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## NEWSLINES

### FIGHTING FIRES

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment went into firefighter mode to protect their work environment and their post at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.  
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### MEDAL OF HONOR

Sgt. 1st Class Leroy A. Petry received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama during a ceremony at the White House.  
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### MINI MALL EXPRESS RENOVATIONS

The Burger King Express' dining area will close Monday because of renovations to the Fort Rucker Mini Mall Express. Store hours will remain the same, but patrons will have to make their orders to go. Customers are welcome to dine in the newly renovated Burger King at Bldg. 4300.

### BE A STAR

For children with dreams of acting on the big stage the Missoula Children's Theater hosts auditions Monday 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 Tuesday through July 30 at The Commons. Youth can pre-register for auditions at parent central services, on Webtrac or in person Monday. For more information, call 255-0666.

### AAFES SAVINGS

Fort Rucker Exchange is marking the 116th anniversary of the War Department mandating exchanges at all posts by offering 16-cents off per gallon of gas Monday through Wednesday when patrons use their Military Star Card or Military Star Rewards Card. The 16-cents a gallon discount is above and beyond the everyday five-cents a gallon savings Military Star cardholders enjoy when filling up at the Mini Mall Express or Triangle Express.

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**THURSDAY**  
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Low **73**  
Isolated t-storms

**FRIDAY**  
High **92**  
Low **73**  
Isolated t-storms

**SATURDAY**  
High **91**  
Low **73**  
Scattered t-storms



PHOTO BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, tries on the lab coat given to him Friday by graduates of the USAARL's Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program as graduates Jacqueline Weiss and James Macklin III, and teacher Sarah Thiel, look on.

## GEMS graduates happy scientists

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

If 25 local elementary school students are any sign of our country's prospects, the next generation will raise the status of the United States in the areas of math and science.

Last week, fifth and sixth graders from Fort Rucker and area schools participated in the first U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Labora-

tory Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program. The result was a Friday afternoon graduation ceremony of lab-coat garbed children excited about their futures, said Loraine Parish St. Onge, PhD, research administration manager and GEMS coordinator.

Presenting graduation certificates to the GEMS students was Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding gen-

eral.

"By continuing to use your intellectual curiosity, you're going to come up with bigger and brighter ideas to make even more improvements in the world," Crutchfield said.

Following the graduation ceremony, the students presented Crutchfield with a lab-coat of his own, autographed by the participants

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## Post names NCO, Soldier of quarter

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker named its noncommissioned officer and Soldier for the fourth quarter and inducted three new members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Tuesday.

Sgt. Benjamin Hutto, formerly of the 98th Army Band, and Sgt. Tricia Schindler, Troy Municipal Airport shift leader, were named Soldier

and NCO of the quarter respectively. Hutto recently permanently changed duty stations to Germany and was unable to attend the ceremony.

Schindler said being named NCO of the quarter was only the beginning for her and she has some bigger plans for the future.

"I'm attending the Advanced Leadership Course in August and as soon as I graduate from that in September, I'm going to the Sgt. Audie Murphy board in Octo-

ber to try and become a member," she said. "It's a lot of work, but it's what I want to do."

Schindler said she was surprised by the win, despite having worked for a long period of time on accomplishing her goals.

"I was shocked, honestly," she said. "I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to keep up with all the guys, since I was the only female competing."

She said she knows the award also carries a

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PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Col. Jessie O. Farrington, USAACE and Fort Rucker deputy commanding general, presents Staff Sgt. Jeremy Johnson, NCO Academy instructor, with an Army Commendation Medal after Johnson was inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club as part of the NCO and Soldier of the quarter ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Tuesday. Staff Sgt. James Borchardt, NCO Academy instructor, and USAACE G3/5/7 Sgt. Maj. John P. Hendricks were also inducted into the club during the ceremony.

## Food Locker depends on constant support



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Non-commissioned Officer Academy stand with donation collected during a recent food drive in support of the Feds Feed Families program.

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Feeding Families is a long tradition at Fort Rucker.

Year after year, generous Soldiers, Families and civilians contribute to the post Food Locker and holiday food donation programs sponsored by Army Community Service.

Feds Feed Families, which runs now through Aug. 31, is a three-year-old campaign that is a direct response to the "United We Serve Act," signed by President Obama in April

2009, calling on all Americans to contribute to the nation's economic recovery by serving in their communities.

This year's campaign theme is "Feeding Families One Fed at a Time," and donation drop-off points are located at the commissary, main post chapel, Wings Chapel, Soldier Service Center, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Aviation Brigade Food Locker and Picerme Neighborhood Centers, according to Mike Bur-

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# Perspective

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## Eye protection – seeing is believing

BY STAFF SGT. EDUARDO A. ALEGRIA  
*U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory*

*(Editor's note: The following information is reprinted from the Knowledge, the Army's safety magazine.)*

When I deployed to Iraq as a cannon crewmember with the 101st Airborne (air assault), each Soldier in my unit was supplied with two pairs of goggles. One pair provided protection during air assault missions, while the other offered ballistic protection.

Even though the unit leaders instructed us to use our goggles, the matter was not strictly enforced. Therefore, some Soldiers placed their goggles on their helmet. As a result, many Soldiers suffered eye injuries, and some even lost their eyesight.

During my second deployment, this time to Afghanistan as a combat medic with an artillery unit, my unit leadership, like that of my air assault unit leadership in Iraq, instructed us to use military combat eye protection. However, this time the MCEP-use standards were enforced.

All Soldiers were ordered to use their protective glasses, even during night. This meant we had to change the lenses in our glasses twice a day — gray lenses for daytime and clear lenses for nighttime.

Getting into the habit of wearing MCEPs 24 hours a day and changing the lenses was very difficult. Honestly, it was a pain. But as my deployment progressed and I witnessed firsthand what shrapnel did to the eyes of Soldiers who were not wearing MCEPs, wearing eye protection became extremely important to me.

In no time, it became second nature. I knew the most important thing I could do to protect my eyesight and that of my fellow Soldiers was to wear approved MCEPs.

I am currently assigned to the Sensory Research Division of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory. I have the privilege to work alongside vision scientists and eye care providers who study combat eye injuries and how to better protect Soldiers' vision.

Now, more than ever, I understand how important eye protection is; how the eyewear is designed to protect a Soldier's vision from dust, wind, sunlight and shrapnel/ballistic fragments; and how much work goes into providing Soldiers with the safest eyewear available.

For many years, USAARL has evaluated the ophthalmic characteristics of eye protection and provided recommendations to industry and project managers to ensure the eye protection worn by Soldiers meets military requirements.

This means when a Soldier puts on a pair of MCEPs included on the Authorized Protective Eyewear List, he or she is wearing eye protection that has been tested by vision experts and approved by users.

Other ways USAARL is working to protect Soldiers' vision includes identifying ways to reduce the incidence and severity of combat eye injuries and methods to increase Soldiers' use of eye protection in combat. In addition, USAARL is investigating the relationship of eye injuries caused by the initial pressure of a blast (as opposed to secondary effects of the blast, e.g., shrapnel) and the use of protective eyewear. USAARL is also developing methodologies and standards to better assess the effectiveness of protective eyewear.

The Army keeps moving forward to better fit Soldiers for battle. As Soldiers, we can feel confident knowing that when we wear MCEPs, we are reducing the likelihood of sustaining an eye injury.



## Did you know?

According to statistics from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional), the average Soldier who suffers an eye injury is an E3 to E5, 20- to 24-year-old male, who is struck by an object while performing combat soldiering, participating in sports or doing maintenance, repair or servicing.

He is not wearing eye protection and will lose an average of 6.1 workdays at an average cost of \$9,724 because of the injury.

To learn more about authorized eyewear, go to <https://peosoldier.army.mil/pmseq/eyewear.asp>.

## Protect those peepers

**By Wayne Combs**

*U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.*

Many eye injuries are avoidable if Soldiers use common sense to protect their vision and leaders ensure their Soldiers wear appropriate eye protection. Keep the following tips in mind to protect your vision at work and home.

### At Work

- Follow eye safety signs and procedures.
- Know what to do if a hazardous material splashes into the eye. Know where the nearest eyewash station is and how to use it.
- Always wear approved eye protection for mechanical, chemical, biological or radiant energy (from such sources as welding, lasers or sunlight) hazards. According to the American National Standards Institute, the industry code "Z87" must be marked on the side of protective eyewear. For training and operational duties, a ballistic standard is required. Military Combat Eye Protection, approved by Program Executive Office Soldier and labeled APEL (Approved Protective Eyewear List), significantly exceeds ANSI Z87 standards and meets this requirement.
- Make sure eye protection is clean and in good shape.
- Do not wear contact lenses in areas where there is smoke, dust or fumes, or when training or deployed.
- Report eye hazards to supervisors.
- If an eye injury occurs, immediately call emergency medical services.

### At Home

- When outside, wear sunglasses that absorb the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Both clear and tinted MCEP lenses provide UV protection. A broad-brimmed hat also helps protect the eyes.
- When working on cars or around the house, be aware of eye hazards. Mechanical hazards such as rust or flying objects, chemical hazards such as battery acid and radiant hazards are common in the home shop.
- Wear approved eye protection. Safety glasses and goggles should have ANSI Z87 markings on the side. Remember, MCEP exceeds safety glasses standards and can also be worn when working at home.
- Always wear appropriate approved eye protection when playing sports. For eye-hazardous sports such as racquetball, wear American Society for Testing and Materials-approved eyewear that contains protective lenses.

In addition to the tips above, it's a good idea to have an eye exam every two or three years, or sooner as directed. Early detection and correction of eye problems is important. Above all, use common sense and protect your vision.

## Rotor Wash “What are you doing to prepare for inclement weather?”



**Sgt. Robert Ballard,**  
1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

"I'm always stocked up on water and food."



**Staff Sgt. Jeanette Perez,**  
1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

"I make sure there's enough food and watch the news to be prepared."



**Yulia Tobin,**  
military spouse

"I watch the local news and keep track of weather with my phone."



**Gerald Livingstone,**  
retired military

"I'm prepared with a battery operated radio and an emergency 'get out of the house' plan."



**CW4 Graham Vockroth,**  
HHC 1st Bn., 11th Avn.

"I'm staying away from New Orleans after being evacuated from my home there. I use good judgment."



# Former MP returns to command detachment

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

A former 6th Military Police Detachment traffic section sergeant returned to Fort Rucker last week to take command of the detachment.

Capt. Brian Wheat recently graduated from the Military Police Officer's Basic and Captain's Career Courses after leaving his position as the assistant S-3 for the 759th MP Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.

Wheat assumed command July 14 from Capt. David LeMay, who commanded the detachment since 2009.

"I'm really looking forward to working with Soldiers again," Wheat said. "All the tireless hours of writing memos and the training I got while in school has prepared me to take command of the detachment. I plan on making my rounds very soon."

