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#### **NEWSLINES**

#### **DRIVE SAFELY**

A few simply steps can help save lives when driving on and off post. Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, Army Safety director and U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center commanding general, asks Soldiers and Families to keep a few things in mind while driving this summer. See Page A2.

#### MISSION COMPLETE

A Soldier beats the odds and fights back against a deadly cancer. See Page C3.

#### HOME BUYING, SELLING WORKSHOP

Army Community Service hosts a free program, Pathways to Financial Success. through its financial readiness program, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at The Commons on 7th Avenue in the Family Support Facility in Bldg. 8950. The event is open to military members, retirees, civilian employees and Family members.

To attend, make a reservation by Friday by sending an email to beth.gunter@ us.army.mil

For more information, call 255-9639.

#### **ACTING REHEARSALS,** WORKSHOPS

The Missoula Children's Theater hosts auditions for Fort Rucker youth July 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the post theater to act in a production of Wiz of the West. Rehearsals will follow from 4-6 p.m. that day and then July 26-30 at The Commons.

The theater hosts acting workshops, including an improvisation workshop July 26 from 3-3:45 p.m., an Acting 101 workshop July 27 from 3-3:45 p.m., and a developing community theater workshop July 28 from 5-5:45 p.m. at The Commons. All workshops are free and open to everyone.

routn can pre-register foi auditions at parent central services, on Webtrac or in person on July 25. For more information, call 255-0666.

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PHOTO BY JAY MANN
Maj. Robert Dole passes the guidon to Col. George Renison at the GCDVC change of command ceremony Wednesday. Maj. Karen Weekes will assume command of GCDVC.

## Vet command changes leaders

BY JAY MANN

Fort Rucker's Gulf Coast District Veterinary Command changed leadership in a ceremony Wednesday at the Army Aviation Museum when Maj. Robert Dole relinquished command to Maj. Karen Weekes. The command is both diverse

and dispersed.

GCDVC has command and control of three branches in Alabama, western Georgia, eastern and southern Mississippi and the panhandle of Florida.

"When you think of a veterinary command, it's certainly not the traditional unit. I don't know many units in the military that are as dis-

persed as a veterinary command," said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Samuel, GCDVC 1st Sgt.

"Maj. Dole is very resilient and resourceful, and he did it for two districts. He is very patient and is a no-nonsense commander.

Samuel explained that some of the members

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### Safe driving should be 'mostly common sense'

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

Motorists at Fort phone and on the road. Rucker may have noticed a few new signs phones "hands free."

even though the Fourth drivers on- and off-post should remain vigilant means, always wearing and against Fort Rucker

a seatbelt, obeying the regulations." speed limits and keeping eves off the cell

sense stuff and personal injured in motor vehicle along the roadways in responsibility," said Lt. crashes that were rerecent weeks reminding Col. Madeline Bondy, ported to have involved them to keep their cell DPS provost marshal. "If distracted driving, acvou have to make or re- cording to the U.S. De-Directorate of Public ceive a phone call, it has Safety officials said that, to be done on a handsfree device or you have of July holiday is over, to pull over and park legally. Texting is out of the question while drivin driving safely. That ing. It's against state law

In 2009, 5,474 people were killed on U.S. roadwavs and an estimated "It's mostly common additional 448,000 were partment of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Of those people killed in distracted-driving-related crashes, 995

SEE SAFE PAGE A4



New signs indicating that cell phones are not to be used while driving unless they are hands-free have been added to various locations throughout the installation by DPS.

#### **MVISC** provides visual information support



Joe Garcia. Fort Rucker visual information videographer, operates a camera during the annual Aviation Senior Leaders Conference

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

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our customers with not only quality products. but the highest caliber of service," said Victoria Flowers, training support officer.

Official Photography Services provides field photography for graduations, historical occasions and significant events, as well as studio Department of Army official, passport and head and shoulder photography.

"Our MVISC activity actively participates in the Department of Army

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## Perspective

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## Simple steps prevent automobile accidents

BY BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM T. WOLF Army Safety director and U.S.Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center commanding general

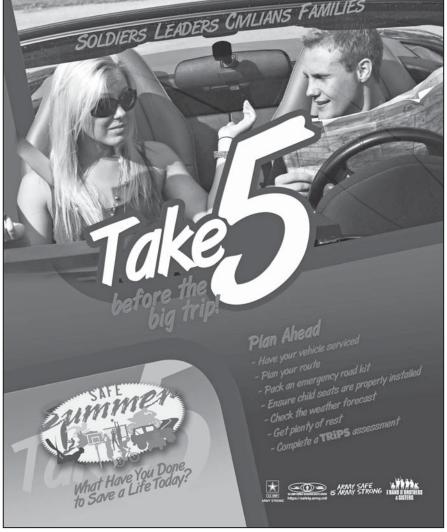
The United States of America turned 236 years old June 14. It's amazing to think how, during that short time, our nation has emerged from a fledgling democracy to the global leader it is today

The work Soldiers do every day ensures the sacrifices of past patriots will live on for generations to come. I am proud to be part of this great Army and have the opportunity to work alongside each Soldier. Thank you all for your service.

In Army safety, we spend a lot of time talking about off-duty accidents. This makes sense because every year a vast majority of our accidental fatalities occur away from work. For example, as of June 1, the off-duty share of all losses was a staggering 85 percent. That number illustrates two points: first, on-duty safety remains a great news story for the leaders and Soldiers with their boots on the ground in locations at home station and in our overseas theaters; and second, offduty accidents continue to be the most critical safety issue facing our Army today. On duty, our biggest gains

have been in reducing fatal Army motor vehicle accidents to unprecedented lows. In fact, as of June 6,AMV fatalities were down 80 percent from the previous year. That's an extraordinary accomplishment, especially considering the hundreds of thousands of miles driven every year in all models of AMVs, both in garrison and in theater. This statistic proves we've come a long way from the early days of our combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, when on-duty AMV losses soared to historic highs. Although safety upgrades and greater familiarity with equipment have had a lot to do with our recent successes, much of the credit is owed to superb leadership and hands-on engagement from Soldiers at all levels. Whether it's to remind another Soldier to buckle their restraint system or call out a driver who's exceeding the safe speed limit, those who do the right thing for safethe warrior ethos of never leaving a fallen comrade behind.

Given this amazing success on duty, it would be easy to assume we'd see a corresponding reduction in privately owned vehicle fatalities. Reality, however, is far different from this



assumption. Although POV fatalities have been on a downward trend the past few years and currently remain below 2010 numbers, the grim fact is nearly 70 percent of the Soldiers lost during this fiscal year have been killed after hours on civilian roadways. How can a Soldier safely drive a multi-ton vehicle during the day but lose control of a small sedan or even smaller motorcycle at night or on the weekend? There are any number of contributing factors to fatal POV accidents, but the "big three" are almost always constant — speed, failure to wear seat belts or personal protective equipment and driving under the influence of alcohol.

The question we should all be asking is why our on-duty ty show their commitment to mindset isn't transferring to the off-duty realm. Our Soldiers know what to do and our Leaders do a fantastic job in enforcboth Leaders and Soldiers must remember there is no time limit on responsibility, and their obligations to one another ex-



tend even after duty hours. Reminding a friend to buckle up or slow down is just as effective in a sedan as in a HMMWV. The key is engaging and never letting your Soldiers become complacent. Leaders should also tap into the Families within their units for support. Their access and influence make spouses and other close loved ones a great line of defense in keeping Soldiers safe.

