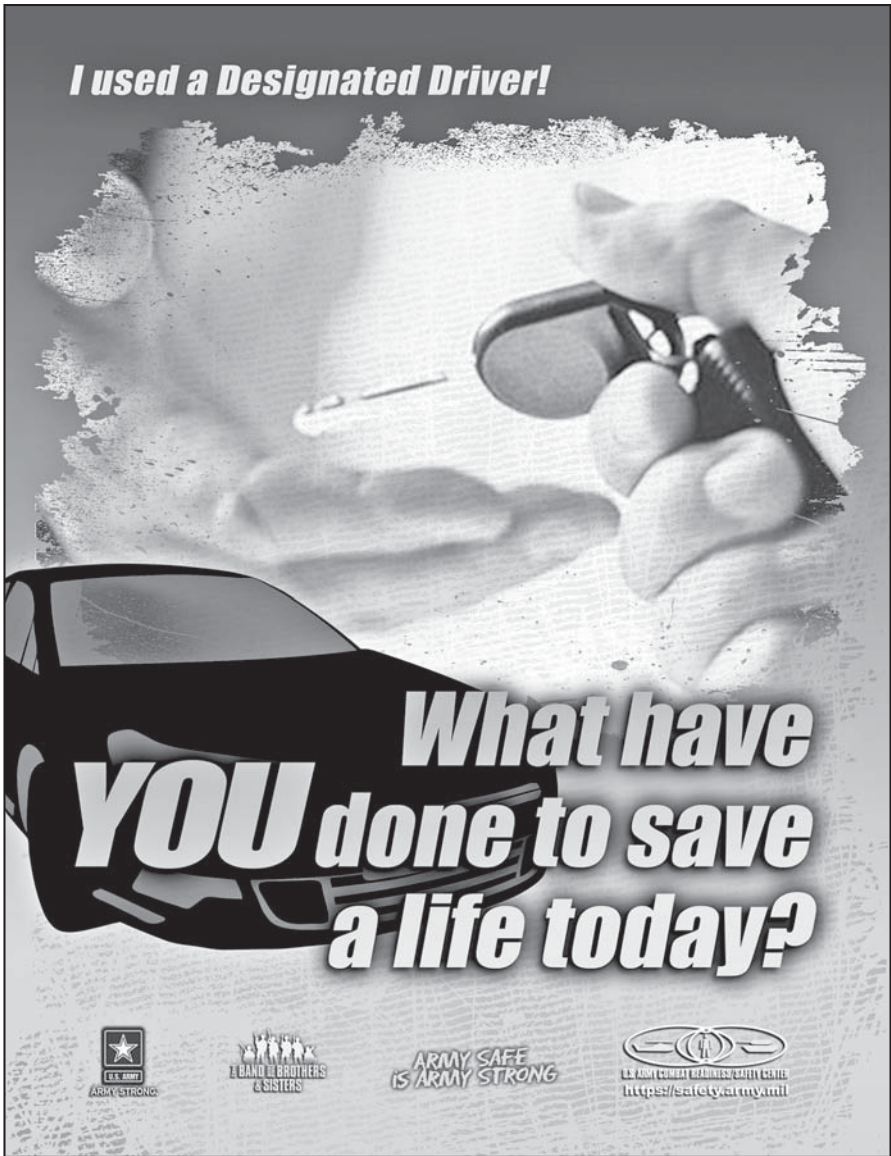
This past Memorial Day weekend was marked by tragedy with the accidental drowning deaths of two TRADOC Soldiers. I need your help to prevent further tragedies this Independence Day weekend.

This year's Army safety theme, "What Have You Done to Save a Life Today?" presents a great opportunity for TRADOC leaders to engage with Soldiers, civilian employees, Family members and the community to reinforce our safety culture.

I encourage you to stay focused and engage your subordinate commanders and leaders in setting and maintaining high safety standards. Leaders, supervisors and managers must ensure no Soldier or civilian employee departs for the Independence Day holiday weekend without receiving a thorough safety briefing covering the inherent dangers of holiday travel and recreational activities such as boating, swimming, skiing, and, most importantly, the risk of mixing alcohol consumption with any of these activities.

I recommend the use of TRADOC's latest interactive training video, "Off Duty, On Guard" as an effective tool to raise safety awareness prior to the holiday. The video is available on the TRADOC public website at <http://www.tradoc.army.mil/offdutyonguard>.

The same leader involve-



ment that will get us safely through this holiday weekend will also get us through the risks and hazards we will face during the remainder of the summer months. Safety and composite risk management

integration are important keys to our training successes. The standards we set and demonstrate will also be carried into the operational force by the Soldiers we train.

I hope you all enjoy a well-

deserved holiday. We need you to return safely to carry on the vital mission entrusted to us: to train America's Army. Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day weekend.

Safety starts here!

July 4 – celebrate, have fun, be safe

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

Two hundred thirty-five years ago, the founders of this great nation, representing the original 13 colonies of the United States of America, signed one of the most important documents in our nation's history: the Declaration of Independence.

We commemorate the Declaration of Independence as our statement of values and beliefs and celebrate its signing on the Fourth of July.

This day is a time of social

activities and celebrations with Family and friends, but it is not without an increased risk of accidents. I ask your help in ensuring a safe holiday while you're having fun.

Accidents seriously degrade Army readiness. Protecting the force extends beyond military operations and must be a part of everything we do, on- and off-duty. We cannot afford losses, especially those due to carelessness. Maintain an awareness of the potential hazards around you.

A number of risky activities associated with this holiday

consist of neglecting fireworks safety precautions, swimming or boating irresponsibly, driving between midnight and early morning hours, failing to wear seat belts, speeding and driving while under the influence.

Leaders and first-line supervisors can make a difference this holiday weekend. When you practice safety and teach others about safety, you are saving lives. Impress upon Soldiers, civilians and Family members that accidents don't take a holiday.

Talk to your employees and ensure they incorporate risk

management into their plans, on- and off-duty. If you are planning on highway travel during this extended holiday weekend, review the POV toolbox on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center's webpage at <https://crc.army.mil/Tools/>.

Many communities will host special activities to mark this day. Sarah and I encourage your participation and trust all of you to use good judgment in whatever you do on America's Birthday, but most of all, have a safe and accident-free holiday.

Support and Defend!

Rotor Wash

“What are some of your favorite foods to enjoy on Independence Day?”



Joe Escobar,
post exchange
store manager

“A nice big T-bone steak.”



Sgt. Jordan Thibodeaux,
164th TAOG

“My mom's barbeque.”



Liz Cannon,
Human Resources
Specialist

“Hot dogs.”



Heather Smith,
military spouse

“Apple pie.”



Staff Sgt. Khristin Lee,
1st Bn., 113th Avn. Regt.

“Barbeque ribs and pulled pork.”

Decorated CSM retires to Wiregrass

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

A highly-experienced and respected member of the Army Aviation community brought a 35-year career in the military to an end June 23 during a retirement ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick J. Laidlaw, Army Capabilities and Integration Center, Fort Monroe, Va., was described by Lt. Gen. Michael A. Vane, ACIC deputy commanding general, as a capable leader, an innovator and a good friend.

“He has made a lasting and significant contribution to the future of our Army that we will see for years to come,” Vane said. “From strategy to concepts, in doctrine and organizations, he ensured we were focused on the Soldier as the centerpiece of our efforts. He has the unique ability to tie all of the activities on a Soldier’s battlefield to the larger strategic issue.”

Laidlaw is no stranger to the Aviation Branch as he was command sergeant major of the 11th Attack Helicopter Regiment from September 2001 to October 2004. He’s also completed numerous military courses, including the OH-58A Maintenance Supervisor’s Course, Aircraft Technical Inspectors Course, the U.S. Army Safety Center Course, First Sergeant Course, the U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy (Class 49), Command Sergeant Major Designee Course, Battle Staff Course, and Senior Leaders Equal Opportunity Course, Force Management and Keystone Course.

Laidlaw thanked those in attendance, especially those who helped to make his career in the Army successful.

“Alexandrea and I are humbled by your presence today,” he said. “This is not the end of a chapter in our lives, but the beginning of another. The rich career I’ve had over the course of three decades wouldn’t have been possible without the mentoring of some of those gathered here today.”

He added that the Army isn’t about the individual, it’s about the team. He said it was an honor to have been part of that team and to help it continue its efforts over the last 35 years.

“The Army has seen many changes over the years, especially during the 10 years of persistent conflict,” he said. “Our Army was founded on team prin-



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Lt. Gen. Michael A. Vane, ACIC commanding general, Fort Monroe, Va., pins the Distinguished Service Medal on Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick J. Laidlaw during a retirement ceremony for Laidlaw who served for 35 years in the Army. Laidlaw and his wife, Alexandrea, are retiring to Fort Rucker and the Wiregrass area.

cipals. As a part of that team, Alex and I were able to be part of something bigger than ourselves. This concept of a team is something we must give back and the adage of ‘once a Soldier, always a Soldier’ holds truer now more than ever.”

Laidlaw’s contributions to the Army have impacted many different Soldiers, Vane said. Even those in command po-

sitions at other installations made the trip to Fort Rucker to wish him well and to thank him for his years of dedicated service.

“It’s a sad time and a glad time for me and my wife as I say goodbye to a lifelong friend,” said Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., Combined Arms Center commanding general at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. “He’s been a true friend and men-

tor to me.”