Lt. Col. Darren Cox, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment commander, said he knows Wheat will continue to push the Soldiers of the 6th MP Detachment toward excellence as LeMay did before him.

"This team is a tightly-knit organization," he said. "It's always



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Lt. Col. Darren Cox, 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt. commander, passes the 6th MP Detachment colors to incoming commander Capt. Brian Wheat during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum July 14. Wheat assumed command from Capt. David LeMay, who commanded the unit since 2009

out front and always leading the way. It's because of strong leadership from its commander and noncommissioned officers.

I know (Wheat) will adapt and answer the challenges that await (him)."

LeMay's next assignment will

be at Fort Benning, Ga., with the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He said his time here has been a great experience that

was the "highlight" of his military career.

"Watching how these Soldiers respond and lean on each other is one of the greatest sources of pride I think any commander can experience," he said. "We run a complex (unit) that almost feels more like herding cats than anything else. It requires the setting aside of egos and a lot of compromise to accomplish a vital mission for Fort Rucker. These are the best Soldiers on Fort Rucker. When everyone else is having their worst day, these Soldiers are at their best."

Cox said LeMay has been an excellent commander for the detachment and will be missed here, not just for his abilities as a leader but as a friend, too.

"At the forefront of all this detachment's accomplishments, LeMay has been at the front leading the way," he said. "He never complained of resource shortages or personnel challenges. He also never looked for a pat on the back for a job well done, he simply loves to be a Soldier. He's a fine officer whose primary focus was the completion of the mission. I could not have asked for a better command team."

## Aviation Soldiers take on Arizona wildfires

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers in the 2nd Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment are not trained firefighters, but they took up the job anyway when Fort Huachuca, Ariz., came under threat of wildfire in June.

Arizona experienced three separate wildfires during the month, one of those making its way on post at Fort Huachuca. Fortunately, the installation had made preparations for such an event and any major damage was avoided, partially thanks to the efforts of the 2nd Bn., 13th Avn. Regt., according to Maj. Noah Spataro, the Unmanned Aircraft Commander course manager and lead instructor.

Spataro said some Soldiers involved in helping out had some prior firefighter training, but that it was definitely not the regular job of the unit, which specializes in unmanned aircraft training.

"We had 12 Soldiers designated that got firefighter training so they could assist post firefighters

should the post actually experience a fire that was on its way to housing," he said. "Fortunately, it didn't come to that, but we had a plan in place."

The post was preparing for a large wildfire, called the Monument Fire, which broke out on June 12 and burned through early July. The post was under the possible threat of dealing with the fire, so its units took actions to prevent a possible fire outbreak at the installation, Spataro said.

"The effort of clearing certain areas was intended to create a firebreak in the event the fire came on post," he said. "It was to create a defensive position. The unit is based out in almost the middle of nowhere. If the fire were to have come over the canyon, it would have been a worst-case scenario. Thankfully, that didn't happen."

While the Monument Fire never threatened the post, a separate fire, called the Antelope Fire, began June 17 on the installation, Spataro said.

The work of Soldiers in

the unit helped to contain the fire and protect the installation from potentially devastating harm, said Sgt. 1st Class Corey Houston, battalion first sergeant.

"There were nearly 1,300 Soldiers in our unit who worked to clear the area of brush and other flammable materials," he said. "We were working them about eight hours a day and it was really hot out there. We kept them hydrated, and we didn't have any heat-related injuries and nobody hurt themselves with the equipment."

The clearing took approximately five days with 47 hours of work time, Houston added. They would stop working about 11 a.m. and begin again after 2 p.m. to avoid the hottest temperatures of the day.

"During that time we'd sharpen axes and chainsaw blades," he said. "Everyone did very well in their assignments."

Spataro said the unit's clearing efforts earned the battalion's area a new nickname, "8-foot."

"Essentially it means



COURTESY PHOTO

Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 13th Avn. Regt. work to clear the unit's area at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., of flammable brush in preparation for a possible wildfire in mid-June. About 1,300 Soldiers worked 47 hours over five days to create a firebreak in case the flames threatened the post.

that anything under eight feet was chopped down," he said. "It's very easy to see in that area, you don't have to worry about snakes coming out and blindsiding you at all."

Both Houston and Spataro said the Soldiers from the various companies in the unit worked well together and impressed them.

"I told them when they were out there not to think of the fire as a fire, but as the Taliban," Houston said. "I told them we were creating defensive positions as if an enemy were coming to attack the post. I'd go into combat with any one of these guys."

Spataro added that the unit didn't just clear its

area, but helped out in other areas of the installation as well to ensure as many operations on post could continue uninterrupted for as long as possible.

"In the end, the success was that we still managed to have graduations despite losing almost a week of flight operations," he said.

## Burger King reopens

Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander; Patricia Austin, AAFES general manager; Tina Lewis, Burger King manager; and Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, cut the ribbon on the newly reopened Burger King across from the Post Exchange Monday.



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS



# Scientists: Program makes learning fun

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and the six near-peers who mentored the week-long GEMS curriculum.

Near-peers are high school graduates who were assigned to work with one group throughout the program. One GEMS mentor worked with a group of students on an Olympics project.

The Olympics project included experiments in hypothesizing outcomes of various "sporting" events, including cotton ball, straw javelin and paper plate "discus" throwing, giant stepper, banana split and long jump competitions.

"The object was to guess how well each participant would perform each event based on height, weight, muscle and other physical factors," said Maria Mullins, near-peer and recent Enterprise High School graduate. Mullins will attend the University of Alabama-Birmingham and pursue a nursing degree.

Another project reflected the nation's fascination with forensics. It involved a mysterious poisoning. After much research and analysis, the crime scene investigation team concluded the



Chloe Wyatt and Sidney Millner conduct an experiment during a session of the USAARL's Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program Friday.

culprit source was peppermint, to which the victim was allergic, and the villain chef had easy access.

These scenarios raised curi-

osity in the students who were largely unaware they were actually practicing science and math principles.

"GEMS concentrates on the

future. We should start more programs like this around the U.S. to improve our nation's standing on the world's stage of math and science," said Rashad Moore, near-peer mentor and 2011 Enterprise High School graduate. Moore will major in biochemistry at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

"The USAARL program is actually part of an expansion initiative we are implementing," said Kirsten Iyerly, traveling near-peer from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Dietrick, Md.

"This year's GEMS program has been a huge success. This is evident by the smiles on the faces of the GEMS participants and their positive attitudes towards math and science," said St. Onge.

"Several parents of GEMS participants commented that their child came home every day beaming with excitement about the experiment they completed that day, or that their child couldn't stop talking about how much they enjoyed GEMS. This is exactly the response we wanted... for the GEMS participants to want to do math and science for the fun of it.

"We hope to expand the program next year to include an intermediate GEMS curriculum for seventh and eighth graders," she continued. "This would allow 2011 GEMS participants to continue to be a part of the program and new students to participate. Ultimately, we want the GEMS program to grow to include fifth through 12th graders."

Upon graduation from high school, the participants will be eligible to be GEMS near-peer mentors.

Students accepted by the program are referred by their teachers and must submit an essay on why they want to participate. USAARL accepted a total of 51 students for its inaugural program. This week the second group of 26 students are experiencing math and science from a perspective they probably never thought about, said St. Onge.

"The focus of GEMS is for students to have fun, and discover how everything they see, feel, hear and touch is connected to science and math," said Sarah Thiel, USAARL lead resource teacher and former elementary school teacher who developed the USAARL curriculum.

## Soldier: Recipients humbled by award selection

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hefty responsibility and plans to pass on what she's learned to other Soldiers and NCOs.

"Other NCOs and Soldiers look up to us and I would like to take another Soldier or NCO to the boards next year instead of competing myself," she said. "They should study and spend time in the books, but they can't forget about their Soldiers and being a leader. There's more to being NCO of the quarter than just boards."

In addition to NCO and Soldier of the

quarter awards, the installation also inducted three new members to the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club.

Staff Sgts. Jeremy Johnson and James Borchardt, NCO Academy instructors, and Sgt. Maj. John Hendricks, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence G3/5/7, were introduced to the ceremony attendees by guest speaker and 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment Command Sgt. Maj., Michael Sutterfield.

Sutterfield told the crowd about the history of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club before all the honorees received awards from various organizations including

Army Commendation medals, presented by Col. Jessie O. Farrington, USAACE and Fort Rucker deputy commanding general.

Both Johnson and Borchardt said the path to being part of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club isn't an easy one, but it's worth the effort and hard work required.

"It's an honor to be part of this club because it's not something that just anybody can achieve," Johnson said. "It's a process that requires a lot of physical and mental work."

Borchardt said the number of tasks involved can seem overwhelming, but

the end results are easily worth the time and effort.

"You have to know combat movement of your Soldiers, you have to do a board presentation while answering a series of questions and you have to pass an Army Physical Fitness test," he said. "It takes at least three months to be ready for this, but it could take longer. All of this is in addition to your regular duties. Anyone thinking of doing this should practice by participating in the Soldier and NCO of the quarter boards. It'll definitely help them prepare for the next step."

## Food: Locker survives with support from community

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den, ACS financial readiness program manager.

Once collected, donated items are transported to the post food locker at the 1st Avn. Bde., where they will be sorted and stocked. Spc. Melownee Floyd, who manages the food locker, said that the special needs of the food locker fluctuate, but there are fundamental constants.

"I remember at one point it seemed that everyone who was referred to the food locker was either pregnant or had an infant. Once the Fort Rucker community learned that we were lacking in baby items, people gathered together and brought in more baby food, snacks, milk and diapers than we could have hoped for," Floyd said.

"Shortly thereafter, baby items were scarcely requested. We were very happy, though, that the community helped us to answer that call when it was needed. Due to the

fluctuation, when people inquire about the needs of the food locker, we let them know that we are always in need of basic food items like rice, vegetables, canned fruits, beans and pastas," she said.

Food locker recipients are military members and Family members who are referred through ACS.

"Commanders are our link to the needy," Burden said

"They and their staffs are the ones closest to the Soldiers and Family members, and are, therefore, best able to identify those who could use our help," he said.

"Although basic food items are always welcome, we do appreciate being able to provide the non-essentials such as desserts, breakfast snacks, pancake mix and even kids' cereals. When people come in seeking assistance from the food locker, they usually have children. Those non-essential items that seem so insignificant have actually brought out smiles, and in a couple of

cases, tears," Floyd said.

"Parents will tell us that small things like that help them to believe that their children won't feel saddened or embarrassed about their Families' finances," she said.

Floyd added that food locker volunteers and benefactors strive to make Families feel welcome and comfortable.

"When I started working with the Food Locker two years ago, I was actually amazed at how much support comes from the Fort Rucker community. We have letters of donations sent in from churches, civilians and retirees," Floyd said.