USACR/Safety Center is to help brate our nation's birthday, I ask our Total Army Family — Lead- that you take a moment to think ers, Soldiers, Family members ing standards on the job. But and Civilians — stay safe in all they do. POV safety is obviously a primary concern and we have many driving tools available on our website, https://safety.

army.mil, but that's not all we have to offer. Be sure to check out our other products and let us know what else you need to make your safety program a success. You can start with our Safe Spring/Summer Campaign, which contains ready-made posters, videos and feature articles covering a wide range of topics related to warm weather activities

Thank you all again for what Our mission here at the you do every day. As you celeabout what more you can do to keep our Soldiers safe. Protecting our Band of Brothers and Sisters is the greatest birthday gift America could receive.

**Army Safe is Army Strong!** 

**L** What is your No. 1 safety

concern in the summer?



1st Lt. Augusto Tascon, B Co. 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt. flight student

"Water and swimming safety. People should never swim alone.'



Aerial Doaty, Fortenberry-Colton PFF recreation assistant

"Protecting skin from sun



Spc. Ronika Lockett, HHC 1st Bn., 11th Avn. Regt.

"Protecting myself from and heat



2nd Lt. Jordan Schumacher, B. Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"Avoiding heat stroke in the hotter weather.'



Lola Evangelista, Fortenberry-Colton PFF lead recreation assistant

"Staying hydrated in the heat and humidity."

# New online training tools to help prep for deployment

BY U.S. ARM

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The Army Training Network will use new online training materials that focus on brigade counterinsurgency, cultural sensitivity, and concussions and traumatic brain injuries to prepare units and Soldiers for deployment to Afghanistan.

ATN, a one-stop Army training center, is available to anyone with an Army Knowledge Online login ID or CAC card.

"In keeping with the Army Training Concept, we're taking training to Soldiers rather than Soldiers to the training," said Col. Pat White, incoming deputy commander for the U.S. Army's Combined Arms Center-Training.

Combined Arms Center-Training, or CAC-T, oversees the ATN and is part of the Training and Doctrine Com-



One of the newest strategies out there helps commanders and trainers quickly and easily develop training plans that are both task-based and event-driven. The addition is the Counterinsurgency Standards Combined Arms Training Strategy, better known as CATS.

Training in CATS can be found within the Digital Training Management System at http://dtms.army.mil, where units can view a notional 12-month training calendar that displays strategies. This helps unit leaders tailor their offerings.

The Brigade Afghan COIN Army maneuver battalions and Standards CATS translates the secretary of Defense's Novem-construction Teams deploying

ber 2010 memorandum into individual and collective COIN tasks and training events to accomplish them. For access, type CATS in the "Search ATN" field on the Army Training Network at http://atn.army. mil, and then click "Function" on the left side.

The ATN now also has a training set for Female Engagement Team representatives. These female Soldiers will deploy to Afghanistan trained to conduct culturally respectful engagement with Afghan women. This tool will facilitate the order that, after Aug. 31, all Army maneuver battalions and Joint-sourced Provincial Reconstruction Teams deploying

with Operation Enduring Freedom are required to include FET-trained personnel.

nected with the Army's War-ior Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury campaign

The innovative FET training materials are designed to help female Soldiers adapt to local customs and help improve their interactions with Afghan women. To access the training materials, click the Female Engagement Team icon on the left side of the Army Training Network home page at https://atn.army.mil, or type FET in the "Search ATN" field.

In addition to the FET materials, ATN features a new Army 360 Immersive Cultural Simulation, or ICS, training set. On the ATN home page at https://atn.army.mil, type ICS in the "Search ATN" field to access the materials, which are designed to help ensure mission success for deployed units working with local populations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Djibouti, Colombia, and Yemen.

Training materials con-

nected with the Army's Warrior Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury campaign are also new additions to the Army Training Network. The content focuses on education, training, treatment and tracking of concussion/MTBI across the force. To locate the training materials, type TBI in the "Search ATN" field.

"The Army Training Concept puts training responsibility back in the hands of the commander," said White, "and we're working to help commanders with this return to home station training."

Since its introduction two years ago, ATN has had more than 2 million visits, and usage continues to increase rapidly across the Army.

The ATN visits during May were more than double in number from the same month in 2010, and the number of visitors and user downloads both quadrupled during the same period.



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## **German pilots awarded Gold Cross of Honor**

Lt. Col. Martin C. Geller, Fort Rucker German Army Liaison Staff commander, and Sgt. Maj. Mohamed Bouhloui presented the German Gold Cross of Honor (Ehrenkreuz der Bundeswehr in Gold) to Capts. Mike Guth and Gerhard Kollmann. The medal was presented for more than 20 years of exemplary and meritorious service in performance of duty and "Loyalty of a German Soldier to their Country". Geller stated that this medal is the highest noncombat military decoration a German Soldier can receive. Guth also received a plaque for completing more than 5,000 accident free flight hours. Capt. Stefan Huebner was awarded the German Master Gold Aviation Badge and a plaque for completing 2000 flight hours. Currently, they are assigned to 1st Bn. 212th Avn. Regt. as UH-60 Black Hawk instructor pilots. During the ceremony they were accompanied by Family members, a group of International Officers, and leadership from the Wings of Freedom Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Ronald Ells. Pictured, from left, are Sgt. Maj. Juan F. Delamo, Capt. Gerhard Kollmann, CW3 Lamarius J. Failes, Capt. Mike Guth and Capt. John A. Plitsch.

# AER honors academic excellence

Recipients were awarded either the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship for dependent children or the Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program scholarship. Total awarded for school year 2011-2012 is \$19,000. For more information on Army Emergency Relief scholarship programs, log onto to www.aerhq.org.

Pictured, from left, are Mimi Brooks, AER officer; and awardees Shirelle McMillan, Kimberly Steele, Mackenzie Steele, Kerri Cisneros and Samantha Kasper.

Awardees not pictured are Blake Bullis, Britnee Landerman and Heather Gomez.



COURTESY PHOT

## Vet: Clinic also monitors food safety

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of the unit are stationed up to six hours away

"A lot of things that come easy for a traditional unit, can really challenge a veterinary unit."

Pet owners on post probably know they provide public health services for authorized customers, Samuel explained

"The best way to look at it is if you go get your medical treatment at Lyster Army Health Clinic, you can take your pets to the vet clinic." But they also provide complete veterinary care for all government-

owned animals, including military working dogs, mascots and laboratory animals

We do inspections of the military working dogs, keep up with their records, give advice on workload compared to age, cleanings and grooming. They really take care of the working dogs," Samuel

Another major aspect of their mission is food safety.

The Army is the only service that handles food inspection. So when a Navy aircraft carrier is replenished at sea, the food was inspected by a veterinary

command Soldier.