Vane also presented Laidlaw with the Distinguished Service Medal, a certificate of appreciation signed by President Barack Obama and a U.S. Flag that was flown over the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence in honor of his lifelong contributions to Soldiers, the Army, the Aviation Branch and the nation.

Spartans: ‘I have served here with pride’

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School, and TH-67 Creek Instructor Pilot Course.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and also earned a mas-

ter’s degree in administration from Central Michigan University.

Matthew is scheduled to retire after his departure from the Spartans, and Stinger comment-

ed on his time in command.

“Joe is the embodiment of esprit de corps,” Stinger said. “He has embraced every challenge that we have thrown at

him.”

The colonel added that on top of everything the Spartans do, 24 hours a day, they are “watching over all of us and keeping us safe

with Flatiron.”

For his part, Matthew said he will always treasure his time as lead Spartan.

“I have served here with pride with you all,”

he said. “I want to thank each and every one of you. All of you Soldiers, from the lowest level up, execute this mission no matter what we ask of you every single day.”



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Celebrating 236 years of Army excellence

Fort Rucker and Association of the U.S. Army officials along with the youngest and oldest Soldiers in attendance cut the Army birthday cake during the AUSA luncheon at The Landing June 22. Pfc. William Walker, the youngest Soldier in attendance, was also celebrating his birthday that day. It’s tradition for the oldest and youngest Soldiers present to participate in cutting the Army birthday cake. Pictured from left: Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE commanding general, Pfc. William Walker, 110th Avn. Bde. air traffic controller, Chris Harper, AUSA Fort Rucker-Wiregrass Chapter president, Selden Bailey, retired Air Force and oldest Soldier in attendance, Joe Fitzgerald, AUSA Alabama State president and John Rogers, AUSA 3rd Region president.

Community pulls together as wildfire ravages Huachuca

BY AMY McLAUGHLIN
Fort Huachuca Public Affairs

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — First reports of a fire in the Huachuca Mountains came in the early afternoon, June 12.

Nearly 10 days later, the fire has burned more than 27,000 acres on the U.S. side of the mountains and more than 1,500 acres in Mexico.

As of Friday, there were 1,189 personnel assigned to the fire, including 23 crews, 106 engines, four helicopters, eight air tankers and four bulldozers. Although the number fluctuates as people are allowed to return to their neighborhoods, it is estimated that as many as 10,000 people have been evacuated from their homes.

One thing that has been consistent with this fire is the way the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista, Ariz., communities have joined together. The outpouring of support is prevalent in every aspect of this crisis.

The first Sierra Vista community meeting took place June 14 at the Windmere Hotel and Conference Center in Sierra Vista. By the third meeting, held June 16, attendance had more than doubled, and it was standing-room only.

A spokesman for the American Red Cross thanked the community for the donations of food, water and hygiene items for evacuees and firefight-



PHOTO BY FORT HUACHUCA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Blackened terrain spreads from within the confines of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to the shoulder of Buffalo Soldier Trail in Sierra Vista, Ariz. As personnel on the fort were engaged in clearing brush and creating fire breaks in the Garden Canyon area, a second fire swept through more than 2,000 acres on the fort.

ers, and said, “But please, stop it!”

The donations were so abundant that they had neither the staff nor the space to handle it all.

Servicemembers from the fort are not trained or certified to fight wildfires, but they are contributing to the firefighting efforts in many other ways.

Fort Huachuca’s B Troop, 4th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) extended a helping hand — and trailers — to community members who needed to evacuate horses and other large animals to safety.

Lt. Col. Victor Hamilton assumed command of the newly re-designated 2nd Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment at a formal ceremony on June 14, and immediately jumped into action.

More than 725 personnel under his command were actively engaged in clearing and fire preparation operations in the Black Tower

area and throughout Fort Huachuca. On that same day, they began working around the clock, performing tasks in support of the Fort Huachuca community.

“We de-fueled aircraft, ground support equipment and ground vehicles. We reconfigured flight systems for storage and repositioned sensitive and hazardous equipment,” Hamilton said.

In addition to taking care of the equipment, Soldiers from the 2-13th also supported the Fort Huachuca firebreak and clearing efforts around post as a preventive measure, should the fire spread into the fort.

They formed fire quick reaction teams, conducted pre-evacuation rehearsals, verified alert and notification procedures, identified employees with special needs, confirmed transportation requirements, participated in garrison town hall meetings, researched and disseminated dislocation benefits — all while receiving redeploying Soldiers and conducting ongoing training requirements.

“I have been impressed by several things,” Hamilton said. “The teamwork throughout the community both on-and off-post; watching units who do not deal with this every day come together with state,

local and federal agencies to synchronize an effort of this size is indeed impressive.”

The Fort Huachuca command group quickly ensured we all acted as one early in the process.

“I believe that we complement and support each other seamlessly to ensure the community receives the support it expects,” Hamilton said.

As personnel on the fort were engaged in clearing brush and creating fire breaks in the Garden Canyon area, sparks from a bulldozer blade ignited a second fire that swept through more than 2,000 acres on the fort. The wind-driven grass fire — then dubbed Antelope Fire, and now named Garden Fire — quickly raced through the dry terrain.

Within minutes, the main gate, main gate shoppette, vehicle registration, thrift store, and widow support center were evacuated and closed. Some firefighting efforts from the Monument Fire were diverted to the fort with at least 54 firefighters, four pumpers and two engines on the scene. Within a few hours, it was snuffed-out.

While the threat of the Monument Fire spreading to Fort Huachuca has diminished, ongoing protective and prevention operations are still under way.

The Fort Huachuca Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/u.s.army.forthuachuca, is updated on a regular basis with information that is timely, accurate and pertinent to the Fort Huachuca community.

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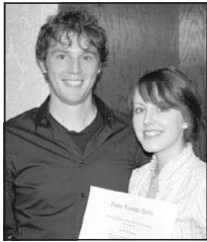
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Hawks: ‘I could think of no better honor, duty’

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to Fort Rucker,” he said. “Coupled with the sadness of saying farewell, my heart warms that I can welcome an outstanding command team in (the Bennetts).”

Biland next takes on the duties of deputy commander for the Combat Readiness/Safety Center here. He said his time as the 1st Avn. Bde. commander was well-spent and that the Soldiers and civilians were to thank for most of the unit’s success.

“The courage and sacrifices demonstrated by American Soldiers remain the foundation of our Army,” he said. “We have no static displays on the field today, but our credentials are our Soldiers.”

Biland continued by saying how much commanding the brigade has meant to him and his Family and that he hopes the standards set under his command will continue under Bennett.

“Two years ago, after taking command of the 1st Avn. Bde., I said I could think of no better honor nor any more meaningful duty than training and developing our future Aviation Soldiers and I still believe that today. It has been a great honor and tremendous privilege for me to command this storied brigade for the past two years. It is incredible to look back and see where we’ve been and how much you, the Soldiers and civilians, have accomplished over those years.”

Crutchfield praised Biland for his accomplishments and wished him well in his new position.

“You’ve accomplished some pretty incredible things,” he said. “The warriors of the 1st Avn. Bde. perform their real-world mission daily and they do it with the highest degree of professionalism. Under Ken’s leadership he led this team, through staff coordination at USAACE, to eliminate to Aviation training backlog. That means officers, instead of staying here 22 months, stay only 12 months. Where they would have to deploy five times, they now only have to deploy



Col. Brian D. Bennett, 1st Avn. Bde. commander, takes the brigade colors from Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, during a change of command ceremony at Howze Field June 24.

four times. That’s groundbreaking and it hasn’t happened at Fort Rucker in years. All these things are what a commander does.”

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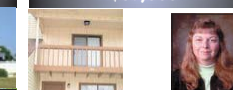
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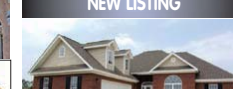
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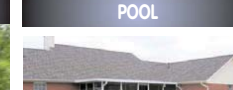
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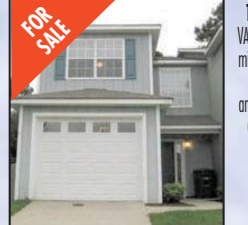
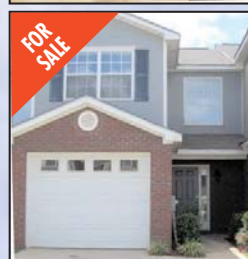
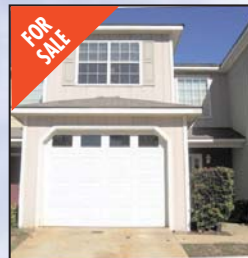
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NATIONAL GUARD HELPS MAKE WATER SAFE IN MINOT

MINOT, N.D. — When floodwaters back up city water and sanitation systems and make the water unsafe to drink, residents can quickly find themselves in short supply of a much-needed resource.

That's where Soldiers like Sgt. Burton Atkinson and Sgt. 1st Class John Hलगren come in. Making dirty water safe to drink is what they and their team do, and they're putting those skills to use at the local hospital in Minot.

"We're purifying water for the hospital in case the water plant has a problem," said Hलगren, a water purification specialist with the North Dakota National Guard's 136th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

Civilian officials sent out a boil order for residents of the flooded city.

Atkinson said he enjoys helping flood victims as part of his job as a water purification sergeant.