The NCO Academy and Warrant Officer Career College classes frequently

donate canned goods collected at the commissary, according to Floyd, but the food locker is most definitely sustained by the totally Fort Rucker community, she said.

"BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) holds an annual Haunted House and donates all canned goods collected to the food locker," Floyd said. "Each year, the Daisy Girl Scouts, Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts and Studio 2B Girl Scouts volunteer their time collecting canned goods and also volunteer manpower (or girl power) to stocking the Food Locker shelves. They also create special holiday baskets for some of the larger Families needing assistance."

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# Petry earns Medal of Honor

BY MEGAN NEUNAN  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — Sgt. 1st Class Leroy A. Petry received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama during a historic ceremony in the East Room of the White House July 12.

Petry is only the second active-duty servicemember since Vietnam to live to accept the nation's highest military honor.

The first Soldier, Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, was seated in the audience that included Vice President Joe Biden, Army senior leaders, several rows of decorated Army Rangers, and more than 100 of Petry's family and friends, including his wife, mother, father, grandparents, brothers and four children.

"This could not be happening to a nicer guy or a more inspiring family," the president said. "Leroy, the Medal of Honor reflects the deepest gratitude of our entire nation."

Obama took the audience back to May 26, 2008, to Pakyta, Afghanistan. It was the day Petry's act of conspicuous gallantry saved the lives of Sgt. Daniel Higgins and Pfc. Lucas Robinson.

The president explained how Petry and members of his Co. D, 2nd Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment, took on a rare daylight raid on an insurgent compound to pursue a top al-Qaida commander sequestered inside, and how the mission left Petry and two of his comrades within feet of a live enemy grenade.

Petry was already shot through both legs, but with no regard for his life, still took action to save comrades Higgins and Robinson from certain death.

"Every human impulse would tell someone to

turn away. Every Soldier is trained to seek cover. That's what Sergeant Leroy Petry could have done," Obama said. "Instead, this wounded Ranger, this 28-year-old man who had his whole life ahead of him, this husband and father of four did something extraordinary — he lunged forward toward the live grenade. He picked it up. He cocked his arm to throw it back. What compels such courage that leads a person to risk everything so that others might live?"

Petry shook hands with the president today using a robotic hand, which replaced the one he lost when the grenade detonated as Petry released it.

The day of the incident even the loss of his hand failed to fluster him, though. Obama marveled that the war hero applied a tourniquet himself and then radioed for help.

"The service of Leroy Petry speaks to the very essence of America — that spirit that says, no matter how hard the journey, no matter how steep the climb, we don't quit," Obama said.

Petry's calm handling of a highly dangerous mission allowed other Rangers to kill enemy fighters. Spc. Christopher Gathercole gave his life in the battle. Gathercole's brother, sister and grandmother stood as the audience gave them a thunderous round of applause in his honor.

Obama shared that in an earlier meeting in the Oval Office, Petry displayed a plaque he has mounted on his mechanical hand that bears the names of Gathercole and other Soldiers the regiment has lost.

Higgins and Robinson were able to celebrate with Petry at the White House.

"This is the stuff of which heroes are made," Obama



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President Barack Obama awards the Medal of Honor to Sgt. 1st Class Leroy A. Petry at the White House in Washington, D.C., July 12.

said. "This is the strength, the devotion that makes our troops the pride of every American. And this is the reason that — like a Soldier named Leroy Petry — America doesn't simply endure, we emerge from our trials stronger, more confident, with our eyes fixed on the future."

Petry continues his work to help wounded warriors. After re-enlisting, he even returned to Afghanistan for an eighth combat tour last year.

"Today we honor a singular act of gallantry," Obama said in closing, "yet as we near the 10th anniversary of the attacks that thrust our nation into war, this is also an occasion to pay tribute to a Soldier and a generation that has borne the burden of our security during a hard decade of sacrifice."

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# Realistic, combat-like scenarios test gear

BY KRIS OSBORN  
Army News Service

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — Standing attentively inside a tactical operations center, or TOC, Sgt. David Johnson was able to pinpoint the location of an enemy sniper team and share real-time, combat-relevant intelligence across the force using networking gear now being evaluated.

The gear is being field tested during the Army's ongoing Network Integration Evaluation, or NIE, and the TOC is located in a "mountain village" strategically nested between hills on White Sands Missile Range, N.M., designed to replicate Afghan desert terrain.

"The platoon leader was able to send information up to us and give our commanders the intel that we've got guys with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades in a building. He was able to prep the fire mission for artillery and go ahead and hit the building without having to endanger Soldiers on the ground," Johnson explained.

The information in this mock-combat scenario, appearing as an icon on a laptop display screen inside the TOC, was sent using Joint Tactical Radio System Ground Mobile Radio — a four-channel, multi-waveform software programmable radio able to transmit voice, data images and video across the force in real-time.

Using a high-bandwidth waveform called Wideband Networking Waveform — which draws from a larger part of the available spectrum than legacy waveforms to move information, farther, faster and more efficiently — the GMR transmitted and received the data using a mobile command post set up inside a Caiman mine-resistant, ambush-protected, or MRAP, vehicle.

In the case of GMR and some of the other systems under test and evaluation, the Army is assessing the technology in its current configuration and also exploring additional hardware and software solutions which might perform the same or similar functions in a more efficient or effective manner.

The display screen in the TOC used Force Battle Command Brigade and Below force tracking technology, augmented by new software also under evaluation called Joint Capabilities Release.

This scenario, wherein battle-relevant information is instantly transmitted across the force in real time, from dismounted units on the ground conducting counterinsurgency reconnaissance missions, to vehicles on-the-move and static command posts, represents the very heart of what the Army's ongoing NIE is aiming to accomplish, officials said.

The massive, 3,800-Soldier strong NIE is putting developmental "networking" technologies such as the GMR, JCR and scores of other technologies in the hands of Soldiers on the ground with a mind to establishing what works best and performing needed integration of emerging technologies before items



PHOTO BY KRIS OSBORN

A tactical operations centers like this one at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., is where much of the Network Integration Evaluation activity is monitored.

are sent downrange to deployed units in theater.

Overall, the NIE integrates five Limited User Tests and 29 technologies termed Systems Under Evaluation into a single exercise, said Paul Mehney, communications director for Program Executive Office - Integration.

"By doing the integration down here at the NIE with an evaluation brigade, we are not sending equipment to deployed Soldiers that is not integrated," Mehney said.

The exercise, involving the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, includes the full range of potential combat scenarios to include wide-area security, counterinsurgency, and combined arms maneuvers, said Col. Dave Wellons, a director with Operational Test Com-

mand.

Operational Test Command and the Army Test and Evaluation Command will both complete reports following the NIE, detailing the major data and findings of the exercise, Wellons explained.

More than 700 Army Test and Evaluation Command personnel are participating in the NIE in order to collect data on the systems under test and those under evaluation.

Instrumentation in the form of micro-computers has been placed on vehicles and even with Soldiers in some instances as a way to gather data on the technologies under review, said Barry Laumond, Operational Test Command, Mounted Division chief.

Mock enemies or "Red" forces are dispersed

among the countryside and placed in caves, "villages" and other strategic locations with the mission to challenge, attack and disrupt the U.S. or "Blue" forces set up at various locations across White Sands.

The mock villages include Afghan-style tribal leaders who participate in "Key Leader Engagements" with U.S. forces in order to replicate realistic counterinsurgency-type scenarios. The village even has a mock Taliban shadow government similar to those which currently exist in theater, said Lt. Col. Mathew Fath, battalion commander, 1st brigade, 35th armor.

Blue forces stationed at the "mountain village" outpost of White Sands perform the typical range of combat missions during the NIE: route-clearance, reconnaissance, scout missions, interdiction, time-sensitive raids on the enemy and counter-imposed explosive device efforts, among other missions, Fath explained.

One of the main missions central to counterinsurgency is "census" operations designed to allow U.S. forces to get a handle on the local population so as to protect the innocent and properly locate and target insurgents, said Fath.

"If you are tracking

a certain insurgent you want to capture, you are looking for tribal links and you are looking for family links. You have to have the baseline census operation of who the population is in your AO (area of operations)," Fath explained.

The NIE is part of an ongoing series of evaluations designed to streamline the acquisition of IT, improve Army business practices and combine commercial off-the-shelf technologies with programs of record.


The idea is to develop networking technologies on a faster time frame than the current status quo in order to best serve Soldiers in combat and keep pace with the speed of technological change.

As part of this process and to begin an evaluation of which systems to include in subsequent exercises, the Army has sent a handful of "sources sought" requests to industry, asking them to propose technological solutions to a handful of identified networking capability gaps. So far, PEO-I is assessing more than 70 White Papers submitted by industry in response to this request, Mehney said.

"We are beginning an assessment of the White Papers to match them up to known requirements and assess whether the capability is technically mature," Mehney said. "We are also taking a look at the integration requirements. Can this capability integrate into the hardware and software infrastructures we are working with?"




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# Army launches students into future

BY KRIS OSBORN  
Army News Service

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Students taking part in U.S. Army All-American Bowl activities will be instantly transported to 2032 amid terrorist attacks and civil unrest. They will join a team of U.S.Army Soldiers and civilian scientists to design new technologies to protect lives and defeat the threat.

An immersive, high-tech portal will deliver students directly into the Army's high-tech world.

The Army is building the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Innovation Asset, a recruiting effort designed to attract and engage aspiring young scientists, officials announced July 18.

Middle-school, high-school and college students across the country will be able to experience a hands-on mobile showcase of Army technological capabilities starting in January,said Katie Everett, a Science,Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, or STEM, outreach coordinator with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, or RDECOM, at Aberdeen Proving Ground,or APG.

The Army will unveil the STEM Asset during All-American BowlWeek,a national high-school football all-star game scheduled for Jan. 7, in San Antonio. The Army demonstrates its latest technological advancements in the week before the annual game.

**First effort aimed toward scientists, engineers**

The STEM Asset will be a modified tractor-trailer



Edgewood Chemical Biological Center industrial designers, animators, graphic artists and computer scientists created concepts for the STEM Innovation Asset.

equipped with high-definition TVs and touch-screen computers,Everett said. Teams of Army recruiters and subject matter experts will drive the vehicle across the United States to STEM education outreach events.

Everett said this is the Army's first recruiting project geared specifically toward civilian science and engineering positions that are difficult to fill.

"This is the Army's first STEM-focused recruiting asset.The Army has never ventured into that arena before," Everett said."It's a pilot effort for total Army recruiting.

"This will be a first attempt to assess the interesting in recruiting students who want to become civilian engineers and scientists right along uniformed Soldiers."

**Immersed in future Army technology**

The vehicle is split into three rooms that will bring visitors 20 years into the future, said Jeff Warwick, branch chief of Edgewood Chemical Bio-

logical Center's,or ECBC's, Conceptual Modeling and Animation Team.