"We actually have a ship-ride program where a food inspector will be assigned to a carrier group and they will accompany the ships. They will be the only one on there; and they will be solely in charge of inspecting the food on the ship or group of ships," said Samuel. "We actually have food inspectors stationed at MRE assembly plants. They monitor the assembly of rations, doing particular inspections of the packaging to make sure that they meet standards."

have food inspectors monitor warehouses where MREs are stored, either heading downrange or back home, to make sure that storage conditions are correct to keep the food safe

Samuel said they also work closely with Preventive Medicine. "Our lines sort of cross; and here shortly we will have a new command. We will be known as the Public Health Command." The process of making the U.S. Army Public Health Command fully operational has already begun and on July 11 officials moved one Veterinary commands even step closer as U.S.Army Center for

Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine was formally reflagged as U.S. Army Public Health Command in Maryland, USAPHC, as the single point of accountability for public health, has the mission to promote health and prevent disease, injury and disability of Soldiers and military retirees, their Families, and Department of Army civilian employees; and assure effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary service for Army and Department of Defense veterinary

Samuel looks for the transformations to take full effect in January.

## Safe: Plan ahead, leave early enough to avoid traffic

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involved reports of a cell phone as a distraction.

"Safety is very important and we have, not just our safety, but the safety of others when we're behind the wheel of a car," she said. "For individuals who have children in the car, whether as passengers or as one about to start learning to drive, it's important to emulate good driving habits."

Other possible causes of traffic incidents occur when drivers become impatient in congested traffic, something that can happen at various times of day on post, said Sgt. 1st Class Ocie Conner, DPS accident investigation noncommissioned officer in charge.

"There are several 'busy' times on post, especially when people are coming on or leaving in the mornings and afternoons," he said. "These times can cause longer lines at the security gate, but those gate guards have a protocol they have to follow. A good rule of thumb is to plan ahead and leave early enough to avoid the long lines.'

Another issue Conner said people should avoid is driving too closely to another vehicle as it can lead to fender benders or worse.

"People should keep at least one-anda-half car lengths between their vehicle and the one in front of them," he said. "That gives drivers enough reaction time to see brake lights and make the ing at different times of the day and proper adjustment. We've found over the years that, any closer, drivers might not be able to stop in time and wind up hitting someone, causing injury to that person or to themselves.

Peggy Contreras, DPS community police supervisor, said drivers in the housing areas need to be especially alert during this time of year as schools are still out and children are possibly playing in those parts of the installation.

"It's important that drivers pay attention to what's going on around them. and watch for people in the crosswalks or possibly crossing the streets," she said. "Children are out for the summer and they're going to be outside play-

evening. Drivers need to go slowly through those areas because you never know when a child might dart out in front of a car. For example, if a child is chasing a ball and that ball goes into the street, they might just keep chasing after it."

Contreras added that during the last month of stormy weather, people should drive extra cautiously as downpours can make roads slick and stopping harder.

"If it's raining, people should immediately slow down," she said, "Windshield wipers and headlights should both be on during those times, even if it's during the day time hours."

## MVISC: Staff offers organizations a variety of services

Continued from Page A1 CD," he added.

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## Feeding families campaign fills food banks

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

Fort Rucker Department of Defense employees are stepping up in an effort to help the hungry.

The Feds Feed Families Food Campaign runs through Aug. 31 and is a direct response to the "United We Serve Act," signed by President Barack Obama in bringing non-perishable April 2009, calling on all Americans to contribute to the Nation's economic recovery by serving in their commu-

The Defense Department goal is 733,800

pounds and Fort Rucker employees are encouraged to do their part to achieve that goal by food items to various locations throughout post during the campaign. Donations will be transported to the post food locker and excess donations will be taken to local food banks and

homeless shelters.

According to Edwin "Mike" Burden, Army Service Community Financial Readiness Program Manager who heads up the campaign, donation drop-off points will be located at the Commissary, Main Post Chapel, Wings Chapel, Soldier Service Center, HHC 1st Avn. Bde. Food

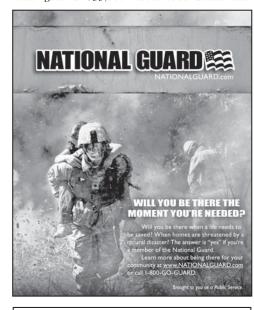
Neighborhood Centers.

"This year's campaign theme is 'Feeding Families One Fed at a Time' and Fort Rucker employees have a history of generosity and selfless service when it comes to caring for those in need," Burden

ic crisis coupled with natural disasters facing our communities across our nation has greatly impacted our food bank supplies — the demand for food has been increasing while contributions simultaneously

vilian Personnel Policy and Defense campaign chair.

"We are proud to support this food drive. This campaign gives us the opportunity not only to help others, but to showcase what it have decreased," said means to be a true pub-Pat Tamburrino, Jr., lic servant and encour-Deputy Assistant Secre- age others to particitary of Defense for Ci- pate," Burden said.



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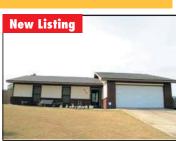
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#### **ARMY BRIEFS**

#### **COURT ORDERS HALT** TO 'DON'T ASK, DON'T

TELL' ENFORCEMENT WASHINGTON - The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the government to stop enforcing the terms of the law that prevents openly gay service members from being in the military.

The Defense Department will comply and is informing commands worldwide of the court's order, Pentagon spokesman Marine Corps Col. Dave Lapan said.

The court lifted a stay put in place Nov. 1. DoD and Justice Department lawyers are studying the

The stay was put in place after 9th Circuit Judge Virginia Phillips ruled the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law was unconstitutional. The case went to a three-judge panel on the Court of Appeals, which released its ruling today.

Since the court issued the stay in November, Congress passed and President Barack Obama signed repeal of the 1993

"In the meantime, implementation of the DADT repeal voted by the Congress and signed into law by the president last December is proceeding smoothly, is well under way, and certification is just weeks away," Lapan said.

The repeal act calls for training the force and for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the secretary of defense to certify to the president that the conditions for repeal are met.

#### **ARMY'S IWATCH VIDEO WINS 2 TELLY AWARDS**

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, June 30, 2011) -- A public service announcement for the Army's iWATCH program won two Telly Awards June 13.

Telly Awards honor the best local, regional and cable television commercials and programs plus video and film productions and Web content. The promotion for the almost year-old iWATCH

-- a program similar to neighborhood watch except it targets terrorism on installations -- won Commercial Bronze Awards for "Public Service" and "Videography/Cinematography."

"It gets to the heart of the matter. It's a 60-second shot and it grabs people's attention -- 'Hey, this could happen," said Alex Mascelli, chief of the Office of the Provost Marshal General's antiterrorism branch.

The PSA for iWATCH informs the Army community what suspicious activity looks like. The announcement uses the example of an unmarked package and reminds witnesses to contact local military police or law enforcement if they see anything suspicious.

The goal of iWATCH is to make "every person a sensor," on installations and beyond.



Soldiers in the Mobile Training Team Air Assault Course guide the rappel ropes from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 25th Avn. Regt., "Diamond Head," 25th CAB, on the East Range Complex near Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, May 24.

#### Benning team trains Pacific region troops

BY SGT. DANIEL SCHROEDER

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD, Hawaii — For anyone who has heard stories of the air assault school or course, two words can be heard more than anything else during the time spent attending, "air assault!"

Recently, Soldiers from all over the Pacific region were able to attend the air assault course at the East Range Training Complex on Schofield Barracks, which was taught by B Company, Air Assault Mobile Training Team from Fort Benning, Ga.