"It's hard to be away from family and your home," he said, "especially when you're in an evacuated area, but I'm glad to be here and helping out Minot because there is really nothing I can do at my house."

WTC RELEASES NEW VIDEO ON ENHANCED WARRIOR CARE SYSTEM

WASHINGTON — The Warrior Transition Command released a 10-minute educational video last week highlighting new aspects of the Army's system to care for wounded, ill and injured Soldiers.

Titled "Soldier Success through Focused Commitment," the video features three warriors in transition — Capt. Jeremy McGuffey, Sgt. 1st Class John Wright and Staff Sgt. Gabriel Garcia — working through the WTU on their way to recovery.

The video is available for viewing on WTC's website, <http://www.wtc.army.mil/>.

MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS WINNERS IN ARMY STEM COMPETITION

WASHINGTON — The 2010-2011 eCYBERMISSION competition came to a close June 24 during an awards banquet at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C.

It was "Team Genius" of Connecticut, the "Surf City Smartbikes" who cruised in from California, the "Pod People" of Oregon and team "HUGE" out of New York, who took top honors in the week-long competition.

The eCYBERMISSION event hosted 16 finalist teams composed of sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grade students from around the nation. Each team presented projects where they used science, technology, engineering and mathematics to solve problems from their own local communities.

Several senior Army leaders, including Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander, Army Research Development and Engineering Command, were present at the banquet. Justice addressed the students and commended them on their achievements before the awards ceremony began.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER GROSS

Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Silvernale yells commands to his troops during air assault training in Alaska's Chugach Mountain Range May 12. Silvernale is assigned to C Co., 1st Bn., 501st Inf. Regt.

Survey focuses on leaders

BY ROB MCILVAINE
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — The results of a recent survey indicate that Army leaders are seen as effective on a wide range of criteria, but that leadership development has not been receiving the attention that it once did at the unit level.

"Unit leader development appears to be less of a priority," said John Steele at the Center for Army Leadership, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Steele is the project lead for CAL's Annual Survey of Army Leadership, known as CASAL.

The latest CASAL, completed during No-

vember and December, had more than 22,000 Army leaders respond — sergeants to colonels — from both the active and reserve components.

Army leaders who reported their unit/organization placed a high priority on leader development was at an all-time low of 46 percent (compared to 53 percent in 2009 and 55 percent in 2008).

No time for OPD

"If an individual is not getting leader development in the field, not seeing it as a priority, and the classroom is not effective in teaching leaders how to develop subordinates, then we need to figure out how to improve this," Steele

said, adding that the current operations tempo has affected the time and attention that can be devoted to professional development.

Only 57 percent of Army leaders reported that they have time to carry out the duties and responsibilities for developing subordinates. This was down from 63 percent in 2009.

Gauging Army's pulse

"A real value of CASAL is the detection of shifts or changes over time, since it is often the changes that occur gradually that can end up being the really big problem," Steele said.

This latest CASAL is an on-going effort by the

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Heavy metal vehicles roll out for Soldiers

BY SGT. MICHAEL ARMSTRONG
Army News Service

FORT BLISS, Texas — Two vehicles used by multiple units in the military to assist in clearing routes and marking improvised explosive devices have made their way to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Special Troops Battalion, at Fort Bliss.

The unit is using these vehicles in various training exercises during the Army's six-week Network Integration Evaluation, or NIE, at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The Husky Mounted Detection System, a vehicle with ground penetrating radar capable of detecting buried improvised explosive devices and anti-tank land mines, and the Buffalo Armored Vehicle, a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle are designed to safely clear routes in dangerous



PHOTO BY SGT. MICHAEL ARMSTRONG

The Husky Mounted Detection System is a vehicle with ground penetrating radar capable of detecting buried improvised explosive devices and antitank land mines.

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SMA Chandler talks sexual assault, downsizing in Iraq



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS BLAIR HEUSDENS

Soldiers from United States Division-Center listen intently as Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III discusses the Army's future during his visit to Camp Liberty, Iraq, June 24, 2011. Chandler discussed topics ranging from the new Physical Readiness Test to the changes in the "Don't ask, Don't tell" policy.

BY SPC. BREEANNA DUBUKE
Army News Service

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq — The Army's senior enlisted Soldier visited troops at Camp Liberty, Iraq, June 24 to discuss the future of the Army, as well as ongoing changes that many Soldiers may face.

The focus on the trip was to grasp a better understanding of Soldiers' views on the subject.

"My job is to be a scout," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, referring to his duty to hear the concerns of Soldiers. "I go out and perform reconnaissance."

During his visit with USD-C Soldiers, Chandler addressed some of the top issues facing the Army

today. The first on that list was sexual assault amongst Soldiers.

"We've still got sexual assaults happening in our formations every day, and that's not OK," Chandler said. "I have zero tolerance for anyone who sexually harasses or assaults another Soldier. We're supposed to be professionals. We're supposed to be Soldiers who live by an ethos. We're supposed to be looking out for each other, but we still have stuff like this going on every day."

To improve this poor behavior, Chandler put it to the average Soldier, from private to senior non-commissioned officers, to hold each other accountable for their

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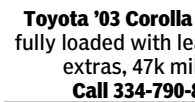


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Survey: Tool allows direct Soldier feedback

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Center for Army Leadership and the Combined Arms Center to assess Army leader attitudes on leader development, the quality of leadership, and the contribution of leadership to mission accomplishment.

“These perceptions not only affect behavior, learning processes, and learning outcomes, but ultimately and most importantly, mission accomplishment. We are constantly updating, changing, and utilizing what we learn about leader attitudes to maintain an accurate pulse of how leaders see their Army,” said Steele.

From year to year the survey responses overall are more positive than negative, yet the Army desires to detect and act on initial signs of issues.

NCOs see discipline issue

Only 38 percent of respondents of the latest survey agreed that, “The Army is

headed in the right direction to prepare for the challenges of the next 10 years.” The No. 1 explanation was a perception of a “lack of discipline” or that the “Army is too soft.”

While 74 percent of junior noncommissioned officers selected lack of discipline as a reason, only 35 percent of company-grade officers did. Members of deployable units selected lack of discipline more often than leaders serving in the generating force.

This item was a follow-up to qualitative feedback obtained in 2006. Comments claimed the Army has become “soft” and discipline and respect are not instilled in new recruits. Some of the comments cited lowered entrance standards, such as physical fitness.

Toxic leaders?

About one-fourth of Army leaders responding to the survey said they believe

that honest mistakes are held against them in their unit/organization. Nearly one-third believed that their unit/organization promotes a zero-defect mentality.

About one in five Army leaders reported that their immediate superior demonstrates some negative leadership behavior. Four out of five Army leaders (83 percent) reported they observed a leader who demonstrated toxic leadership behavior in the past year.

However, almost all, 97 percent, also reported that they observed an extraordinary leader in the past year.

Data has many issues

Information collected in the CASAL provides research guidance for policy decisions and program development, Steele said

The bottom line, he said, is that CASAL findings inform diverse groups or consumers of information and are applied to

a wide range of products, such as informing the Army Influence Trainer, FM 6-22, and various handbooks and training packages, as well as connections to areas with a broader focus, such as human dimension and providing baseline information for Comprehensive Soldier Fitness.

“CASAL allows us to see how the Army is doing in leader development, is a tracking and management tool to know what the field thinks, and empowers the field by providing opportunity for direct feedback,” Steele said.

“It is a best business practice, and results in a database used for senior leader queries, such as broadening task force, effectiveness of Captains Career Course and MSAF,” explained Steele, adding that the Multi-Source Assessment and Feedback, or MSAF Army 360-degree program is widely used, has been well-received and is showing positive results.

Metal: Vehicles aid Soldiers with route clearing missions

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combat environments.

The introduction of new vehicles and equipment into a unit can often create growing pains, however many Soldiers in the Special Troops Battalion are familiar with or have had combat experience with both vehicles.

“We have experienced senior noncommissioned officers and Soldiers who have knowledge of the vehicles’ fundamentals prior to them coming to our unit,” said 2nd Lt. David McDonald, 1st Platoon Leader, C Company, 2/1 STB.

McDonald, went on to explain the importance of having these vehicles in C Co.

“Our command really pushed to have equipment available to our unit,” he said. “The addition of the Huskies and Buffaloes, as well as the (mine) rollers, completes the company’s capability to conduct its mission.”

C Co. is the only company in the brigade to have these vehicles in its inventory. The Combat Engineers of C Co. will use these vehicles as part of their route clearing missions while deployed in theater. These missions will allow freedom of movement

for allied forces as well as local civilians.

To better operate in combat situations, the Soldiers of C Co. need realistic training. The NIE provides the unit with that training.

“Today my team did a deliberate clearance (of a route),” said Spc. Nicholas Wyant, a team leader assigned to 1st Platoon, C Co. “We used the Buffalo to interrogate and investigate suspected IEDs. My Soldiers told me (after the training) they really felt safe inside the vehicle.”

Wyant said the training at White Sands Missile Range is as

close to real-life combat experience he and his Soldiers can get short of actually deploying.

The unit is in the initial stage of the NIE and understands the importance of receiving as much hands-on vehicle and equipment training before deploying into actual combat situations. The vast mountains and desert-like terrain at White Sands Missile Range create various line-of-sight and non-line-of-sight challenges, making it the perfect environment for Soldiers to train while evaluating new capabilities.