Warwick's team is helping to transform the vehicle at ECBC's Advanced Design and Manufacturing Prototype Integration Facility at APG.

The visitors enter room one, where they are surrounded by several TVs showing fictional news clips from around the world in 2032.

"They come into the first part,and the first objective there is to break their association of today's Army with what they see on CNN," Everett said."We want to put them in a future scenario that's outside Iraq and Afghanistan and current conflict. Put them in a situation where they can't say,'That looks like what I saw on the news last night.'"

The news clips end with an attack on a chemical plant attack in eastern Europe.The students enter the second room, where they are placed into a team of Army officers, noncommissioned

officers and civilian scientists.

The mission is humanitarian focused and requires students to use Army technology to complete the task.

"Students are going to design a platform with new technologies to solve this crisis," Warwick said. "You are going to save civilian lives,protect the environment and confront the threat."

In the third room, each student will use a touch-screen computer to take control of the situation individually. They will choose from technologies to develop a solution to alleviate the conflict.

"It could be an autonomous ground system, a robotics system, an unmanned aerial vehicle. When they submit the design,the final news clip pulls from exactly what they did. It gives them a summary how their technology affected the outcome," Everett said.

**Collaboration among Army organizations**

The STEM Asset is a prime example of Army collaboration,Everett said. It is an all-Army effort that encompasses design, development, engineering and production.

Army organizations involved are RDECOM; ECBC;Accessions Support Brigade Mission Support Battalion; Program Executive Office Soldier; Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center; Joint Training Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Operations Integration Center; Office of the Chief of Public Affairs-West; and Communications - Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, or CERDEC.

ECBC's Conceptual Modeling and Animation Team is leading the design work with industrial designers, graphic artists, animators, computer scientists and programmers.

Computer scientist Azra Malik said bringing together several areas of expertise is important to producing a complex project quickly and on time. Senior Army leaders will review the vehicle in November.

"The key to our group, Advanced Design and Manufacturing, is making sure all of our people are involved. We have to make sure the end product can actually be fabricated," Malik said."At the beginning of any project for ADM, there is at least one representative from all areas."

**Showcasing Army's high-tech capabilities**

The team emphasized the importance of capturing the students'attention in order to accomplish

the Army's objective of demonstrating its high-tech expertise.

"We went through a story of how we were going to engage the recruits," ECBC animator Bri McNamara said. "We decided what kind of technologies we needed to focus on to drawn their attention – what would look cool and be functional in the future."

Warwick said the group focused on making the scenario technologically advanced while remaining feasible and believable.

"We wanted to have an interactive video-game design element. We wanted the students to be personally involved and active in the experience," Warwick said. "We came up with something futuristic but real. We don't want science-fiction. We want modern, advanced technology that the Army is working on.

"We worked on vehicle concepts going back and forth with different Army agencies for feedback. We developed an armored vehicle and wanted to add graphics to make it look exciting."

While the experience is designed to be attractive and engaging,the primary goal is to spur interest among students and educators in STEM fields, Everett said.

"Students leave this with the overall impression, 'I had no idea the Army did this. I want to do this for a living.' Because it's a STEM-focused asset, the overall mission is to see whether we are improving and sustaining relationship with educators and school systems," Everett said.

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WASHINGTON – The Army Wounded Warrior program's 7th Annual Symposium is taking place this week in Orlando, Fla., with focused discussions that will identify the most important transition and care issues facing Soldiers and their families.

More than 90 wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, veterans and family members will participate in intensive group discussions based on their personal experiences. They will ultimately identify the top five issues in Soldier care, which span topics affecting families, Warrior Transition Units, finance and veterans affairs, explained Col. Greg Gadson, director of AW2.

"Simply put, this event is about listening to those who have been through it and learning about ways we can continue to improve how we care for our most severely wounded, injured and ill Soldiers, veterans and their families, and then take action," Gadson said.

### ALTERNATIVE FUELS

More than 400 Soldiers, Airmen, industry partners and government staffers attended the first joint Army - Air Force Energy Forum Tuesday to join the fight with the Department of Defense in reducing the need for imported oil.

Even retired Senator John W. Warner, former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, came to support the forum, as noticed by Under Secretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal, who thanked him for coming.

Westphal, during the opening panel discussion, said he had found a report from January 2001 by the Defense Science Board Task Force on Improving Fuel Efficiency and Weapons Platforms. Its title was "More capable war fighting through reduced fuel burden."

"It's startling that their recommendations are exactly what we're talking about today. They were complaining about the department not really doing things like looking how it accounts for energy cost, not taking into account the transportation costs and other costs of getting fuel to the war fighter — the logistics and cost benefits.

### ARMY MARKSMAN QUALIFIES FOR OLYMPICS

WASHINGTON – Sgt. 1st Class Eric Uptagrafft a 1996 Olympian, qualified for nomination to the 2012 team pending approval by the United States Olympic Committee.

Uptagrafft, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, will compete in the Men's 50-meter Rifle Prone, his specialty event, upon approval by the committee.

This will be the second Olympic Games for the Soldier stationed in Fort Benning, Ga.

At the second leg of the International Shooting Sport Federation, or ISSF World Cup competition in Beijing, he earned a bronze medal. He solidified his top-three world ranking with a silver medal at his home range during the ISSF World Cup USA. His shooting at the 2011 ISSF World Cup in Sydney, Australia, earned him a silver medal and an Olympic participation quota for Team USA in London 2012.



PHOTO BY PVT. KEVIN ALEX

A Soldier with the 18th CSSB, 16th Sust. Bde., 21st TSC, directs a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during a sling load training exercise at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, July 6.

## Aviators improve training

BY PVT. KEVIN ALEX  
16th Sust. Bde. Public Affairs

BAMBERG, Germany — Running through the motions repeatedly to develop muscle memory is good, but it does not compare to the real thing.

Soldiers of the 23rd Ordnance Company and 574th Quartermaster Supply Company, both with the 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, conducted an airdrop and sling load training mission in the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, July 6.

Soldiers not only rigged the dropped cargo, but were also able to direct the helicopters in, hook up the sling load, direct the helicopters out once the cargo was hooked up and direct them back down once the cargo was delivered.

"Having the air support this time gives the Soldiers a real-world mission experience so they will know what to do in a time of need or under fire," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Cummings, a section sergeant with the 23rd Ord. Co., 18th CSSB, 16th Sust. Bde.

"With helicopters we get a sense of reality so we know what we're dealing with and we get all the nervousness out of our

systems," said Spc. Mariano Escalante, a firefighter with the 23rd Ord. Co., 18th CSSB, 16th Sust. Bde. "Seeing an actual UH-60 Black Hawk and feeling what it's like underneath one with the force of the rotor wash hitting you, it doesn't get any more real than that."

Soldiers prepare for several weeks before each mission to make sure they are proficient and can perform the tasks properly.

"Every time we have a mission coming up we start training for it about two weeks before hand," said Escalante. "Staff Sgt. Cummings and I are on every mission, but right

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## Junkyard Dogs keep Apaches in the air

BY COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE 1 — AFGHANISTAN

NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — A call for the quick reaction force to support Task Force Bronco Soldiers hits the Task Force Shooter Tactical Operations Center at Forward Operating Base Fenty.

Without missing a beat, the battle captain, calls over to B Company "Killer Spades," 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, TF Shooter, to launch its AH-64 Apache helicopters — helicopters that wouldn't be able to perform the mission without the help of the "Junkyard Dogs."

Despite the Apaches' extremely high operational tempo of more than 650 flight hours per month, there is never a question if B Co. will have helicopters ready to go. Capt. John McLean, former B Co.



PHOTO BY CW3 MATTHEW ROOD

Spc. Cody Roberts, with Company B, 1st Battalion, 10th Avn. Regt., TF Shooter, 10th CAB, 10th Mtn. Div., works on the rotor system of an AH-64 Apache helicopter at Jalalabad Airfield, FOB Fenty, Iraq.

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## Flying Tiger receives battlefield promotion to sergeant

BY SPC. DARRIEL SWATTS  
40b Combat Aviation Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Marija Zink, with the 8th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment, Flying Tigers, received a battlefield promotion from specialist to sergeant June 11 for her ability to effectively work above her pay grade while stationed in Iraq.

Zink is trained as a chemical operations specialist, explained Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Sablan, the top non-commissioned officer for the 8th ARB, 229th Avn. Regt. "Yet with no previous Aviation maintenance experience, her ability to prioritize and manage made her the perfect choice early on for the posi-

tion of production control clerk."

The PC office is responsible for managing all aspects of maintenance for more than 50 aircraft and five types of airframes from four battalions. As the PC clerk, Zink, a Scottsburg, Ind. native, was noticed for performing outstanding work and was handpicked by her leadership for the battlefield promotion.

"Zink has progressed in her abilities so rapidly and flawlessly that she now finds herself operating in the capacity of PC NCOIC (non-commissioned officer in charge); a sergeant first class position. She exhibits leadership qualities that never fail to impress the senior

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Sgt. Marija Zink works on a computer in a hangar at Camp Taji, Iraq.



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# Training: Exercises help make unit mission-ready

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now the teams change every time we come out here so everyone in the unit has at least a basic understanding of how to sling load equipment for transport."

"This crew we have here has been training for about a month and a half now because we have the air support this time," added Cummings.

"I'm trying to get it to where we have the same people every time but still incorporate two or three individuals who haven't done it before. That way we can get faster and more proficient at it but at the same time not be solely reliant on one 12-man team in case some of the Soldiers go on leave or (transfer to a different duty station)."

During one particular sling load scenario, Soldiers rigged a Humvee for sling load trans-

port, which is quite a bit different from what they have been doing.

"Rigging a Humvee is like night and day to rigging water blivets, which is what we normally do," said Escalante. "We needed to make sure its weight was distributed equally so it didn't tilt and fall on the wrong angle and be destroyed. It took about eight hours to do and I'll never forget that. It was great training."

"For a Humvee we have to use all four sling legs and a different link count and the whole rigging procedure is different than anything we've done before," Cummings said.

"This was some great training," added Cummings. "To have the helicopter this time was a lot of fun and it let the Soldiers experience what it will be like if they ever have to do this in a real-world mission so they will know what to expect."



COURTESY PHOTO

Soldiers from the 18th CSSB, 16th Sust. Bde., 21st TSC, prepare to hook up simulated supplies to a UH-60 helicopter during an aerial operation and sling load training exercise at the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, July 6.

## Apaches: Maintainers never drop a mission during deployment

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commander, nicknamed the maintenance crew for their company the Junkyard Dogs for their ability to fix aircraft and enable mission accomplishment – regardless of the resources at hand.

CW3 Matthew Rood and CW3 Alvin Melvin, B Co.'s maintenance test pilots, are responsible for

ensuring the Killer Spades' aircraft are fit to fly and are maintained to standard. They said they are extremely proud of their Junkyard Dogs.