"It was a great course," said Spc. Richard Earl, a petroleum supply specialist assigned to E Co., 3rd Battalion, 25th General Support Aviation Regiment,

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PHOTO BY SGT. CRAIG ANDERSON

## UPPLY DROP

An Alaska National Guard flight crew makes a supply drop on a frozen runway in the Alaskan village of Nulato April 16. The re-supply teams are a key element in the support of the Operation Arctic Care 2011 mission.

## ScanEagle provides eye in the sky

BY SPC. DARRIEL SWATTS 40th Combat Aviation Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — A small, raptor-like unmanned aerial system called the ScanEagle is providing Soldiers in Iraq with an ever-vigilant eye in the sky.

ScanEagles launched from Camp Taji are proving their worth by identifying possible threats and providing overwatch security for troops on the ground.

"When you are on the ground, you don't know what is coming up 10 miles ahead of you. You're just not going to see that far with the naked eye," said Sgt. Michael Diamondson, an Arlington, Texas native and the mission commander for ScanEagle Operations at Camp Taji. "But, when you have a bird up at 4,000 feet zooming in on what's going on ahead of you, he's going to be able to identify things that are going on and notify you immediately if something is out of the ordinary, giving you plenty of time to take the proper course of action to handle the upcoming situation."



Sgt. Michael Diamondson, the mission commander for ScanEagle Operations, is seen here at Camp Taji, Iraq, with a ScanEagle unned aerial system.

The ScanEagle Operations is made up of eight Soldiers scan routes to make sure they team is attached to the 8th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, which is part of the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade, currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.The ScanEagle team

from the 8th ARB, 229th Avn. Regt. and the 6th Squadron, 17th Calvary Regiment, as well as several civilian contractors.

"Some of the things we do with the ScanEagle are survey areas for our supporting units. We

are clear, and point out anything suspicious, and we provide overwatch security," said Spc. Jonathan Bogasky, a ScanEagle operator from Nashville, Tenn. "It's a

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"Hammerhead," 25th Combat Aviation Brigade."I thought it was going to be tough, but I did not expect it to be this hard."

The air assault course is comprised of Day Zero and three phases. On Day Zero, the participants conduct an inventory of equipment, navigate through the obstacle course, conduct a physical fitness test and receive extra fitness training throughout the day.

Phase One covers the different airframes of the Army and safety in all aspects of the course and tasks to be performed.

"Phase One was the technical part of the course, but still important for what the class encompasses," said Earl.

Phase Two begins the hands-on part of the training. The Soldiers are tested on the various sling loads used by Army aircraft. Also during Phase Two, the Soldiers are tested on proper hand and arm signals for ground guiding aircraft and proper hookup procedures.

"Phase Two was my next big obstacle to overcome, mainly the exam," said Staff Sgt. Cain Hennings, Headquarters Support Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th CAB. "The class is hard. The class started at about 300 soldiers, now we are down close to 210 people."

"The Phase Two exam is composed of inspecting various sling loads and hand and arm signals for ground guiding aircraft," said Sgt. Kyle Lewis, Phase Two senior instructor, B Company, Mobile Training Team Air Assault Course." Phase Two is the phase where the students will learn the most for use after this course.'

Upon completion of Phase Two, the Soldiers move right into Phase Three which begins the rappelling instruction block. During Phase Three, the class is required to successfully tie a Swiss seat, hook in properly, and complete four different rappels for the duration of the phase.

Upon successful completion of Phase Three, the students then have one more obstacle to tackle, the 12-mile ruck

"The only thing that could prepare you for the 12-mile ruck march, is by going out and doing it in your spare time," said

The 25th CAB enrolled 238 Soldiers in the two air assault classes held on the East Range Training Complex. Of the 238 who attended, only 176 soldiers graduated from the course.

"It was a great opportunity to come out here and teach this class to Soldiers and airmen who would have had to travel long distances for this course," said Lewis.

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cation, identify what was going on, were able to see how many people were were doing at that time. "Recently, we were Seeing all of that allowed convoy of the threat and take care of that threat."

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## ACS helps Families transition into military life

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

Being new to the Army can be challenging for some, but Army Community Service is hoping to make the transition easier for spouses and Fam-

Rucker Experience, Army Learning is a new addition to Army Family Team Building organized by Shellie Kelly, ACS AFTB program manager, and Christin James, AFTB volunteer program manager.

R.E.A.L.'s first meeting takes place July 28 at The Commons, Bldg. 8950 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will cover topics like acronyms, Army customs and courtesies, military rank and community resources, James said.

"I think just about anybody could benefit from taking this class," she said. "Our goal is to really educate people about Fort Rucker and what it has to offer. A lot of people come here and this is their first duty station and they don't know what to do, so this could better prepare them for their time here and what to do when they move on to their next destination.'

James added that this class won't be like a typical "class" that someone might sign up for.

"We want people to know this won't be 'death by Power Point,'" she said. "We're going to make it more of a conversation so it's going to be very interactive.

Kelly added that attendees could also wind up making several new friends through the class and those might just be friends for life.

"This is a small group format, we're keeping it to about 12 in a class," she said. "That helps it feel more like a conversation than a class. We've also found that a lot of women want to take a yoga class at one of the physical fitness facilities, but don't want to walk in alone. This class could help them make a new friend that would

While the class is aimed at younger spouses, it can also be beneficial for spouses with more experience, too, experienced spouses can also impart



Kelly continued.

"After 26 years in the military as a spouse, it's the relationships and toughest times," she said. "The more

a lot of wisdom and knowledge onto a monthly event with the first on July those new to Army Aviation and could 28 and the next scheduled for August even make some new friends in the friendships that got me through the process. So the class is good for more people than just new spouses."

Kelly said the class is planned to be 255-2382.

Advanced registration for the class is required and can be done by calling

## Job fair breaks the ice for employment seekers

BY RUSSELL SELLERS Army Flier Staff Writer

bs.com won't have to worry about snow and ice putting their annual job fair on hold July 20 as it did in January.

Snow and ice storms in Atlanta grounded several flights in January, which kept many companies who planned to participate in the job fair from making the trip to the installation.

Now, the companies and ACAP officials are ready to get things moving for those seeking post-military employment with the third annual Job Fair at The Landing. Preregistration begins at 9 a.m. with the fair beginning at 10 a.m.

"Unfortunately we had to reschedule back in January, but this organization always does a great job for us," said Bryan Tharpe, ACAP Transition Services manager, "We're really looking forward to hosting it again."

The job fair is open only to those currently serving in the military, their Families and retirees, Tharpe said. This gives those who are preparing to



Military spouse Katelyn Jaber fills out a job application at Fort Rucker's Job Fair last year at The Landing.

to find work once they leave.

"The companies coming down for the fair are specifically looking for the type of experience one would gain by being in the military," he said. "That gives our Soldiers leave the military a real chance and Aviators a real chance to

get out there and make a solid connection"

Companies like Army Fleet Support, Aerotek, American Eurocopter, ProTrain and Boeing are just a few of the companies already signed up to have representatives at the fair, Tharpe said.

He added that those companies coming to the fair, are looking for people to hire, not just to collect résumés.

"Not all of it is geared just toward Aviators, though," he said."Companies are also look-

ing to fill administrative, sales, engineering, maintenance, medical and driving positions as well.