“We took advantage of (NIE) to be able to get the unit extra

training,” McDonald said. “It’s difficult to get six weeks cleared in Garrison to be able to do what we do.”

By the end of the NIE, McDonald expects Company C will be technically proficient, have the added confidence to deploy immediately, and know the ins and outs of various route clearing procedures being conducted during the exercise.

“This training is highly important,” he added. “Here we can implement our tactics, techniques, and procedures so we’ll be able to help Soldiers and ultimately save lives.”

SMA: ‘Sexual assault is more prevalent than you probably realize’

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actions.

“I need you to be aware that sexual assault is more prevalent than you probably realize,” said Chandler, addressing the audience of noncommissioned officers and junior enlisted Soldiers. “You have an ac-

tive role to prevent it, to intervene, to act, and to motivate others.”

The second topic of discussion was the changes to the military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy.

“There are three things that continually come up that Soldiers are concerned with,” Chandler said. “One

is cohabitation, the other is standards of conduct, and the third is cross-dressing.”

Chandler emphasized that the same standards of conduct apply to all Soldiers, regardless of sexual orientation.

To give an example, Chandler depicted a scene of three different

couples greeting each other on the parade field at a homecoming ceremony after a deployment. The first was a heterosexual couple, that was pushing the limits of propriety. The other two were homosexual couples, who chose instead to be discrete in their affections.

When asked which couple was inappropriate, the audience unanimously chose the heterosexual couple as going too far on the parade field. Chandler used the example to show Soldiers that they knew what right looked like and that it wasn’t sexual orientation-specific.

“The Army is not going to give you a policy that says ‘this is what right looks like,’” said Chandler. “It’s about leadership describing to individuals what’s appropriate and then enforcing the standard. The local command will describe what’s appropriate.”



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Let's Dance

Fort Rucker Soldier dances with 'Stars'

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

A captain with the Basic Officer Leadership Course here showed off some of his dance skills at the Dothan Civic Center Saturday during the second annual Dancing with the Stars, Dothan-Style.

Capt. Roger Garcia, BOLC assistant course manager, partnered with Julie Jacobs, WKMX morning and afternoon show hostess, for the charity event, meant to raise money for the Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership program.

The two danced a Salsa to "Valio La Pena" by Mark Anthony, and managed a score of two sevens and an eight.

While not enough to win the overall competition, the two said they enjoyed working together and that it was a great cause for the area.

"We went through the whole routine and only had one slipup, but it didn't throw us off," Garcia said. "We did just about everything on cue and I feel really good about it. This is a wonderful cause. Getting more cooperation between the substance abuse programs on post and in the area could be really beneficial for everyone involved."

The dancers had an unexpected obstacle to overcome prior to the show when Garcia broke his ankle in a personal watercraft accident. He was unable to practice for the entire month of April.

"I thought I would have been the one to break something," Jacobs said. "We cut the routine from five minutes to three, which was kind of a relief to me."

Shortening the length of the performance didn't mean a more relaxed training period, she added. Actually, it meant the opposite.

"Instead of slacking off, we actually said 'we have to get this done, and get it done now,'" she said. "It made us more determined because we were behind. It was also less to memorize and that's fine with me."

Garcia said he was invited to participate in the event by Marta Trevathan, Fort Rucker Zumba and dance instructor, after meeting her at the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on post.

Despite Jacobs having little dance experience prior to preparing for the event, Trevathan said the two were a great fit.

"When I met (Garcia) I saw that he was a very good dancer and he's become a wonderful instructor," she said. "(Jacobs) is such a well-known personality in this area and I thought they would have a lot of chemistry together."

Trevathan competed in this and last year's event and said she was happy to get a chance to introduce more people to the various styles involved in Latin dance as well as raising money for a good cause. This year her partner was Ben Stanfield, WTVY News 4 weekend sports anchor. The pair danced a Bolero to "My Heart Will Go On (Instrumental)" the theme from the film "Titanic."

Last year's event raised a total of \$13,000 while this year's raised over \$50,000, according to Jeffery Biggs, Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership community outreach director.



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Capt. Roger Garcia, BOLC assistant course manager, dances a Salsa with Julie Jacobs, WKMX radio personality, during the annual Dancing with the Stars, Dothan-Style at the Dothan Civic Center Saturday. The charity event produced over \$50,000 for the Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership program.

FRGs, programs help spouses connect

BY LEAH COLLICH
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

While it may be easy for Soldiers to feel connected to their units after relocating to a new duty station, it isn't always the case for many military spouses.

It may require some extra effort for spouses to feel a sense of belonging to the Army lifestyle, but there are plenty of opportunities at Fort Rucker.

"It's disappointing that some military spouses stay cooped up in their houses the whole time they are at Fort Rucker and never venture out to explore all the great opportunities and friendships that are available to them," said Deborah Cisneros, Family Readiness Support Assistant.

Fort Rucker has numerous organizations and programs in place to ensure that military spouses have access to information, fun and friends. Participation in a Family Readiness Group is a great way for spouses to be involved and connected to information about their Soldiers' jobs and to meet other like-minded military spouses, according to Cisneros.

"The whole purpose of an FRG is to ensure that Soldiers and Families are able to utilize military and community resources effectively and efficiently, and they have to



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club, Christin James and Diana Stockhausen sign up new members at last year's western-themed Super Signup event. This year's 40s-themed Super Signup event will be Aug. 18 at the Landing.

know about them to do that," she said. "FRGs are constantly putting out information to keep Families updated with changes and updates, but not only that, they are a great way to get to know people."

FRG leaders, who are volunteer spouses, are given the freedom and flexibility to choose how they want their group to function, she said. Some FRGs organize social

events, like Bunko night, while other groups choose to meet at the dog park or at a coffee shop off post.

She said while the primary focus of an FRG is to disseminate information, Cisneros wants to make sure spouses are given opportunities to build lifelong friendships and hopes that they can feel a sense of belonging to their spouses' units.

For spouses living at Fort Rucker without their Soldiers due to a deployment, extended training or an assignment that doesn't include their Families, Ruth Gonzalez, Relocation Readiness Program Manager, said Army Community Service offers a program called Hearts Apart.

Hearts Apart provides a point of contact to help spouses find services and in-

formation that they need to help them get through time apart from their Soldiers, she said. The program offers help providing resources and information that Families need while Soldiers are away and it helps them to network with other Families who are going through the same thing.

Hearts Apart events take place once a month, can include pool parties, bowling, girls night out, and group participation in other events hosted by the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Gonzalez said.

"We are here to help you. When your Soldier is gone you have a contact and someone who is watching out for you. You can use us as little or as much as you want. You don't have to attend events or be an active participant for us to keep up with you. We have monthly activities, resources, someone to talk to, and weekly newsletters and emails. We offer support to the entire family," she said.

Another organization for military spouses on the installation is the Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club, said Christin James, FRGSC president.

FRGSC is an all-encompassing group of military spouses from all different ranks and

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The Corduroy Blues perform Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in The Landing Zone. The Landing Zone provides a complimentary shuttle to anywhere on post. For more information, call 598-8025.

Promotion Points Parent Support Program

Registration for the Army Community Service's Promotion Points Parent Support Program opens Friday. The next monthly parenting education class is July 8 from 9-11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center, Bldg. 3705. The classes are designed for Soldiers and are held the first Friday of every month. For more information and to register, call 255-3898.

Independence Day Pool Party

The Independence Day Pool Party is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Splash! Pool. Enjoy swimming, refreshments and live music by Jonathan Sexton and the Big Love Choir from noon to 4 p.m. Please drink responsibly. For more information, call 598-8025. Splash Pool is open to authorized patrons only.

Divorce/separation co-parenting workshop

A divorce/separation co-parenting workshop, sponsored by Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, is July 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. to

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noon at the Early Childhood Activity Center. Topics include commitment to staying child focused, effective communication and negotiation skills, reducing parental conflict and understanding children's needs during and following divorce. This workshop is a two-part series. Participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty military, retired military, civilian employees and their Family. For more information, call 255-3898.

Kiddy Karaoke

The Landing Zone's Tuesday Character Dining features Kiddy Karaoke with DJ Dave July 12 from 5-7 p.m.more information, call 598-8025.

BOSS foam party

In celebration of winning best installation the past three years, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers staff hosts a foam party July 16 beginning at 7 p.m. in the BOSS Building, Bldg. 8350. Open to all single Soldiers and unaccompanied Soldiers. For more information, call 255-9018 or 379-4594.

AFTB Level 3

Army Family Team Building Level 3 workshops are July 18, 19 and 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371E. For more information, call 255-2382.

Communications for Couples

A couples communication workshop is July 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

at the Commons, Bldg. 8950, on Seventh Avenue. The workshop is designed to revitalize relationships, build communication skills and develop confidence to help couples communicate effectively. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch. The workshop is open to active duty,retired,civilian employees and their Families. Door prizes will be awarded. For more information and to register, call 255-3898 or 255-9641.

Stress management workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program stress management workshop is July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Early Childhood Activity Center.Topics include identifying causes of stress, symptoms of stress, techniques on how to manage stress and developing a stress management plan. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty and retired military, civilian employees and Families. For more information, call 255-3898.