"The sheer number of hours our aircraft have flown this deployment, and the maintenance they require to sustain the hours has caused our crew chiefs to become experts at diagnosing and

troubleshooting issues before they become a problem," Melvin said. "They can tell by the slightest change in the noise the aircraft makes that there is an issue in the aircraft and where the likely problem lies."

"The most impressive example of how good our crew chiefs is not only never dropping a mission due to maintenance, but

being able to hot swap an aircraft in under 12 minutes, which ordinarily takes between 30 and 45 minutes," Rood added.

Hot swapping is when an aircraft comes in for repairs, and the pilots are able to transition to another aircraft to continue their mission.

"Another key trait about our guys, that can't be overstated, is their abil-

ity to understand the importance of their work. Our guys understand the impact our Apaches have protecting our fellow Soldiers on the battlefield. They truly understand that keeping our birds in the air keeps our ground forces safe and destroys the insurgent forces," Rood said.

Not only do the Junkyard Dogs contribute greatly to

the success of TF Shooter's operations, they have also made a tremendous positive impact to the health and welfare of the squadron as a whole.

Under the leadership and planning of Sgt. Timothy Nosser, the 10 crew chiefs planned and built the task force a well-stocked gym, which is appropriately called the "Small Arms Repair Room."

## Promotion: Quicking thinking, crisis management lead to advancement

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maintainers and maintenance officers in and out of the battalion," Sablan said. "Her quick thinking and ability to handle crisis management in the PC office make her the perfect Soldier for this very demanding senior NCO position."

Battlefield promotions were discontinued by the Army after the Vietnam War, but

were brought back in 2009 and are available only to enlisted Soldiers. The promotions are used to promote an individual Soldier one grade, to at most the rank of staff sergeant. Battlefield promotions do not involve a promotion board and do not require the Soldier to meet time-in-service or time-in-grade requirements.

"Back home I work at a hospital doing admin and clerical work, so I had some experi-


ence with this kind of work," said Zink, who has been in the Army for more than five years and was a specialist for eight months.

"At first I was doing what I could to help. Then as I learned more, I did more. Then when people started recognizing me for my work, it motivated me to do better. One thing led to another and I got my promotion."

Zink is deployed to Iraq with her hus-

band, Spc. Michael Zink, and her brother-in-law, Spc. Matthew Zink.

"I love being deployed here with my wife," said Michael Zink, a crew chief with A Co., 8th ARB, 229th Avn. Regt. "And the fact that she got recognized for her work by getting a battlefield promotion is amazing. She has less than one year of Aviation experience and is doing this well. She's earned it 100 percent."



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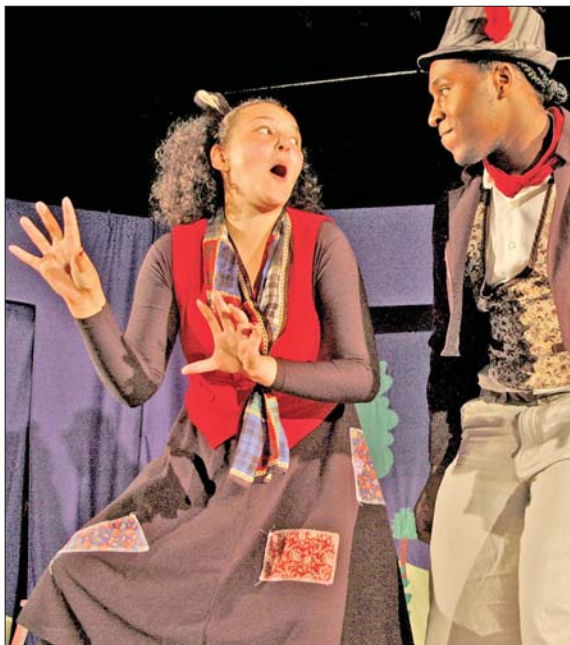
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Child, Youth and School Services, in association with Missoula Children's Theater, presents "The Wiz of the West" – the classic story "The Wizard of Oz" with a twist – July 30 from 1-2:30 p.m. and a second performance from 3:30-5 p.m. at the post theater. Admission is free and open to the public. See Page C2 for more information on the auditions and rehearsal workshops.

**Above:** Wiesbaden youth portray a group of street urchins in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Pinocchio" at USAG Wiesbaden, Germany. Fort Rucker youth can join in the fun when the Theatre visits next week.

**Left:** Lili Stiefel and Navis Merceron, both 17, play the parts of Cat and Fox in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Pinocchio" at USAG Wiesbaden, Germany.

## Thrift Shop gives back to Fort Rucker community

BY JAY MANN  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Thrift shop patrons now have a new building to find their deals.

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop moved recently to the corner of Red Cloud and 5th Avenue, in front of the movie theater and next door to the bowling center.

The location is perfect, according to Donna Woodham, store manager.

"The building is beautiful," she said. "We have so much more product we can get out on the floor because we have more space. That will allow us to sell more. We can make more money and give back to the community."

"The money we make, our profits, goes back into the Fort Rucker community and surrounding areas through the form of welfare grants," Woodham explained. "People can go on our website and download the forms."

Some of the organizations the thrift shop has helped are community libraries, schools, Scouting programs, wounded warriors, holiday food baskets and food drives. The thrift shop also awards scholarships to deserving



PHOTO BY JAY MANN

Kimberly Crutchfield, wife of Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, cuts the ribbon on the new thrift shop building with thrift shop volunteers and staff Monday.

ing students and donates merchandise to the local Disabled American Veterans, the Wiregrass Emergency Pregnancy Service and Relay for Life. Over \$50,000 was given to the Fort Rucker and surrounding communities last year, according to

Woodham.

Kimberly Crutchfield, honorary thrift shop board president, has been working with the board for almost a year.

"They do so much for the community. This past year they donated over \$17,000 in schol-

arships to our Fort Rucker community. They are able to give back to the community in a way that is just phenomenal," she said. "Please come over and take a look at what they have here for purchase, and also bring any consignments or donations."

Second Lt. Jason Trudell, a student with Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, assisted with the thrift shop relocation.

"I took a lot away from this project," he said. "Just to get a better feel for how a good Army community can work has really inspired me. I know that in the future, to be a good leader, I'm going to have to do good things like this to support community functions."

"Most of the people who work here are volunteers," Woodham said. "We do have a small staff of employees, but they volunteer their time as well."

Rose Ann Licina is one of those volunteers.

"This is really nice. It not only helps the Soldiers, it helps the communities," she said, adding that the thrift shop does not just donate money to local organizations – volunteers also bring books to local libraries.

People wanting to volunteer their time should stop by the thrift shop during business hours, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Organizations who are seeking donations should visit <http://thefortruckerthriftshop.blogspot.com>



# On Post

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Mini Mall Express renovations

The Burger King Express' dining area will close Monday because of renovations to the Fort Rucker Mini Mall Express. Store hours will remain the same, but patrons will have to make their orders to go. Customers are welcome to dine in the newly renovated Burger King at Bldg. 4300.

### Pump savings

The Fort Rucker Exchange offers 16 cents off per gallon of gas Monday through Wednesday when patrons use their Military Star Card or Military Star Rewards Card. To apply for the Military Star Card and Military Star Rewards Card, log onto [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com) click the link to Exchange Credit Program or visit the customer service department at the exchange.

### Donations needed

The Thrift Shop has moved and needs donated items. People can drop off donations at the shed behind the new Thrift Shop location, the old Armed Forces Bank, in front of the theater. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, call 255-9595.

### AFTB Level 3

An Army Family Team Building Level 3 workshop is today 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.

### Stress Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program stress management workshop is Monday 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 manage-

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### Acting rehearsals, workshops

For children with dreams of acting on the big stage the Missoula Children's Theater hosts auditions Monday 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 Tuesday through July 30 at The Commons.

Additionally, the theater hosts acting workshops, including an improvisation workshop Tuesday from 3-3:45 p.m., an Acting 101 workshop Wednesday from 3-3:45 p.m., and a developing community theater workshop Thursday from 5-5:45 p.m. at The Commons. 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

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

Army Family Team Building staff hosts Ruck-

er Experience, Army Learning Thursday 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. For more information, call 255-2382.

### 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 and to 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 must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate 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 Recreation office, Bldg. 5700, Ste. 350. Tickets are \$15 on the night of the event.

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

### FRCS Super Sign-up

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club's Super Sign-up event is Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing.

The 98th Army Silver Wings Band performs and a fashion show begins at 11 a.m. This 1940s themed event is open to spouses and Family age 18 and older of active duty and retired military personnel within the Fort Rucker area.

Visit <http://fruckeresc.com/membership/.htm> for eligibility information.

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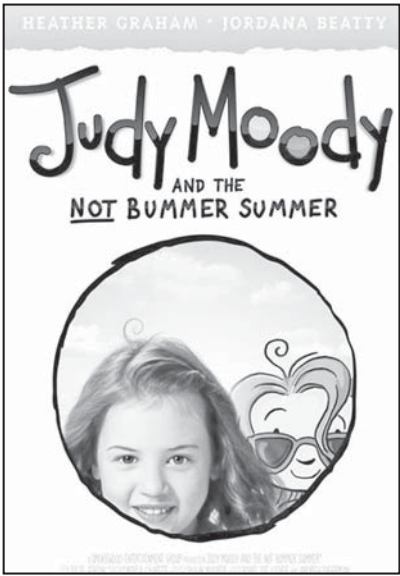
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## Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Einstein, an 8-week-old, female domestic medium hair available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. She is feisty and playful. It costs \$81 to adopt Einstein and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, microchip and spaying. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's *Facebook* page at <http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/> for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption. Four pets were adopted last week.

## FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for July 21 - 24

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# Royal couple visits spouses, veterans

BY ELAINE SANCHEZ  
American Forces Press Service

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Calling the final stop of their whirlwind West Coast tour the “seriously most important,” Great Britain’s Prince William and his wife, Catherine, visited with military spouses and veterans and helped to shine a light on the importance of troop and Family support at a hiring fair here July 10.

The royal newlyweds — also a military couple — received a resounding cheer as they entered Stage 15 of Sony Pictures Studios here, where a crowd of more than 1,500 veterans and military spouses and 160 employers had gathered for the Mission Serve: Hiring Our Heroes Los Angeles hiring fair.

The fair, co-sponsored by ServiceNation: Mission Serve, the U.S. and Los Angeles Chambers of Commerce, and the Foundation of Prince William and Prince Harry, is the largest of about a hundred such events slated to take place across the nation over the next year to help spouses and veterans find jobs.

During brief remarks to the crowd and framed by a backdrop of stories-high British and U.S. flags, the Duke of Cambridge called the hiring fair “brilliant.” This event “is about men and women who of their own free will choose to put their life on the line for their country,” said the prince, who is a search and rescue pilot in the Royal Air Force.