According to civlianjobs. com, all military and prior-military may pre-register online at the website and be matched with companies based on career and geographic preferences.

"If they preregister online, that gives the companies a chance to look at them early," Tharpe said. "By preregistering, if there are companies looking for your specific skills, they can go ahead and schedule interview time at the fair which could lead to faster results."

Attendees should bring five to 10 copies of their updated résumés and should dress appropriately for the event, he added.

"Dressing in their (Army Combat Uniform) is ok for Soldiers, but others should consider dressing in their Sunday best."Tharpe said. "It's not just about landing a job; it can also be about networking and making a good impression."

For more information, call 255-3932 or visit civlianjobs.

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#### Meet a knight

A Medieval Times knight is on post Wednesday at the Leisure Travel office from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Patrons can find out what it takes to be chosen as a knight, how knights train for battle on foot and on horseback and why coming to his castle at Medieval Times is a trip you will remember for the rest of your life.

People can brign their camera to have a photo taken with the knight. For more information, call 255-2997.

#### **Donations needed**

The Thrift Shop is moving and is in need of donated items. People can drop off donations at the shed behind the newThrift Shop location, the old Armed Forces Bank, in front of the theater. Donations are tax deductible. The new Thrift Shop location opens July 20. For more information. call 255-9595.

#### **Ball and Chain Party** Band

The Ball and Chain Party Band performs Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in The Landing Zone. For 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. at Mother Rucker's. The event is free and open to the public. Courtesy rides home will be available to those who live on post. 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. 371F. For more information, call 255-2382.

#### Communications for Couples

A couples communication workshop is July 20

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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 Family. 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 cause 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 Family. For more information, call

#### Acting rehearsals, workshops

For children with dreams of acting on the big stage the Missoula Children's Theater hosts auditions July 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the post theater to act in a production of Wiz of the West. Rehearsals will follow from 4-6 p.m. that day and then July 26-30 at The Commons.

Additionally, the theater hosts acting workshops, including an improvisation workshop July 26 from 3-3:45 p.m., an Acting 101 workshop July 27 from 3-3:45 p.m., and a developing community theater workshop July 28 from 5-5:45 p.m. at The Com-

mons. All workshops are free and open to everyone.

Youth can pre-register for auditions at parent central services, on Webtrac or in person on July 25. For more information, call 255-0666.

#### Wiz of the West

Child, Youth and School Services, in association with Missoula Children's of the West" — the classic 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.

#### Get R.E.A.L.

Army Family Team Building staff hosts Rucker Experience, Army Learning July 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons. Topics include acronyms. Army customs and courtesies, military rank, community resources and more. Registration is required. ation office, Bldg. 5700, Ste. For more information, call

#### 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 Aug. 27 from 6-7 p.m.

For more information andto register, call 255-9810.

#### Becoming a Love and Logic Parent Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program's Becoming a Love and Logic Parent classes are Thursdays from Aug. 4 through Sept. 15 from 9-11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center.

This workshop is a seven part series. Participants Theater, presents "The Wiz must attend all classes in order to receive a certifistory "The Wizard of Oz" cate of completion. This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, civilian employees and Family. For more information, call 255-3898.

#### **BOSS Presents** Committed

Committed, winners of NBC's show The Sing Off, perform live Aug. 13 from 6-8 p.m. following the Top 12 performers of Rockin' Rucker's Talent Show at the post theater.

Tickets are \$12 in advance at the Directorate of Family, Morale. Welfare and Recre 350. Tickets are \$15 on the night of the event.

For more information, call 379-4594 or 255-9810.

## **DFMWR Spotlight**



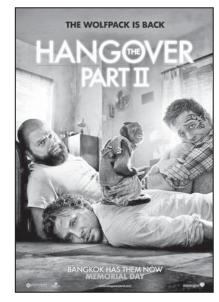


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## FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for July 14 - 17



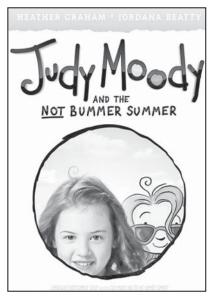
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Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) ...... 7 p.m.



SUNDAY, JULY 17

Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer

(PG) ...... 7 p.m.

## Defeating cancer — mission complete

BY SUE ULIBARRI

FORT BENNING, Ga. Cpl. Austin Saunders, a gun team leader with C Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, admits he's a bit of a competitive guy. He likes to reach his goals, whatever the odds; "mission complete" is his credo.

In March 2010, the odds seemed to stack up against him when at the age of 20 he was diagnosed with lymphadenitis, a cancer of the lymph nodes. The devastating news came just two years into his enlistment contract as a member of the Army's elite 75th Ranger Regiment.

"I've always focused on my short-term goals in order to accomplish my long-term goals. I like a challenge, and I like to win," he said. "So when I was diagnosed with cancer, my first thought was - this is going to interfere with my plans to get my Ranger tab and deploy with my guys."

Saunders, a Grayson, Ga., native, set his sights on becoming a member of the Regiment shortly after high school. At the time he considered it his long term goal.

sports while in school, so my competitiveness always kept me focused on being on the winning team. After high school I knew I wanted to be part of the 'best,' which lead me to joining the Army to be a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment," he said.

When he found out about the cancer, to him, overcoming cancer became his short-term challenge.

"I was diagnosed February 2010, but it really didn't hit me until I started chemo therapy. Then pened, I felt like I was I realized this is serious stuff," he said. Saunders' painful reality of cancer came in the form of five Regiment, and working days of continuous, aggressive chemotherapy



Cpl. Austin Saunders, a gun team leader with C Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, endured five months of aggressive chemotherapy, after being diagnosed with lymphadenitis, a cancer of the lymph nodes in February 2010. His drive to endure and ultimately survive cancer was to fulfill his long-term goal of becoming a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment.

treatments administered every other week for five months at Emory Hospital in Atlanta.

(chemothera-"The "I played a lot of py) treatments I went through were pretty aggressive. Most patients over the age of 25 won't be able to handle the high toxicity levels, but pretty much made up my mind to go through whatever it takes to beat this," he said.

The treatments Saunders received were clinical trials limited to patients with a history of physical fitness and mental toughness. Saunders was an ideal candidate based on his conditioning at the Regiment.

"Before all this hapmoving steadily along in reaching my goal," he said. "I was at the toward going through RASP (the Ranger As-

sessment Program) and then to Ranger School. My unit was gearing me up physically and mentally for it, I was so ready.

"When I was diagnosed (with cancer), I looked at it as yet another challenge to overcome. I took one day at a time. I just kept reminding myself - I'm going to beat this, get my (Ranger) tab and deploy with my guys," he said.

Saunders admits the treatment was the hardest thing he's ever faced and his drive alone wasn't all that pulled him through.

"My mom was there every day, she took care of all the details during treatment, so I could stay focused. My unit also called every day to get my status and check on how I was doing. The support I had from my

family and the Regiment

really helped me make

it through each day," he

said. Saunders underwent the chemotherapy sessions successfully, but still had a long road to assimilating back into his unit. Containing his eagerness to jump back into things with his remaining physical limitations was his next big challenge.