Wiz of the West auditions, rehearsals

The Missoula Children's Theater staff hosts auditions for the "Wiz of the West" July 25 from 2-4 p.m. with rehearsals following from 4-6 p.m. at the post theater. Additional rehearsals are July 26-30 at the Commons on Sixth Avenue. Registration is open to all eligible military, contractor and civilian youth. Youth can pre-register at Parent Central Services, or on Webtrac or show up for auditions July 25. For more information, call 255-0666.

Wiz of the West

Child, Youth and School Services, in association with Missoula Children's Theater, presents "The Wiz of the West" — the classic story "The Wizard of Oz" with a twist — July 30 from 1-2:30 p.m. and a second performance from

3:30-5 p.m. at the post theater. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 255-0666.

The Mutt Brothers

The Mutt Brothers perform July 29 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in The Landing Zone. People must be age 18 or older to enter. The Landing Zone provides a complimentary shuttle to anywhere on post. For more information, call 598-8025.

Rockin' Rucker's Talent Show Auditions

The Rockin' Rucker's Talent Show, a Festival of the Arts entry, auditions are Aug. 3-4 from 6-9 p.m. at the Landing Ballroom. Registration is free. Categories include vocal soloist, instrumental group and more. The top 12 acts selected by the judges have the opportunity to open for Committed, winners of NBC's show The Sing Off Aug. 13 from 6-7 p.m. The top eight perform for cash prizes at the Lake Party Luau on Aug. 27 from 6-7 p.m. For more information and to register, call 255-9810.

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Connected: ‘One small step can lead to a lot’

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military operation specialties, James said. She said the organization hosts monthly luncheons and other events, from fashion shows to murder mystery dinners. They also participate in community service functions, from toy drives to scholarship awards, from August to May. The Super Signup event for this year will take place Aug. 18 at the Landing, James said, and she encourages all interested spouses to attend the 40s-themed event to see if the FRCSA is right for them. James also recommended that spouses sign up for Army Family Team Building classes offered through Army Community Service. She said the classes she participated in at AFTB changed her whole perspective on her husband's career and made her feel empowered by giving her the tools she needed to be a successful military spouse.

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Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club member, Leslie Edens, shops at FRCSA Ways and Means chair members, Irene Sherman's and Cindy Carrell's booth at the FSCSC Fashion Show.



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Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club member Rae Martin shakes hands with new members to the FRCSA Army Trivia Luncheon. Martin is part of the Welcome Wagon team, who make sure newcomers are introduced to members and feel welcome.

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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.

ONGOING — Daleville Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center. For more information, call 598-6331.

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JULY 14 AND 28 — Landmark Park staff hosts Music by Moonlight from 7:30-9 p.m. under the stars on the gazebo lawn. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

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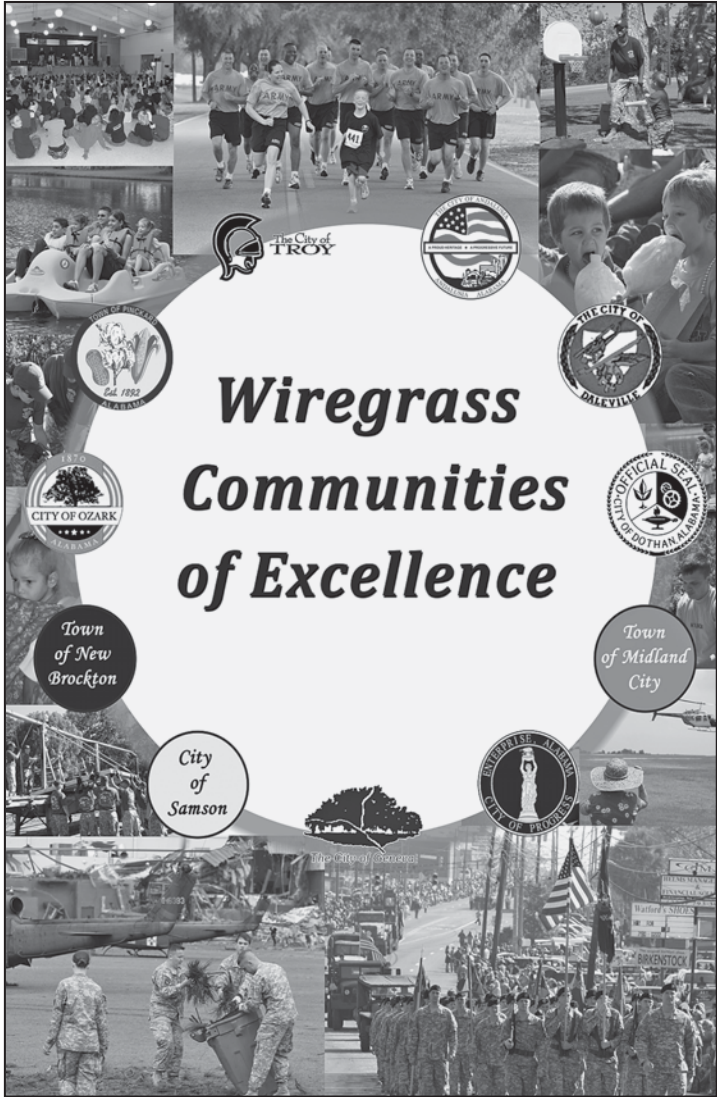
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NOW THROUGH SATURDAY — The Dothan Country Club hosts the Future Masters Golf Tournament from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 793-7144 or visit www.futuremastersgolf.com.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY — A gun and knife show is at the National Peanut Festival fair grounds from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 793-4323.

MONDAY — A Family-friendly July 4th celebration is 1-10 p.m. at the National 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. \$\$\$

AUG. 6 — Landmark Parks hosts Science on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. Science on Saturdays is an educational program about the magic of science for children and families. For more in-



formation, call (334) 794-3452.

ENTERPRISE

JULY 29-30 — The Southern Broadway Theater Company presents The Depot at the Enterprise Performing Arts Center. The production tells the story of a girl who moved to Enterprise with her father in 1906 to take over a cotton farm during the threat of the boll weevil. For more information on show times and to purchase tickets, visit www.southernbroadway.com. \$\$\$

AUG. 25 — Enterprise Civic Center hosts the "Getting to Know Enterprise" Retiree Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local businesses and clubs will be providing information about services and activities available to retirees in the Enterprise area. There will be entertainment and multiple door prize drawings. For more information, call 347-0581.

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 Connie Hudson at 406-3077, Randy Black at

389-0738 or Bob Cooper 347-7076, or visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683 on *Facebook*.

GENEVA

ONGOING — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call 248-4495.

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

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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.

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AUG. 13-SEPT. 23 — The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities hosts the 11th annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition at the Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum.

The council is now accepting entries from artists who wish to participate. Contestants are allowed three entries, with the first entry costing \$25 and \$5 for each additional entry.

All entries must be submitted at the Rudd Art Center by 4 p.m. July 30. An open reception and award presentation will be held Aug. 13 from 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.ruddartcenter.org.

AUG. 19-20 — The 17th annual South Alabama Pro Rodeo Classic will be held at the Dale County Ag-Plex Arena. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the rodeo begins at 8 p.m. Come watch bull riding, team roping, cowgirl barrel racing, steer wrestling, bareback riding and more. For more information, call 774-9448.

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

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SAMSON

ONGOING — The Samson City Council meets monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Community Center.

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

TROY

MONDAY — The City of Troy hosts its annual 4th of July Fireworks celebration beginning at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The event is free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, or enjoy the firework display from the stands of the stadium. For more information, call 566-4031.

AUG. 31 — Troy University hosts a volunteer fair on the Troy campus from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The deadline to register for the fair is Aug. 19. For more information, contact Jonathan Cellon at 808-6394.

ONGOING — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex.

The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, finger foods and refreshments.

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Smoke on the Coast

Destin Commons hosts Smoke on the Coast Barbecue and Firework festival Saturday from 6-9 p.m. in Destin, Fla.

There will be live entertainment, arts and crafts, face painting, and giveaways. Sample different barbecue from area favorites. A fireworks show begins at 9 p.m.

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Celebrating Our Troops

Hairston Brown Consulting hosts "Celebrating Our Troops," a free concert to raise funds for Ability Workers of Alabama, an organization that employs disabled veterans, at UAB Mini park in Birmingham Saturday from 1-6 p.m.

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Boardwalk Beach Bash

Boardwalk Beach Resort hosts a spectacular three-day event for all ages Saturday through Monday from noon to 11 p.m. in Panama City, Fla. There will be festival foods, games and attractions, beach inflatables, and kids activities. There will be a fireworks show July 4 with a movie shown afterwards.

Gulf Shores Independence Day Fireworks

The City of Gulf Shores hosts a free public display of fireworks on the beach at 9 p.m. Monday.

The show is accompanied by special patriotic music broadcast on 105.7FM radio. The fireworks are launched from a barge located in the Gulf of Mexico and the display can be seen from any Gulf Shores area beach.

For more information, call (251) 968-1172.

Destin Fireworks Show

The City of Destin, Fla., hosts the Independence Day fireworks celebra-

tion Monday. The firework show will begin at 9 p.m. Fireworks will be shot over the East Pass Area. For more information, call (850) 837-6241.

World Championship Domino Tournament

The Andalusia Rotary Club hosts the 37th annual World Championship Domino Tournament July 8-9 at the Andalusia Kiwanis Fair Complex.