“They are the front line of a remarkable relationship between the U.K., the U.S. and Canada, which has safeguarded our freedoms for a century,” he added.

But it’s also about more than men and women in uniform, he noted.

“It is about our other halves,” he said, “the half that makes the loved one’s duty and sacrifice possible and worthwhile. It is about you.”

After his remarks and with hundreds of cameras and cell phones snapping their picture, the duke and duchess stepped off stage to greet people, then helped to create care packages for military children whose parents are preparing to deploy.

The glimpse of the royal couple was an added bonus for the assembly of spouses and veterans whose primary purpose here was to find employment. Once the duke and



PHOTO BY ELAINE SANCHEZ

Prince William and his wife, Catherine, arrive at a spouse and veteran hiring fair at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, Calif., July 10.

duchess were out of sight, the spouses and veterans rushed back over to line back up at employer booths, waiting for an opportunity to hand off a resume or gather information about a prospective job.

In turn, the employers, ranging from superstores to video game creators, greeted the spouses and veterans enthusiastically, gathering resumes and handing out packets with company information and lists of job openings.

Officer Julian Canales of the Los Angeles Police Department said veterans, in particular, are a perfect fit for his line of work.

“Military personnel have the easiest time fitting into a paramilitary organization; they understand rank structure, how to take orders and work different hours and shifts,” he said.

Overall, veterans and spouses have the 21st-century skills that match well with today’s workforce, said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy.

“They are strong, vibrant, resilient, loyal and committed to doing a great job,” Gordon said as he walked among the rows of booths.

Gordon said he was witnessing firsthand employers’ enthusiasm for hiring from the military commu-

nity. “At the end of the day, it’s about jobs,” he said.

Ross Cohen, director of Service Nation: Mission Serve, a civilian-military initiative — and a military veteran himself — called veterans and military spouses “civic assets” who possess an “extraordinary set of skills and experiences.”

Military members have management skills that should be coveted by companies, he said, citing military officers as examples. A Marine Corps or Army captain manages a 120-member team and tens of millions of dollars in equipment, he said, and spouses have organization and management skills and experience that’s employed by senior executives in nonprofit organizations and private-sector companies.

“And we all know how to operate under very tight deadlines and challenging environments,” Cohen said. “Employers need resourceful and reliable employees, and veterans and military families are just that. We are ready to serve and we are ready to work.”

The bottom line, he added, is that companies, nonprofit organizations and government agencies “should be recruiting veterans and military spouses, not because it is the right thing to do for the country, but because it is good for business.”

Job seeker and Marine Corps spouse Lori Brosius hoped to turn her experience into a job as she navigated the hiring fair, resumes in hand. She and her husband were preparing for their fourth move in four years, she said, and she was hoping to score some part-time work in community outreach or corporate philanthropy as she returned to school for her master’s degree in social work.

Continuity is her biggest challenge, she noted.

“If you’re not working for a big national corporation, it can be really hard to pick up and go to a new place,” she explained. “I’ve worked at a new place every time we moved.”

Added to that is the challenge of finding an employer willing to hire someone who will most likely have to pick up and move again in a few years, Brosius said. “[Spouses] learn to be flexible and very good at our jobs, and we learn quickly — we have to. It’s taught me a lot about adaptability.”

Brosius said she was impressed by the number and variety of employers at the fair.

“This is totally unprecedented,” she said. “It’s nice to be recognized as military spouses — nice to see the private sector come out and say, ‘Thank you, and we are willing to give you opportunities.’”

Melissa Burton, an Air Force veteran and now an

Air Force spouse, said she would like to bring her education and Air Force experience to bear.

“It’s a great thing to find companies willing to work with us,” said Burton, who recently earned her master of business administration degree and whose husband is stationed at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif. “I lived in Okinawa for a few years, and it was hard; it took me about a year to find a job. I’m looking forward to what this day will bring me.”

Marine Corps spouse Kelly Cotton said military spouses are like everyone else.

“We have goals and aspirations and careers we want to seek,” she said. “I think this is awesome.”

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# Don't forget food safety when grilling outdoors

BY LT. COL. TWYLA LEIGH  
U.S. Army Public Health Command

The summer season is in full swing, and the American appetite for outdoor barbecue grilling never goes out of season.

Whether you are grilling traditional burgers, hot dogs and steak, or going "healthy gourmet" with fish, shrimp skewers, chicken and vegetable kabobs or grilled vegetables, these foods need to be prepared safely.

Food-borne illness occurs when the conditions for bacteria growth are present, causing bacteria to multiply quickly, and someone gets sick. Although most food-borne illness happens at home and the summer heat increases the risk of bacterial growth in food, food-borne illness is preventable.

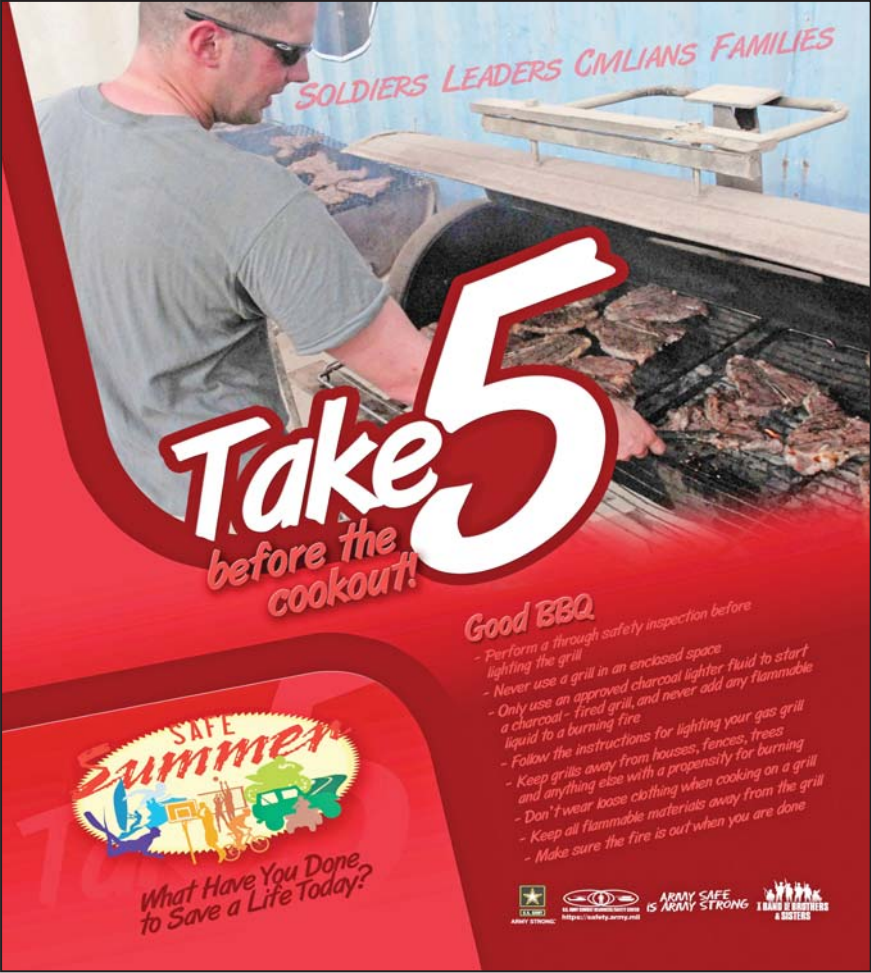
Preventive measures include marinating with acidic marinades that contain vinegar or citrus juice to decrease potentially harmful bacteria growth. And, be sure to return marinated food to the refrigerator until it is time to grill. As well, practice the following basics of food safety.

**Freshness**

Buy and use fresh food that is still in date or food that has been properly frozen and thawed. Frozen food that will be grilled should be thawed in the refrigerator, in the microwave or as part of the cooking process. Never thaw food on the counter or in the sink.

**Hygiene**

Wash hands with soap and



dry with a clean paper towel often and before handling food, after touching raw food and after touching anything else: face, skin, pets, children, phone, cigarettes,

etc. Use clean utensils, clean cutting boards (always wash them between raw food and ready-to-eat food) and use a clean platter when taking the grilled food off

the grill.

Do not use the unwashed platter or container that the raw food touched. Single-service gloves and hand sanitizer are helpful,

but are not substitutes for proper and frequent hand-washing.

**Temperature**

Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot to decrease bacteria growth. Bacteria grow fastest in the danger zone between 40 and 140 degrees. Cold foods should be kept at 40 degrees in the refrigerator or on ice.

Cooked food should be cooked and held at the proper temperatures. Chicken and turkey need to reach 165 degrees, ground meats 160 degrees, steaks and chops 145 degrees, and hot dogs 140 degrees. Grilled vegetables and seafood should reach 140 degrees. Leftovers need to reach a temperature of 165 degrees. Food should be held at 140 degrees or higher until served.

A pocket test thermometer (like a chef wears on a jacket pocket) is a great investment at about \$10 and the best bet for knowing if food has reached the proper temperature.

**Time**

Bacteria grow quickly in food that has been in the temperature danger zone for two to four hours. Take care to serve food as soon as it is cooked, hold food at the proper temperature and store leftovers in refrigeration or on ice.

Fire up that grill and have a food-safe barbecue soon!

For more information on safe summer grilling:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact\\_Sheets/Barbecue\\_Food\\_Safety/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fact_Sheets/Barbecue_Food_Safety/index.asp).

# Drinking, summer weather don't mix

BY STEVEN A. CARRERAS, SOCIAL WORKER  
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With summer at its peak, many people will be outside enjoying the warm weather.

For those who like being outside, whether gardening, mowing the lawn, playing sports, boating or just getting some sun, it is wise to remember that reaching for a "cold one" should be reaching for a non-alcoholic drink such as water or a sports beverage.

Proper hydration is a key factor in the prevention of heat-related illnesses (heat exhaustion or heat stroke). People exposed to heat should keep themselves hydrated

with fluids that are non-alcoholic.

Humidity affects the body's ability to sweat efficiently, thereby increasing the potential for a heat-related illness; humidity also should be considered a risk factor when going outside. A good rule of thumb is to increase one's fluid consumption when going outdoors in the heat, regardless of activity.

Alcohol is a diuretic that causes the body to dehydrate, and it raises blood pressure. As such, alcohol increases a person's chances of heat-related illness or death from prolonged exposure in the sun and hot weather.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, symptoms

of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, or fainting. Symptoms of heat stroke include a body temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit; dizziness; nausea; confusion; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; and unconsciousness.

Seeking medical attention is recommended for symptoms associated with heat illness.

Persons of all age groups can be affected by extreme heat; however, the most vulnerable are the elderly and young children, including infants.

Alcohol also affects the body's central nervous system, which can impair a person's thinking and judgment, for example, when operating machinery such as lawnmowers or yard tools.