"His (Saunders) resolve after going through the treatment process has inspired many of the Rangers especially

younger guys in his squad," said Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Horsager, platoon sergeant, 3rd Platoon, C Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

"Our biggest challenge was getting the paperwork through to clear him to do all the physical activities. He was so motivated and eager to press forward and fall right back into the tempo here," Horsager said.

As the health clearances made their way back to the unit, Saunders wasted no time getting back after it - eightmile battalion runs with body armor and various combat related tasks, were things he missed and anxiously wanted to do as he knew this was the training he needed to ready himself for Ranger School. By February, he was fully recovered and medically cleared to attend Ranger School.

"I have to admit surviving Ranger School is a whole lot easier than surviving cancer," he said smiling. "Everyone says that it's one of the toughest schools physically and mentally, and it is, but my unit prepared me for the physical challenge. The mental part was tough too, only because I knew that my unit was prepping to deploy and I knew I'd miss the deployment," Saunders said.

"That's what it's all about - training, staying mentally focused and getting your skills down to be a player on the best team out there (75th Ranger Regiment). I wanted to be with the team in that fight," he said.

It's been close to a

gan and the prognosis is good. According to doctors at Emory, if the cancer does not return within one year, he has a 98 percent chance of enjoying the rest of his life cancer free.

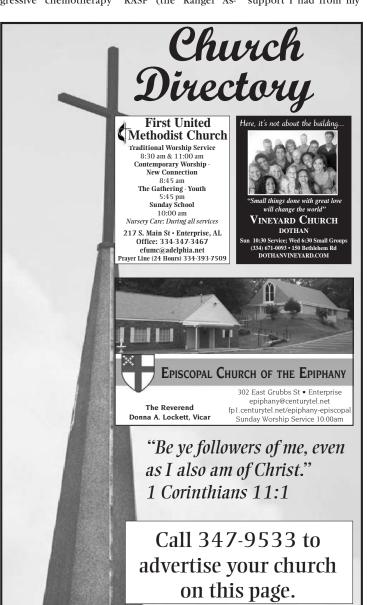
"Here is someone who could have taken the easy way out," said Horsager. "When (Saunders) was first diagnosed, he was offered to be medically discharged with benefits. He could have taken it and called it quits. He knew what he wanted. He endured an incredible hardship and sacrifice to be here. This is the type of guy you want on your team.

Since Saunders recoverv, he's taken every challenge set before him and excelled.

"He (Saunders) got back to the Regiment and we promoted him to corporal based on his leadership, motivation and willingness to lead men in the right direction. I see him moving far in his career. Whatever he sets his sights on he'll get there. He's and inspiration and a great motivator," said Horsager.

Saunder's long-term goal is to move up within the Special Operations community, and take on more challenges. Right now he's working on a new short-term goal, serving as the senior gun team leader for the junior guys in his squad.

"I tell the young guys in the squad facing challenges, it could always be worse - trust me," said Saunders. "I try to show them the right way to do things through leading them in the right direction so they can say







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#### DALEVILLE

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**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

#### DOTHAN

TODAY AND JULY 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.

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

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 Face-

#### **GENEVA**

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> Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

#### **NEW BROCKTON**

ONGOING - Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school.

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

#### OZARK

ONGOING - Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities is looking for artists to participate in its Back Street Art at Claybank Jamboree outdoor art show. In conjunction with the Ozark Chamber of Commerce and the Potting Shed, the Back Street Art show is the first outdoor art show held at annual Claybank celebration in many years.

This show will be juried and cash awards will be presented the day of the show. For more information and an entry form, visit www.ruddartcenter.org. Com plete the entry form and return the last

page to: backstreetart2011@gmail.com or mail to DCCAH,ATTN: Back Street Art, 144 E. Broad St., Ozark AL 36360. Entry fee and form must be received not later than Sept. 14. Call Denise Reyes at (334) 618-3006 with questions or for more information.

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

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 RuddArt 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.

#### **PINCKARD**

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

For more information, call 983-3064.

#### SAMSON

ONGOING - 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

#### TROY

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.

OCT 7-8 — Pioneer Days is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pioneer Museum of Alabama. The event features horse and wagon rides, trips on the Pioneer Express, Native American camps with demonstrations of candlemaking, spinning, weaving, quiltmaking, blacksmithing, drum, dance and more. Fore more information, call 566-3597

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

The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, finger foods and refreshments. For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

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

#### painting, drawing, jewelry design, clay, **Beyond Briefs** mosaics, weaving, quilting and wood carving, taught by regional artists. Jazz in the Afternoon Applications are available at the Artscape Gallery and online at www.

HMCPL and the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society present "Jazz in the Afternoon" video series in conjunction with the annual Jazz-N-June Festival today at HMCPL Main Branch, second floor events room, 915 Monroe Street, in Huntsville.

During each session there will be videos that feature the best of jazz music from John Coltrane to Stan Getz to Billy Holiday followed by group discus-

These programs are appropriate for both adults and youth.

For more information, call (256) 532-2362 or visit: hmcpl.org/ events/2011-06/jazz-afternoon-series.

#### Art camp for children

The Council of Arts, Inc., presents two art camps for children now through July 22 In Pell City.

Every summer the council provides educational outreach for children ages 8-15. Participants try art forms such as councilofthearts.org. Completed applications may be submitted in person or by mail to Council of the Arts, P.O. Box 1796, Pell City, AL, 35125.

#### Native American pottery workshop

People may join nationally renowned potter, Tammy Beane, from 10 a.m.to noon at Fort Payne Saturday to learn how pottery was made on Lookout Mountain thousands of years ago.

The clay, as well as bone needles and paddles to make designs on pots will be provided. Pre-registration is recommended.

For more information, call (256) 782-5697 or visit http://epic.jsu.edu.

#### Advanced rappelling class

An advanced rappelling class is available now through July 25 at True Adventure Sports in Fort Payne from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The class reviews rappelling basics then teaches advanced rappelling. The class teaches special rigging, mechanical advantage, ascending and rope walking, alternate rappel devices, changeovers, advanced knots, safety procedures, special gear and backup

Participants also do several rappels and a change over before returning to the store for the rappelling test and knot exam. Cost is \$125 per person with a three-person minimum.

A Class 2 rappelling card is issued upon successful completion of class and exams. For more information, call (256) 997-9577 or visit www. trueadventuresports.com.

#### **Gulf Coast Ethnic and** Heritage Jazz Festival

The Gulf Coast Ethnic and Heritage Jazz Festival is Aug. 4-7 in Mobile.

The event is a festive mix of culture education, poetry and music awaits visitors to this coastal city. The weekend continues with jam sessions and jazz in the square, all featuring national, regional and local artists.

For more information, call (251) slossfurnaces.com.

473-5020 or visit www.gcehjazzfest. com for ticket prices and a schedule

#### Stokin' The Fire BBQ Festival

Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark plays host to the seventh annual Stokin' the Fire Barbecue Festival at the historic Sloss Furnaces Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The competition consists of all amateur teams, allowing for over 80 local barbecue teams to compete for the "braggin' rights" to the best Q in Birmingham.

Grill masters compete in two divisions: backyard grillers (graded by volunteer and KCBS judges), and the People's Choice competition (judged by the public).

In addition to the barbecue battles, the festival includes art demonstrations provided by the Sloss Furnaces metal arts staff, live popular musicians known around the southeast, Cajun dancing demonstrations and barbecue sampling during the People's Choice competition. VIP tickets available.