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The tournament includes fun, fellowship and competition for all ages. For more information, visit www.worlddomino.com.

Music Makers Exhibit

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For more information, call 242-4076.

State Farmers Market Day

A Stater Farmers Market Day celebration is July 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the State Farmers Market on 1655 Federal Drive in Montgomery.

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Partnership links military spouses with employers

BY TERRI MOON CRONK
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department launched a new partnership Wednesday that's intended to expand job opportunities for military spouses by connecting them with employers actively seeking to hire them.

Microsoft, Home Depot, Starbucks and the Navy Federal Credit Union are just a few of the nearly 60 corporations and companies that have signed on with the DOD partnership, said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy.

The partnership was launched at the Washington, D.C., Chamber of Commerce here, and Gordon expects 14 more companies will be added to the partnership's roster soon.

"The design of this program is to bring together those spouses who want to work with a web portal where companies that would like to employ our military spouses can find them," he said.

That web portal is Military OneSource — located at <http://www.militaryonesource.com> — which also offers job-seeking resources such as resume building. People can call OneSource consultants at 1-800-342-9647.

The partnership is based on memoranda of agreement to hire military spouses, Gordon

explained. Some 100 job fairs are scheduled, starting in Los Angeles July 10, with 200 companies ready to offer jobs to spouses.

"Military spouses bring a lot to the table," he said. "They've volunteered and lead different activities on and off our installations. They are skilled, diverse and know how to operate in a team environment."

Their sense of team focus and strong work ethic are some of the attributes and characteristics employers are looking for in a 21st century work force, he added.

Military spouses have been hit hard by the job market, Gordon acknowledged, and face an unemployment rate of 28 percent.

Of the military's 1.2 million spouses, he said, 80 percent want to work, but have been held back by multiple moves and deployments. Additionally, a 25-percent wage gap divides military spouses and their civilian counterparts, he added.

Because of those factors, the partnership pinpointed organizations that could offer telework options and portable jobs, he said.

In the course of setting up the program's framework, Gordon has asked spouses what they would like to see in such a partnership.

"One of them said, 'Don't over-engineer things. We want to look for jobs. We want to be empowered,'" he said. "And that's what we've

done. We've devised a program that will bring spouses together with employers who are looking for their skills."

The partnership is aligned with the White House's governmentwide approach to military family support that involves an interagency effort to strengthen families and enhance their well-being and quality of life.

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The Fort Rucker Leisure Travel Office offers Atlanta Motor Speedway tickets for the NASCAR race Sept. 3-4. The prices are \$75 per person for both days and \$45 for Sept. 4 only. Seating is general admission for Sept. 3 and Upper Elliot reserved for Sept. 4. For more information, call 255-9517.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG TOURNAMENT

The Silver Wings Independence Day Flag Tournament is Monday. Tee times are from 7-9 a.m., cost is \$5 plus cart and green fees if applicable. The flag that goes the furthest wins. Prizes are awarded based upon the number of participants. For more information, call 598-2449.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Pick-up games every Wednesday and Friday morning at 6 a.m. behind the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility on the soccer field. All skill levels and athletic abilities are welcome. Cleats and water are highly recommended. For more information, call 255-0870.

TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY

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

BURGER AND BOWL

Rucker Lanes staff offers a daily "Burger and Bowl" special for \$7. The special includes a cheeseburger, fries, soda, shoe rental and two games of bowling.

EXTREME BOWLING

Extreme Bowling at Rucker Lanes is Saturdays from 8-11 p.m. for \$10 and features unlimited bowling with lights, music and glow-in-the-dark balls and shoes. For more information, call 255-9503.

ARCHERY SHOOTS

Fort Rucker Archery Club members conduct weekly shoots at the club's range, located off Whittaker Road. Shoots are Thursdays at 4 p.m., and members take aim at a 20- to 60-yard practice range, 28 3-D targets along a walking trail or a 10-target area. Annual membership costs \$20. For more information, call 389-6135.

BATTING CAGES HOURS

The child, youth and school services batting cages are open Mondays-Fridays from 4-7 p.m., Saturdays from 2-6 p.m. and closed Sundays. They are located in the Youth Sports Complex on Fifth Avenue between the post office and the

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Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility sports improvements

BY JAY MANN
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

The Fort Rucker Fitness Physical Facility reopened its racquetball courts, locker rooms and indoor pool Monday.

The opening of these parts of the facility are part of renovations designed to make the center a more modern, comfortable place to work out and improve Soldiers' and Family members quality of life, according to Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials.

The indoor pool is now open Mondays-Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fitness swimming and military training only.

Recreational swimming is available at Splash! Pool. Additionally, the Flynn Pool hours have changed to Mondays-Fridays from 5:30-7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

In addition to the openings, patrons will find that the basketball courts are now air conditioned with three high-school sized basketball courts and one full regulation size court. The building was built at a time when the Army would not allow air conditioning in a major gymnasium, said Ken Jackson, community recreation division chief said.

"What you walk into now is a comfortable, 1,400 square foot facility," he said.

A new roof, new paint and a newly designed air conditioning system are what most people are going to notice first, said Lori Ciranni, sports fitness and aquatics manager said.

"Because it's such a new, fresh look, it's going to draw people in, which will get them working out, which will in turn better their lives," she said. "Please come down and check it out. The racquetball courts are beautiful. The pool is beautiful. It is just awesome."

In addition to these changes, patrons can now work out in newly designed cardio and weight areas. Many upgrades are noticeable throughout the rooms, Jackson said.

"A special flooring system has been put in place. A sound baffling system has been put on the walls and floor electrical outlets have been installed that feed the cardio machines. And there is a new system of TVs across the wall," he said.

He pointed out that the facility was designed so that people can select strength equipment, cardiovascular equipment, dumbbells and free weights. A noticeable feature of the free weight area is the many mirrors on the walls. Jackson explained that there are so many mirrors in the newly renovated room because patrons want to make sure they have proper alignment when using weights.

He added that there was no need for a grand opening because the facility has not really been closed during the renovations.

"As each stage of the project is completed, we open it up," he said.

The Physical Fitness Facility has historically been the most popular MWR facility on Fort Rucker, he said.

"This facility averages, Monday through Friday, every day of operation, 1,200 to 1,600 patrons. And on Saturdays and Sundays, where you have reduced operational hours, it averages



PHOTOS BY JAY MANN

Capt. Derek Wamsley, 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., plays racquetball in one of the newly renovated racquetball courts at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility.



The indoor pool is now open Mondays-Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fitness swimming and military training only.

900 to 1,100," Jackson said.

Jackson does not anticipate an effect on the Fortenberry-Colton Fitness Facility as the renovated areas begin to open.

"That facility has only seen an average increase of a few hundred patrons a day throughout these renovations," he said, adding that the reason for this is that the renovations were staggered, and the equipment was just moved to a new location in

the building while the old area was being upgraded.

Throughout the renovations and upgrades, patrons still used the fitness center, and they were just in for a pleasant surprise as each area was completed.

The "new" doesn't just stop when the workout is over. The locker rooms have been reworked as well. The area has new lockers, sauna and steam rooms, and of course everything is handicapped acces-

sible, Jackson said.

The pool has been redesigned from a new floor, to avoid slipping, to a new diving board and new starting blocks. There is new glass on the windows and a new air circulation system to pull the chlorine out of the air. One thing that hasn't changed is the 18- to 20-year-old palm tree on the sunbathing deck, said Jackson.

Jackson says plans are in the works for hourly child care.

Down Time



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

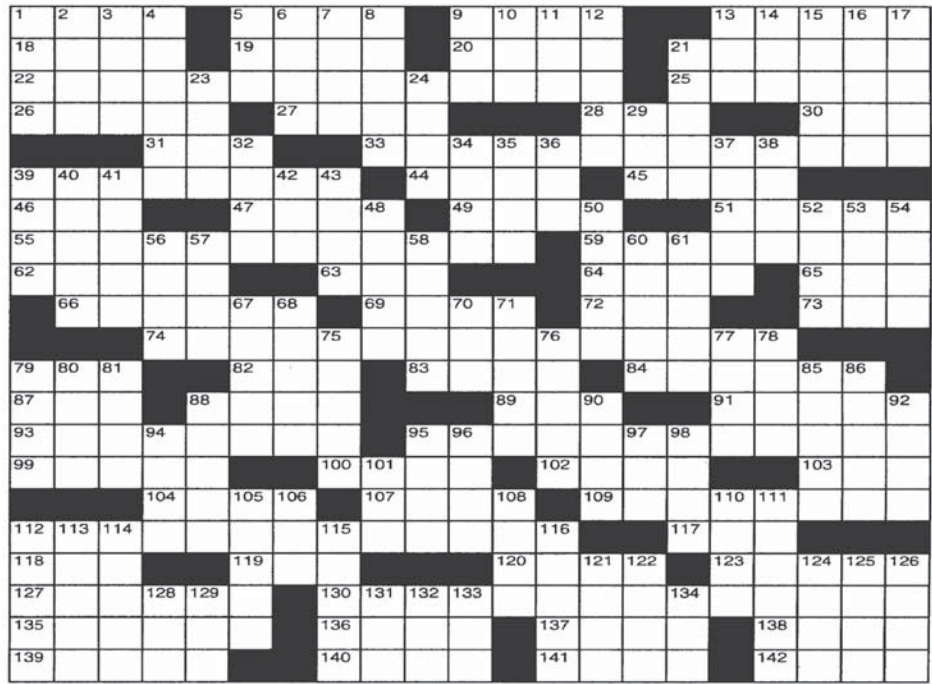
TRIVIA

1. GEOGRAPHY: What place is known as Kalaallit Nunaat in the local language?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What university's nickname is the Rainbow Warriors?
3. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Venus have?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a hare's top ground speed?
5. POP CULTURE: What was the name of the Pillsbury Dough Girl?
6. LITERATURE: What was Tarzan's real name?
7. MYTHOLOGY: Who was Odysseus' wife?
8. MUSIC: Until his death, Kurt Cobain was the lead singer of which cutting-edge band?
9. ECONOMICS: Who wrote the influential book "Wealth of Nations"?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What does a "stere" measure?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword TOWNSPEOPLE