The U.S. Coast Guard reports that persons operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol are at

risk for serious accidents and even death. In 2008, alcohol consumption accounted for 17 percent of all boating deaths and was the No. 1 contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

Common sense approaches to outdoor enjoyment include avoiding strenuous activities or exercise during the hottest times of the day; increasing one's (non-


alcoholic) fluids during outings; making use of shaded places (such as underneath trees); staying indoors when the weather is hot; and avoiding alcoholic beverages to help avoid heat-related illnesses.

Remember, summer is a time for enjoyment and relaxation—avoid alcohol, drink plenty of hydrating fluids and pace yourself!



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The program provides caring instruc-tion in a challenging atmosphere, which advances technical ability and nurtures de-veloping artistry.

All students participating in the work-shop are given the opportunity to perform in the opening workshop presentation of Summer Dances, an exciting repertory performance by the Montgomery Ballet of classical and contemporary works, Aug. 6 at 2:30 pm.

For more information, visit [www.andalu-siaballet.com](http://www.andalu-siaballet.com).

## DALEVILLE

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

**ONGOING** — Daleville Chamber of Com-merce 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 informa-tion, call 598-6331.

## DOTHAN

**THURSDAY** — Landmark Park staff hosts Music by Moonlight from 7:30-9 p.m. un-der the stars on the gazebo lawn. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkpark.com](http://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 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 informa-tion on show times and to purchase tickets, visit [www.southernbroadway.com](http://www.southernbroadway.com). \$\$\$

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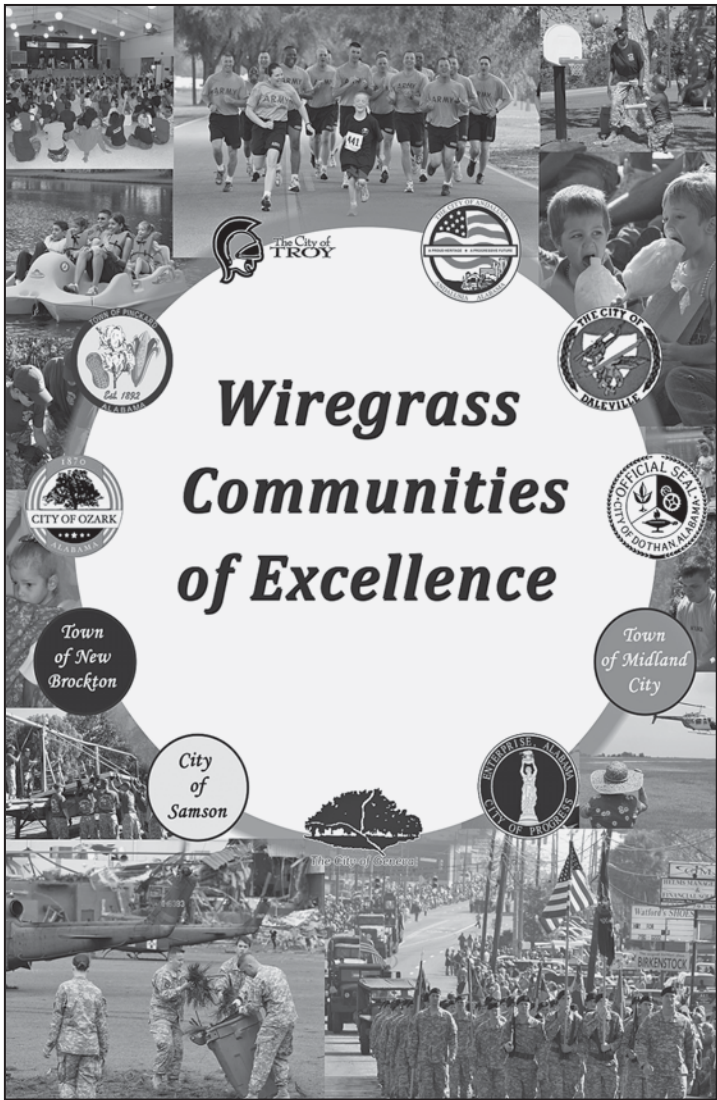
The class reviews rappelling basics then teaches advanced rappelling. The class teaches special rigging, mechanical advantage, ascending and rope walking, alternate rappel devices, changeovers, advanced knots, safety procedures, spe-cial gear and backup belaying.

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](http://www.trueadventuresports.com).

### Gulf Coast Ethnic and Heritage Jazz Festival

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**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 member-ship 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 Hud-son at 406-3077, Randy Black at 389-0738 or Bob Cooper 347-7076, or visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683 on *Face-book*.

## GENEVA

**ONGOING** — The Geneva County Re-lay for Life meets the last Tuesday of the 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.

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 art-ists 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 celebra-tion 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](http://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,

arts staff, live popular musicians known around the southeast, Cajun dancing demonstrations and barbecue sampling during the People's Choice competition. VIP tickets available.

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### Cobbler Festival

The Gadsden Etowah County Cobbler Festival celebrates one of the south's fa-vorite deserts Aug. 26-27 at the Gadsden Midtown Plaza in Gadsden. There is a si-lent and live auction Aug. 26 of interest items, dinner catered by Top of the River and carnival rides for the Family from 4-10 p.m.

The fun continues Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with carnival rides, food and craft vendors, live music and entertain-ment and the Cobbler Bake Off contest.

For more information, including festival pass prices, visit <http://www.stjamesgadsden.com/CobblerFest/CobblerFest.html>.

### Alabama Butterbean Festival

The Alabama Butterbean Festival is Sept. 2-3 on Main Street in Pinson.

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 in-formation.

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

The council is now accepting entries from artists who wish to participate. Con-testants 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 infor-mation, visit [www.ruddartcenter.org](http://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 rop-ing, cowgirl barrel racing, steer wrestling, bareback riding and more. For more infor-mation, 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.

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## SAMSON

**ONGOING** — The Samson City Council meets monthly on the first and third Tues-days at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Commu-nity Center.

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

## TROY

**AUG. 31** — Troy University hosts a vol-unteer 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 infor-mation, 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, Na-tive American camps with demonstra-tions of candlemaking, spinning, weaving, quiltmaking, blacksmithing, drum, dance and more. For more information, call 566-3597

**ONGOING** — Troy Bank and Trust Com-pany 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 refresh-ments. For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

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The event features a butterbean and cornbread cooking contest, antique car show, a tail waggin' dog pageant and a 5k run. Events are held Sept. 2 from 5-10 p.m. and Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free and open to all ages.

For more information, call (205) 572-2041 or visit [www.albutterbeanfestival.com](http://www.albutterbeanfestival.com).

### Jazz in the Park

Jazz in the Park is each Sunday from 5-8 p.m. now through Sept. 4 at the Birmingham Metro Park and features performances by local jazz enthusiasts.

Jazz in the Park showcases music styles from contemporary jazz, straight-ahead jazz to Latin Jazz and everything in between.

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Visit [www.magiccitysmoothjazz.com](http://www.magiccitysmoothjazz.com) for details and complete list of locations and performers. Dates and performers are subject to change.

For more information, call (205) 616-1735.



# Soldiers volunteer for Extreme Makeover project

BY STEPHENIE TATUM  
Fort Bragg, N.C., Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – The residents of Langdon Street are used to seeing neighbors walk up and down the streets of their quiet community.

But on the morning of July 14, they were as surprised as homeowner Barbara Summey Marshall to see an army of volunteers walk up and stop in front of 120 Langdon Street.

Ty Pennington, and the crew from "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," greeted Marshall and residents, Judy Hilburn, Niki Harper and her two sons, Keyon Taft, 10, and Kelli Carmon, 16, of the Jubilee House as she answered her front door with the well-known, wake-up call: "G-o-o-d M-o-r-n-i-n-g!"

With those two words, Marshall realized she was about to receive a home from the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, or EMHE team.

"We are off the charts excited. Cannot be measured excited! This is going to allow us to provide services for women veterans who come on a daily basis seeking residence and support," said Marshall.

Marshall, a 15-year Navy veteran, knows how it feels to need a helping hand. She is a retired chaplain, who, in 2005, was facing foreclosure, had health problems and was going through a rough patch in her marriage.

After getting back on her feet and overcoming her challenges, Marshall knew she had to help others. Seeing a need to support and end homelessness among her fellow veterans, she found her calling by purchasing the home on Langdon Street and establishing the Steps & Stages Jubilee



PHOTO BY BEN ABEL

Fort Bragg Soldiers and others participants join the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" design team in a Braveheart Walk to surprise Barbara Marshall, a Navy veteran and director of a homeless women veteran's shelter, with the announcement of a new home.

House.

Marshall bought the 1,600-square-foot house with money from her savings and help from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The home is about 12 miles from Fort Bragg, in Fayetteville, N.C., and looks like most on its street. It is wrapped in white siding,

has a nice yard with mature trees and has seen its share of residents since it was built in the 1940s. But over those years, the home has seen its better days and was definitely in need of repairs when Marshall purchased it.

Since October, volunteers from Fort Bragg and the local community have

been working to make the house habitable and a place to call home for up to six women veterans and their children. Jubilee House offers shelter, support and services such as mentoring and life coaching to homeless female veterans.

"We have more requests than we have space. The

house that we have now is a house that is old and in need of repairs. This will allow us to get our home in a better condition so that the women who are

housed here can be living in a house that truly represents how much we appreciate their service to our nation," said Marshall.

When Marshall answered the door knock from Pennington of EMHE, she knew her dreams were about to become a reality. In just seven days, the crew will demolish the careworn house and build a new home, suited to meet the needs of the shelter Marshall envisioned.

"I serve the daughters of our nation – women veterans, those who have taken the oath and promised to protect and defend our great nation. The services that we provide to these women are tailored to their individual needs. We reach out to women to help them envision themselves moving forward – home ownership, business ownership, fulfilling their dreams, moving toward their destiny – to support them moving forward," said Marshall.

While the home is being built, Marshall and other Jubilee House residents and their children will be vacationing at Walt Disney World and following the progress on a computer.

Usually, homes built by the EMHE TV professionals and local volunteers are for a single family to live in and enjoy. But this one is different. Extreme team leader Pennington and designers Paul DiMeo, Tracy Hutson, John Littlefield and Sabrina Soto will rebuild the Jubilee home, along with the help of builder Blue Ridge Log Cabins and other community organizations and volunteers.

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**EPA 2010 Salutatorian Grad Evan Dew**

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SCUBA COURSE

The Fort Rucker Aquarians Dive Club scuba certification course begins Aug. 1. The first class meets at the Fort Rucker Flynn Pool at 6:30 p.m.

After the first class, the scuba course meets Monday and Wednesday nights for no less than six weeks and no more than seven weeks, dependent on weather.

One weekend will be required at the end of the course to complete open water training in the Gulf of Mexico.