For more information, visit www.

## Brothers serve combined half century

BY CAPT. JASON BECK Combined Joint Task Force 1 — Afgbanistan

That's how long Sgt. 1st Class Tim Fiedler Jr., and brother's vacated position his younger brother Staff as supply sergeant, a role Sgt. Rich Fiedler, combined he has filled since 2007. have served not just in the pany, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment.

to serve in the National Guard for 29 years, and Rich to serve for 22 years? One might guess carrying on a family tradition or a lifelong desire to be a Sol-

honestly. "I got in for the college money."

The college money may have gotten them in the Guard, but both brothers said it is a sense of family that kept them in A Co. all these years later.

"A Co. is a pretty tight knit group,"Tim explained. "Some of the people have been here a long time. Working with the younger guvs for me has been enjovable. I could have retired before I came over. I didn't have to come but this is something I wanted to do. I enjoy it."

"I met the Fiedlers through the Guard," Sgt. David Tielbar, the company's senior radio telephone operator, who also served in A Co. for 22 vears, said. "I've had them both as team and squad leaders, but we're family this company is a family. We've watched the company grow and shrink, but we always stuck together. They'll tell me like it is, and I respect their honesty. But above it all, they care about the company's Soldiers."

Tim said he sold cars for a brief period of time following college, but Rich said, aside from a few part time jobs, he has never worked outside A Co.and the Iowa National Guard.

Neither brother said they thought when they joined they would be still in the Guard two and three decades later.

"I hated Camp Ripley," Tim said. "We went to our annual training there every year and it rains and it's horrible. In fact, when I re-enlisted they offered a nice little bonus of \$5,000 for six years.

"I wasn't going to re-enlist and the recruiter asked why. I told him I don't want to go to Camp Ripley. So they made me a deal for two years I didn't have to go to Camp Ripley. One year I went to the primary leadership course, and one vear I did recruiting duty instead."

Tim, now A Co.'s acting first sergeant said, still he wound up going back to Camp Ripley about 25 more times anyway.

A third Fiedler brother. Kenny, also served in A Co., but got out after nine years with the National Guard.

Younger brother Rich said he followed Tim's lead in the Iowa National Guard in many ways.

"I joined because Tim and Kenny joined, and they went to college and I wanted to do the same things," Rich, 39, said,

Both brothers enlisted as infantrymen and held some of the same positions within the unit.

"The Fiedler brothers have been the company's supply sergeants for the past 16 years," Rich said.

Since 1988, Tim served as a full-time Active Guard Reserve Soldier, and Rich served full-time since 2002. Tim served six year as the administrative clerk, then

as the company's supply sergeant for the following 12 years. After Tim went on to become the readi-LAGHMAN PROVINCE, ness noncommissioned Afghanistan — Fifty years. officer platoon sergeant, Rich stepped in to fill his

Before then, Rich served Iowa National Guard, but as an intelligence analyst in the same unit, A Com- for the state's counter drug task force, an assignment he said he looks upon as So what drove Tim the highlight of his military career thus far.

"It's a federally funded project. Every state has one," Rich explained. "That was probably the most fun I've had in the Guard. I didn't have to wear a "Nope," Tim, 47, said, uniform or shave and got to do a lot of neat operations, working with differ-

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ent agencies like the Drug Enforcement Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Tim said he is living the highlight of his career right now, serving as the company's first sergeant while on a combat deployment to Afghanistan. It is also the first time he has deployed with his brother

"It's always been a dream to be the first sergeant, but my full-time AGR job prevented me from doing that," Tim said. "But being the acting first sergeant of an infantry company at Combat Outpost Najil is a pretty big accomplishment for me. With all the things we accomplished here, it was really reward-



Staff Sot. Rich Fiedler, left, a supply sergeant with A Co., 1st Bn., 133rd Inf. Regt., and his brother, Sot. 1st Class Tim Fiedler, right, the acting first sergeant of A Co., sit together June 14 at Combat Outpost Najil in Laghman province, Afghanistan

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### ISLAMIC PRAYERS AND PROGRAMS

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

#### PROTESTANT CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SERVICES

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

### COLLECTIVE PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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Fighter gives III Corps veteran presence

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#### SPORTS SHORTS

#### **NASCAR TICKETS** OFFERED AT LEISURE TRAVEL

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.

#### **ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

Ultimate Frisbee pick-up games are 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 nlow-in-the-dark halls 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 are closed Sundays. They are located in the Youth Sports Complex on Fifth Avenue between the post office and the youth football field. For more information, call 255-9105.

#### 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

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Larry Cornell, Fort Rucker Archery Club president, lines up his shot on a 3-D target at the Fort Rucker Archery Range July 7. The Archery Club presents the Southeast Alabama 3-D Archery Shoot Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Registration is at 8 a.m.

## Hitting the mark

## Archers prepare for weekend 3-D shoot

BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Shooting in 3-D isn't reserved for just the movie theaters this summer, according to Fort Rucker Archery Club members.

Those looking to get into the middle of the action, liter- the shoot ally, have the opportunity to Alabama 3-D Archery Shoot at the Fort Rucker Archery Range Saturday.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m. with the shoot starting at 9 a.m., said Larry Cornell, Archery Club president. The event is open to the public and anyone with their own archery equipment is welcomed to participate. Cost of participation is \$20 for ages there will also be food 9 and above and free for children 8 and under.

"It's a shoot for traditional archery and compound bow shooters." Cornell said. "It's a good opportunity to get outdoors and to see that Fort Rucker has a great archery range for those who are interested in the hobby or for bow hunters who want to keep their skills sharp."

Cornell added that more shooters come out to the club in the summer months to keep in practice while waiting for deer season to begin again. Others come out to learn the practice because hunting with a gun is "too easy."

"This provides a bigger challenge for hunters," he said. shoot."

"That's why a lot of people get involved with bow hunting in bership drive for the club the first place. But, it's also a great way to get outdoors and a chance to see what the Arhave fun."

the club and to the winners of

keep while the other half goes to the prize for the winners," Cornell added.

The tournament consists of multiple divisions ranging and it's a great from "cub" to "unlimited." The range is all wooded with some up-hill, down-hill and tree stand terrain. The event will feature 25 3-D targets and and drinks available, Cornell said.

The shoot is also continuing the tradition of the club that Howard Beeson, club treasurer and secretary, has kept alive since arriving at Fort Rucker in 1970.

"About 70 percent of our membership is from military people living and working on post," Beeson said. "We have only a few outside civilians, but it is open to anyone who wants to come out and

The event also acts a memas it give those coming out chery Range has to offer and The organization is a non- allows them to meet with curprofit and all the money gained rent club members and estabthrough entry fees will go into lish new friendships, Cornell

Sgt. 1st Class James Frost has "Half of the money goes to been a club member for more at a new post is the archery participate in the Southeast pay for things the club needs than a year and said he and his range. I've seen ranges that like targets and equipment up- children will attend the shoot aren't kept up at all and I've Family event for them.

"There's going to be several Families out here shooting

spend time with your Family," he said.

Frost said he's been to several other ranges at different military installations, but has rarely seen an archery range as well kept as Fort Rucker's.

"It's the best range I've ever seen in the Army," he said. "One of the first stops I make Saturday because it's a great seen this where there's a lot of care put into it."