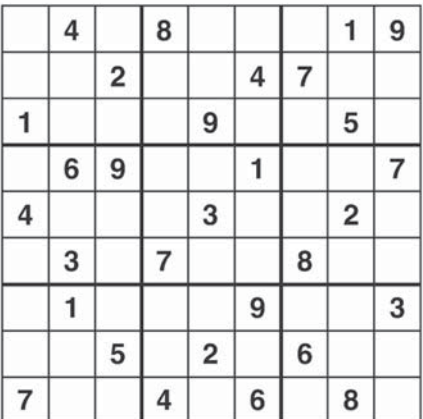
- ACROSS**
- 1 Beauty spot
 - 5 Relative of P.D.
 - 9 Wattle's partner
 - 13 Grating
 - 18 Schipa solo
 - 19 Actor O'Shea
 - 20 One of "The Three Sisters"
 - 21 Kind of roof
 - 22 Pianist from Maine?
 - 25 Pearl harbor?
 - 26 Assert
 - 27 Lascivious look
 - 28 Leatherworker's tool
 - 30 — Cat (winter wheels)
 - 31 Cover
 - 33 Talk-show host from Colorado?
 - 39 Nineveh native
 - 44 Tibia
 - 45 Miami's county
 - 46 Railroad dep.
 - 47 — rug
 - 49 Verve
 - 51 Kim of "True Grit"
 - 55 Singer from Arkansas?
 - 59 Hamlet's home
 - 62 "There's —
- DOWN**
- 2 "Only Talisman" (61 hit)
 - 3 Smidgen
 - 4 "Heaven's —" ('80 film)
 - 6 Distress
 - 66 Philosopher
 - 68 Blaise
 - 69 Deadly septet
 - 72 Antipollution grp.
 - 73 Sports-caster Allen
 - 74 Actress from Alabama?
 - 79 "Pshaw!"
 - 82 Lennon's lady
 - 83 Trifling
 - 84 Pencil production
 - 87 Orthodoxists' org.
 - 88 Helicopter sound
 - 89 Link letters?
 - 91 Western lake
 - 93 Friday's rank
 - 95 Pitcher from Ohio?
 - 99 Crow's toe
 - 100 Sign of sainthood
 - 102 Parent
 - 103 Sundial numeral
 - 104 Eliot's "— Bede"
 - 107 Emulates Simon
 - 109 Lost one's balance
 - 112 Drummer
- from Virginia?**
- 117 Finished first
 - 118 Mary of "Sons and Lovers"
 - 119 Start to cry?
 - 120 Provokes
 - 123 Specks
 - 127 Theater district
 - 130 Actor from Pennsylvania?
 - 135 Poet Sidney
 - 136 Depend (on)
 - 137 What have you
 - 138 Anita Loos comedy
 - 139 Satin quality
 - 140 Wagon part
 - 141 Say it isn't so
 - 142 RN's workplace
- Tognazzi**
- 12 Trite
 - 13 Flicka's food
 - 14 Jarreau and Jolson
 - 15 Role for Dustin
 - 16 Pool person
 - 17 Biblical tyrant
 - 21 Lively dance
 - 23 Kuwaili kingpin
 - 24 Author Murdoch
 - 29 Cotton clump
 - 32 Anthropologist
 - 33 Fossey
 - 34 "The Way of Love" singer
 - 35 Metric measure
 - 36 — bind
 - 37 Rocker Van Halen
 - 38 Estrange
 - 39 Hammett hound
 - 40 "The Bristol —" ('61 hit)
 - 41 Apia's locale
 - 42 Exist
 - 43 Tree house?
 - 48 Embarrass
 - 50 Mideastern desert
 - 52 "... where the buffalo —"
 - 53 Cheese-board choice
- 54 Roar**
- 56 Actor
 - 57 Formerly
 - 58 Abhorrence
 - 60 — lazuli
 - 61 Celery serving
 - 62 Hilo hello
 - 68 Russian revolution-ary
 - 70 Vane dir.
 - 71 Get side-tracked
 - 75 Jay of "Dennis the Menace"
 - 76 Murcia
 - 77 "Why don't we?"
 - 78 "L—, c'est moi"
 - 79 Express
 - 80 Notion
 - 81 Hindman or Holliman
 - 85 Cathedral feature
 - 86 Comedian Mandel
 - 88 Darling child
 - 90 Chad and Jeremy song, e.g.
 - 92 "Idylls of the King" character
 - 94 Stimulus
 - 95 Burrowing critter
 - 96 Jerky toy?
 - 97 Angus'
- uh-uh**
- 98 Expanded
 - 101 Hibachi residue
 - 105 Shady spot
 - 106 "O Sole —"
 - 108 Cut a cuticle
 - 110 Taj Mahal, for one
 - 111 TV's "Eight Is —"
 - 112 Knots
 - 113 Bathsheba's first husband
 - 114 Patriot Silas
 - 115 Mongoose foe
 - 116 Like a prune
 - 121 Kitchen addition
 - 122 Loony Laurel
 - 124 Banana-rama, e.g.
 - 125 Souffle ingredients
 - 126 Freightor or ferry
 - 128 Taradiddle
 - 129 Decimal base
 - 131 King's handle?
 - 132 Herriot title
 - 133 Salon supply
 - 134 Furtive



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

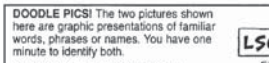
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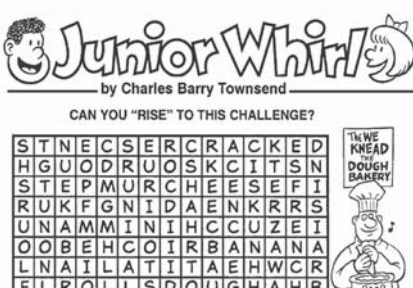
Kid's Corner



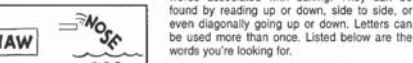
Answer: Starting with the "S" in the right-hand "Second" thought are the best.



- DOODLE PICS!** The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.
- Answers: (1) Don't-tell. (2) Nose and eye.
- THE "G" PYRAMID!** As you move down the word puzzle shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the G's. Here are some hints from the top down.
1. A movie rating.
 2. Symbol for silver.
 3. Fail to keep pace.
 4. A very strong wind.
 5. A devious scheme (sl).
 6. A complicated mess.
 7. A hybrid fruit.
 8. To make longer.



Illustrated by David Coulson



- Hidden in the diagram above are names and words associated with baking. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or even diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words you're looking for.
- BAKE CRUMPETS NUT
BANANA DOUGH RAISIN
BRIOCHE FLOUR ROLLS
CHEESE FRENCH SOURDOUGH
CORNMEAL ITALIAN STICKS
CRACKED KNEADING WHEAT
CRESCENTS LOAF ZUCCHINI



Answers: 1. Peppermint are sold. 2. Skateboard has been broken. 3. Boy's shirt has stripes. 4. House has shrubs. 5. Flowers beside house. 6. House has shrubs. 7. House has shrubs. 8. House has shrubs. 9. House has shrubs. 10. House has shrubs. 11. House has shrubs. 12. House has shrubs. 13. House has shrubs. 14. House has shrubs. 15. House has shrubs. 16. House has shrubs. 17. House has shrubs. 18. House has shrubs. 19. House has shrubs. 20. House has shrubs. 21. House has shrubs. 22. House has shrubs. 23. House has shrubs. 24. House has shrubs. 25. House has shrubs. 26. House has shrubs. 27. House has shrubs. 28. House has shrubs. 29. House has shrubs. 30. House has shrubs. 31. House has shrubs. 32. House has shrubs. 33. House has shrubs. 34. House has shrubs. 35. House has shrubs. 36. House has shrubs. 37. House has shrubs. 38. House has shrubs. 39. House has shrubs. 40. House has shrubs. 41. House has shrubs. 42. House has shrubs. 43. House has shrubs. 44. House has shrubs. 45. House has shrubs. 46. House has shrubs. 47. House has shrubs. 48. House has shrubs. 49. House has shrubs. 50. House has shrubs. 51. House has shrubs. 52. House has shrubs. 53. House has shrubs. 54. House has shrubs. 55. House has shrubs. 56. House has shrubs. 57. House has shrubs. 58. House has shrubs. 59. House has shrubs. 60. House has shrubs. 61. House has shrubs. 62. House has shrubs. 63. House has shrubs. 64. House has shrubs. 65. House has shrubs. 66. House has shrubs. 67. House has shrubs. 68. House has shrubs. 69. House has shrubs. 70. House has shrubs. 71. House has shrubs. 72. House has shrubs. 73. House has shrubs. 74. House has shrubs. 75. House has shrubs. 76. House has shrubs. 77. House has shrubs. 78. House has shrubs. 79. House has shrubs. 80. House has shrubs. 81. House has shrubs. 82. House has shrubs. 83. House has shrubs. 84. House has shrubs. 85. House has shrubs. 86. House has shrubs. 87. House has shrubs. 88. House has shrubs. 89. House has shrubs. 90. House has shrubs. 91. House has shrubs. 92. House has shrubs. 93. House has shrubs. 94. House has shrubs. 95. House has shrubs. 96. House has shrubs. 97. House has shrubs. 98. House has shrubs. 99. House has shrubs. 100. House has shrubs. 101. House has shrubs. 102. House has shrubs. 103. House has shrubs. 104. House has shrubs. 105. House has shrubs. 106. House has shrubs. 107. House has shrubs. 108. House has shrubs. 109. House has shrubs. 110. House has shrubs. 111. House has shrubs. 112. House has shrubs. 113. House has shrubs. 114. House has shrubs. 115. House has shrubs. 116. House has shrubs. 117. House has shrubs. 118. House has shrubs. 119. House has shrubs. 120. House has shrubs. 121. House has shrubs. 122. House has shrubs. 123. House has shrubs. 124. House has shrubs. 125. House has shrubs. 126. House has shrubs. 127. House has shrubs. 128. House has shrubs. 129. House has shrubs. 130. House has shrubs. 131. House has shrubs. 132. House has shrubs. 133. House has shrubs. 134. House has shrubs. 135. House has shrubs. 136. House has shrubs. 137. House has shrubs. 138. House has shrubs. 139. House has shrubs. 140. House has shrubs. 141. House has shrubs. 142. House has shrubs.

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. John Halsey of the Patriot Academy attempts to break a world record for the most push-ups in one minute while wearing a 40-pound pack as Sgt. First Class Jay Brown (left) cheers him on at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex June 17. Halsey broke the record by performing 60 push-ups in 60 seconds.

Patriot Academy sergeant breaks world record

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Camp Atterbury Public Affairs

BUTLERVILLE, Ind. — Staff Sgt. John Halsey didn't know that he wanted to break a world record until he discovered that he had something to prove to his student Soldiers.

Halsey, an assistant platoon sergeant in Bravo Company for the Patriot Academy at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex, noticed that the students under his watch were being a bit lethargic on their day off.

"I challenged them to go do something productive, go break a world record," Halsey said. "They laughed about it and told me to go break a world record. I told them I would find one and, 'I will!'"

The record that Halsey found was "Most push-ups in one minute with a 40-pound pack," a record currently held by Britain Paddy Doyle, who performed 51 push-ups in one minute with a 40-pound

pack on his back Oct. 11, 2010.

Halsey said he felt that he not only needed to break the record, he needed to beat it decisively in order to show his Soldiers that anything is possible.

The barrel-chested Halsey trained everyday for two months while still performing his duties at the academy without fail.

The rules for breaking a world record are very specific and include having witnesses present who have nothing to do with the attempted record breaker or the organization.

Shana Richmond of North Vernon; Connie Rayburn, North Vernon city councilor; and North Vernon's First Lady Joanne Campbell, all volunteered to witness the event and act as unbiased judges.

With more than 100 Patriot Academy students present in the old school house gymnasium, a 40-pound kettle bell weight was placed in a three-pound backpack,

more than tipping the mandatory weight of 40 pounds as it was officially weighed and documented.

When Halsey was told to go, he was more than ready. By the time 30 seconds had elapsed, every student was out of his or her seat and pounding the floor of the gymnasium, cheering louder and louder for Halsey until it was nearly impossible to hear the time keeper over the public address system.

As soon as the crowd, who was counting along with the number of push-ups, shouted "52," everybody started cheering, but Halsey didn't stop.

He wasn't satisfied with simply breaking the record. He wanted to put emphasis on it.

Stop was called at 60 seconds and the official final count was 60 push-ups. Halsey had performed 60 push-ups in one minute while wearing a 43-pound backpack – an average of one push-up every sec-

ond.

The three judges appeared to get just as excited as the students the closer Halsey came to breaking the record. Rayburn was one person who was in charge of counting the number of push-ups using a hand counter.

"I was so excited and I was looking at how much time was left. I knew where I was at on the count and kept thinking, 'this is too cool!', but remember to focus on what you're doing," she said.

"I knew the previous record was 51," said Richmond, the other official counter. "So the second I hit 51, I was cheering as hard as the Soldiers behind me. I can't wait to tell my kids at school. They are going to think it's the greatest thing that's ever happened."

Campbell said she was excited to be present at the breaking of a world record.

"I have never done anything like this before. What an experience," she

said. "I'm so proud of him and his motivation. It's awesome."

After his record-breaking attempt, Halsey didn't appear any worse for wear.

"I'm just glad it's over with," he said. "My goal behind this was to show the students it can be done. I have a feeling a lot of them will be gunning for this record just because it was me who broke it. I want to watch them do it

because anytime they are trying that hard, they are just becoming better Soldiers."

It may take as long as six weeks for the Guinness World Record committee to verify Halsey's record, at which point he will be sent a certificate to commemorate the achievement. But the certificate will pale in comparison to the example this true non-commissioned officer has set for his Soldiers.



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

TRIVIA

Answers

- Greenland
- Hawaii
- None
- About 43 mph
- Poppie
- Lord Greystoke
- Penelope
- Nirvana
- Adam Smith
- Volume

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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RIDING STABLES RULES

Riding stables staff reminds community members that letting horses out of their stalls can be dangerous to the horses and motorists. Visitors are also reminded to stay on the main roadways, do not approach any of the horses without owners' permission, stay out of the pastures and obey the speed limit of 10 mph at all times. For more information, call 598-3384.

SKIES ACTIVITIES

Dance: The School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited program offers children dance classes in ballet, hip hop, technique and stretch. Times and prices vary. For more information, call 255-1867.

Gymnastics: SKIES offers gymnastics lessons for boys and girls ages 18 months to 16 years old. Class times and prices vary. For more information, call 255-1867.

Tennis: SKIES offers tennis lessons for children, ages 8-16, Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 255-1867.

SKATE NIGHT

Skating is offered Fridays at the Child, Youth and School Services building. Hours are 6:15-7:15 p.m. for children ages 10 and under and from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for children of all ages. Cost is \$2 for the first session and \$5 for the second session. For more information, call 255-9108.

PAINTBALL

Dothan Survival Games Paintball at Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation is open. Paintball prices are \$25 per person or \$20 per person with groups of 10 or more people. Prices include all-day field usage, equipment, unlimited carbon dioxide and 100 paintballs. Fields are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays from 1-5 p.m., and during the week by reservation. Call 793-8202 for more details about this open-to-the-public facility.

TRIATHLON WINNERS

Some of the winners in last week's Audie Murphy Triathlon article were wrong. The following are the correct winners in their respective categories: Edward Adamy, Male 30-34; Tony Antonivica, Male 35-39; and David Sanchez, Male 45-49.

FORT RUCKER RUN, WALK MILEAGE CLUB

Run or walk and record your mileage at the front desk at either physical fitness facility. Participants' monthly mileage totals are posted and they can earn mileage patches along the way.



- Have a Family disaster plan and supply kit.
- Build or identify a safe room in your home.
- Purchase and use a NOAA weather radio with a tone alert feature. This will alert you to warnings issued by your local National Weather Service office.

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Cars 2 does not disappoint

BY JIM VAN SLYKE
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Fans of kart racing will definitely enjoy Cars 2.

Although it's obviously tied to the new movie of the same name, the game stands totally on its own.

In fact, it barely even has a story. That's OK, though, because it doesn't need it. There's more than enough fun to be had just racing the vehicles from the Cars franchise around the creative tracks in the game.

The game borrows a lot from Mario Kart, but instead of using turtle shells and banana peels to harass opponents, gamers get real weapons like machine guns and rocket launchers.

There's also a lot more than just racing, too. Some modes have gamers hunting down enemies in a big arena or competing in teams to play a game similar to capture the flag. The easy drop-in and drop-out local multiplayer for up to four players makes the game Family and friend friendly.

Cars 2 was obviously designed with kids in mind, but the game has enough depth and challenge to keep adults happy, too.

The racing is easy to pick up, but difficult to master. The game's artificial intelligence is forgiving so it's more fun to play against human opponents,



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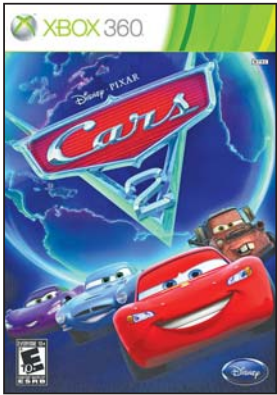
but that's probably alright with most gamers.

The game also looks fantastic and won't make anyone long for the great visuals of the movie.

Nearly all of the actors who voiced characters for the movie lent their voices to the game, which is great.

There's no online play — which will annoy some — but as long as you can get some other gamers in the same room there's a lot of fun to be had.

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