> For more information, call 347-4990, 389-6135 or 931-302-6406.



## Down Time











#### Just Like Cats & Dogs



 $t\!e\!st$  by Fifi Rodriguez PHILOSOPHY: "Moderation

Roman dramatist? 2. HISTORY: The Russo-German Non-Aggression Pact of 1939 helped pave the way for what major historical

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3. ASTRONOMY: Ganymede is the largest moon of what planet?

4. WORLD LEADERS: A prince or king called a "maharajah" likely would be found in which country? 5. GEOGRAPHY: What country is

nearest to the Gulf of Carpentaria? 6. LITERATURE: Where do most of the Hobbits live?

7. MUSIC: What singing duo originally called themselves Tom and Jerry? 8. ARCHITECTURE: Who designed

the Jefferson Memorial? 9. LANGUAGE: What does the term

"noblesse oblige" mean?

10 RELIGION: Who was a founding influence in the Presbyterian Church?

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## Super Crossword STEP SAVER Pet Shop Boys 4 Brit. fliers 5 Rob Roy's uncle 6 Basilica features 7 Director Kazan

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numbers from one to nine.

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*\*

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

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Kid's Corner

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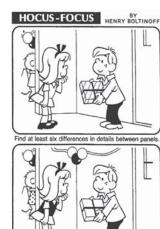
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### CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what Paul Revere said when he finished his famous ride. ODDS AND ENDS! ?????=16

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IT'S MAGIC! Use the following 10 numbers to fill in our Magic Square (8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21 and 24.) The numbers, in each horizontal row and vertical column, should total 63. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.





Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Thorton, HSC, III Corps, attempts to get Sgt. James Bruner in an arm-bar during combatives practice June 24, 2011, at the Kieschnick Physical Fitness Center on Fort Hood, Texas. Thorton, a two-time Combatives champion, is a well-rounded fighter, but considers his strongest skill to be striking.

# Combatives

## Fighter gives III Corps veteran presence

BY PFC. CODY BARBER 11th PAD

FORT HOOD, Texas — On a fight night in Hawaii in 2008, a squad volunteered their platoon sergeant into the ring as a joke. But it wasn't a joke for his opponent, who ended up with a broken nose and collarbone.

"I was scared until he threw the first kick," Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Thorton said. "Once he threw the first kick and missed, I went into a fight or flight (mode), and that's when the button turned on, and I had to actually fight."

For Thorton, that was his first exposure to Army combatives.

He is now a two-time champion of the Fort Hood Combatives Tournament, with an overall record of 14-2, with his two losses coming at last year's All-Army Tournament where he finished fourth.

Thorton, assigned to Headquarters Support Company, III Corps Special Troops Battalion, is the oldest fighter on the team at 36. Because of that, Thorton has to face quicker and more agile fighters, but he said it's not a challenge

9. Those of high rank or birth are obligated to be honorable, generous

10. John Calvin

advantage."Thorton said. "I have a mental edge on them because I'm older. I know what it takes to be a champion, and it's how I win all the time."

He listed five components that a fighter must have; Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, wrestling, kickboxing, boxing and Muay Thai. Thorton said striking is the strongest arsenal he has in his tool bag.

"I look to stand up and trade punches," Thorton said of preferring to stand toe-to-toe and duke it out."I like to send them straight down the pipe."

Thorton added that once someone gets punched in the face, they won't

As the noncommissioned officerin-charge of the III Corps Combatives team, Thorton said he plays an important role for the Soldiers.

"As the NCIOC I have a lot of responsibilities," Thorton said looking around the Kieschnick Physical Fitness Center. the home to the III Corps Combatives team. "I have to take care of the Soldiers and make sure the training facility is the best in the Army."

Thorton then added that he is also the team's attitude.

of attitude that we are the best and in semi-finals at the Fort Hood Tournaalways give a 110 percent. When you bring that sort of attitude, everyone feeds off of it and starts to believe. Once you believe, you can do anything."

Last year his team won the All-Army Tournament. Thorton said he's confident that they will win the tournament again this year, which will be hosted at Fort Hood, July 20-23, 2011.

"Last year we had a recipe for success that no one knew about,"Thorton said. "This year, the team is going to have a repeat and have another victory. I think the team is tougher, and we have the right coaches, and we have the right amount of work."

When asked if Thorton sees himself as a role model for the other fighters, he said "no."

Kristopher Perkins, the III Corps Combatives director, disagreed.

"He is the guy who is setting the standards," Perkins said. "He is setting the standard to a professional level, and even after he leaves, the standard will

One of the younger Soldiers he teaches on the team is Sgt. James Brun-"I give them a sense of attitude,"Thor- er, Company B, 615th Aviation Support the Warriors Ethos, and I always give "As an older fighter I have a mental ton said." They get sucked into a sense Battalion, who he fought and defeated 110 percent in everything."

ment this year.

Thorton said he realized how much talent Bruner had and offered him a spot on the team.

"You learn a lot about someone when you fight them," Thorton said. "I took him under my wing because I knew this guy has something we can teach."

Bruner has been a part of the combatives team for two months and he said that the experience he is gaining here from all the fighters, especially Thorton, has really helped him.

"He's a good fighter," Bruner said. "I've learned a lot from him, and he has a lot of good knowledge to share.'

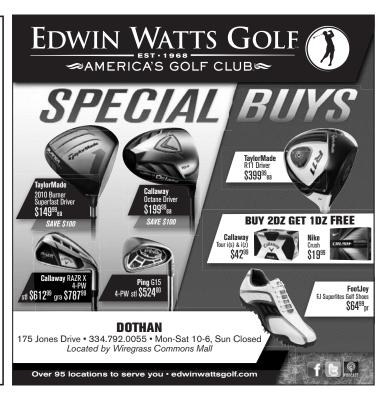
Even though Thorton has beaten Bruner in the past, Bruner says that with all the skills he is learning, he will eventually take Thorton down.

"One day," Bruner said with a smile, "I will get him."

Thorton has been fighting for three years and considers himself a natural fighter, which to him means that he never gives up.

"I always have the will to win," Thorton said. "I am always embedded with





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

## NCAA continues legacy of good sports action

BY JIM VAN SLYKE

The good news is that we know college football players never go on strike. So year after year we can cheer on our favorite college teams to victory. From year to year, players change on those teams, but other than the uniform change, not much is different on the field. The same goes for college football video games so we always have to ask, "Do we really need another college football video game if we got last year's version?"

This year the answer is yes.

"NCAA Football 12" doesn't revolutionize the game, but the changes that have been added make a significant difference. The game on the field hasn't changed much with the exception of an enhanced tackling engine, but this year the gamer can create a more personalized experience. Lots of the game can be tweaked to fit the gamer's preferences everything including conference sizes in online leagues is up for grabs.

The Dynasty mode has undergone some impressive improvements, including the option for the gamer to start as an offensive or defensive coordinator and trying to earn the attention of colleges looking for head coaches after the

season is over. "NCAA Football 2012" also includes a lot of authentic college game day traditions such as the Sooner Schooner and seeing the bulldog Uga whenever Georgia makes a big play.

As the game we can count on - in the video game and in real life - "NCAA Football 2012" is the place to enjoy the

Reviewed on the Xbox 360







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#### 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 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 opento-the-public facility.

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