For more information, call 774-3483 or 347-6936.

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 glow-in-the-dark balls and shoes. For more information, call 255-9503.

ARCHERY SHOOT

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

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PHOTOS BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Jeremy Stephan, Gamecocks shortstop, is safe at third base during the team's game against the Warhawks Monday. The Gamecocks won, 22-14.

# Sweet victory

## Gamecocks take down Warhawks in rivalry game

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

It was a rough night for the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group intramural softball team the Warhawks as it lost to its battalion unit, the 597th Maintenance Company Gamecocks, 22-14.

Even with some help from members of the 6th Military Police Detachment team, Guns and Hoses, the team was unable to keep the game close after the second inning.

While the final score reflects the one-sided nature of the second half, the first half of the game was too close to call.

The Gamecocks set the tone early by going up four runs in the top of the first. The team seemed to be under the impression it wasn't going to have much of a battle on its hands until the Warhawks took up the bats.

After the team managed to score one run, Jeremy Sanders, Warhawks coach, helped keep things going with a single and was followed by two more singles to load the bases.

Then, Matt Custer, Guns and Hoses player and shortstop for the Warhawks, stepped to the plate and let the Gamecocks know it wasn't going to be that easy with a grand slam, putting the team up 6-4.

Not to be outdone, the Gamecocks came back to the plate ready to take its lead back.

The combined efforts of the Gamecocks lineup, lead by Sam Carter, coach, and Jeremy Stephan, shortstop, helped gain a 10-6 advantage in the top of the second inning.

However, the Warhawks managed to answer two of those runs and lessened its deficit to 10-8 by the end of the second inning.

Unfortunately for the Warhawks, that's about where its potential comeback train derailed.

In the top of the third, the Gamecocks proceeded to slam the Warhawks outfielders with one deep hit after another, getting several doubles and triples, eventually making its way through the entire batting roster one-and-a-half times, putting the score at 21-8.

When the Warhawks came back to the plate, the bats were eerily quiet as the team went scoreless for the inning.

The Gamecocks offense eased off in the fourth and final inning, only managing one run before the Warhawks defense finally started to show signs of life again.



Clarence Simmons, 597th Maintenance Company Gamecocks outfielder, swings at a pitch during the team's game against the 164th TAOG Warhawks Monday.

Upon returning to the plate, the Warhawks seemed to want another shot at getting back in the game as a rally ensued complete with a second homerun from Custer.

Unfortunately for the team, it wasn't enough to get it back in the game as it could only muster six runs before the Gamecocks finished the job it started in the previous inning.

Carter said he was happy with the victory, but thinks some things still need to be worked on in practice.

"Our bats really showed up tonight," Carter said. "We were pretty lazy out there because we knew we had the up-

per hand, and we probably should have worked a little harder. We're just going to keep the bats going and start taking the games a little more serious and we'll just run through the rest of the season."

Sanders said the lack of his regular players definitely hurt the team, but he was appreciative of the help he got from the MPs.

"We just didn't have enough time to make the comeback," he said. "If we can get our players here and on time, it would be better. We did get some great help, but our people who were here had to play positions they weren't used to and it made things even more difficult."



# Down Time



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

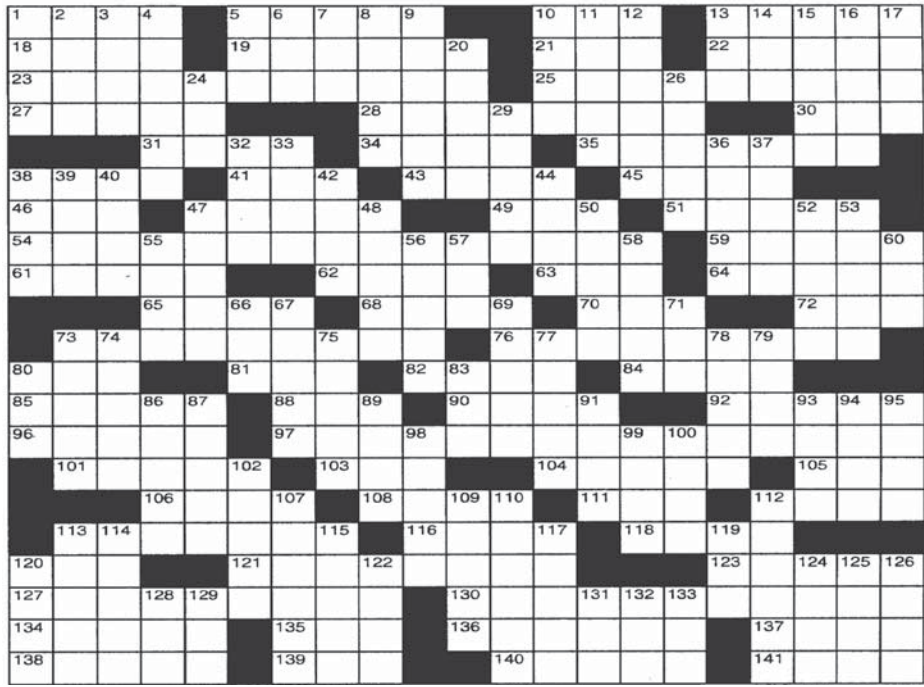
# TRIVIA

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the U.S. Naval Academy located?
2. PERSONALITIES: Who was Fulton John Sheen, famous for his radio and TV broadcasts?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the plural of "quantum"?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the city in the long-running soap opera "All My Children"?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Jungle," a book that detailed abuses in the U.S. meat-packing industry?
6. MUSIC: What rock group recorded the song "Layla"?
7. ROYALTY: Which English king convened the so-called Long Parliament in 1640?
8. COMICS: What was the name of Superman's superdog?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the first name of the pirate known as Captain Kidd?
10. HISTORY: What year was Malcolm X assassinated?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword WHIRLED TOUR

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hollywood clasher
  - 5 Out of line
  - 10 Palindromic Parseghian
  - 13 Harlem export
  - 18 '78 Bujold thriller
  - 19 Lavished
  - 21 Waggle
  - 22 Meyerbeer masterpiece
  - 23 West Indian trouble-maker?
  - 25 Mideastern show tune?
  - 27 Aquatic animal
  - 28 Appraise
  - 30 Compass pt.
  - 31 Vacation sensation
  - 34 Citrus fruit
  - 35 Brand or Chamberlain
  - 38 Thames town
  - 41 Son of Noah
  - 43 Touch down
  - 45 "— Dinah" ('58 hit)
  - 46 Opening song?
  - 47 — acid
  - 49 One — customer
  - 51 Gambols
  - 54 Speechless, in South-east Asia?
  - 59 Church members
  - 61 Hold up
  - 62 Pro bono
  - 63 Summer quencher
  - 64 Gawk
  - 65 Israeli dance
  - 68 TV's "— Life"
  - 70 Brenda or Brandon
  - 72 "Unforgettable" name
  - 73 South American designer?
  - 76 Scandinavian sugar substitute?
  - 80 Muir or Miniver
  - 81 By means of
  - 82 Nobelist
  - 84 — gin fizz
  - 85 Gam and Wilson
  - 88 Exec's deg.
  - 90 Concept
  - 92 Pointless
  - 96 Adult insect
  - 97 Central American song?
  - 101 Addis —
  - 103 Rock's —
  - 104 Ointment
  - 105 Ornamental vine
  - 106 Whip, for one
  - 108 Family members,
  - 111 Hum bug?
  - 112 Perplexed
  - 113 Artist Vincent
  - 116 Stagger
  - 118 Haul
  - 120 Impresario
  - 121 Self-assurance
  - 123 Biblical kingdom
  - 127 Caribbean entree?
  - 130 African palanquins?
  - 134 Where the buoys are
  - 135 Fr. holy woman
  - 136 Beethoven symphony
  - 137 Ginger cookie
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  - 139 Aunt or niece
  - 140 Bestow
  - 141 "Guarding —" ('94 film)
  - 142 Brazil
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  - 144 Actress Georgia
  - 145 Plant pest
  - 146 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
  - 147 Director Polanski
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  - 156 Extremely infrequently?
  - 157 Literally, to Sibellus
  - 158 Dispel
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  - 161 Paul of "The Burning Bed"
  - 162 "Heavens to Betsy!"
  - 163 "Little Man —" ('91 film)
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  - 166 Mrs. David Copperfield
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  - 170 Beseeched
  - 171 Done
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  - 173 Way out
  - 174 On edge
  - 175 Anchored
  - 176 Taken way aback?
  - 177 Endorse, with "for"
  - 178 "The Sandbox" playwright
  - 179 Wasteland
  - 180 Enticed
  - 181 Timber tree
  - 182 Sailboat, e.g.
  - 183 — Ball (arcade game)
  - 184 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
  - 185 Some underwear
  - 186 Snake charmer's crew
  - 187 Bond rating
  - 188 NBC comedy showcase
  - 189 Support
  - 190 Sgt. or cpl.
  - 191 Cornfield cry
- DOWN**
- 1 Narcissus' nymph
  - 2 Big kid?
  - 3 Fall to mention
  - 4 Glossy cloth
  - 5 Garment part
  - 6 — Paulo, to many
  - 7 Hum bug?
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

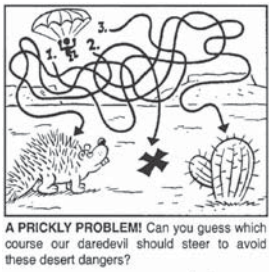
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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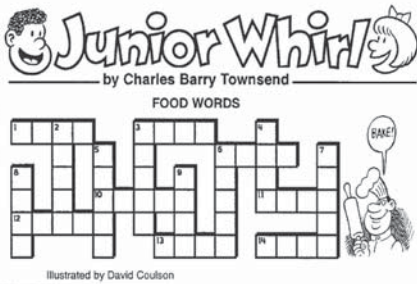
# Kid's Corner



**FIND THE LEAD SINGER!** Hidden in this presenter's announcement is the name of a popular rock singer. You have 30 seconds to find it.

**TRY TAMING THIS PUZZLE!** At the right is a word square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. A circus performer (given).
2. To tolerate.
3. Short skirts.
4. A formal command.
5. Musical pauses



Below are the 16 food-related words you will need to complete the crossword puzzle above. Use the trial-and-error method. And keep a good eraser handy!

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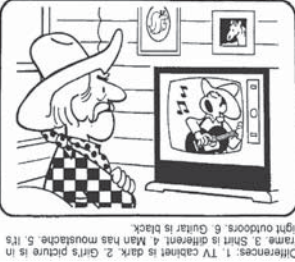
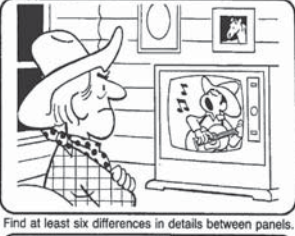
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**HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME** that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than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

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF





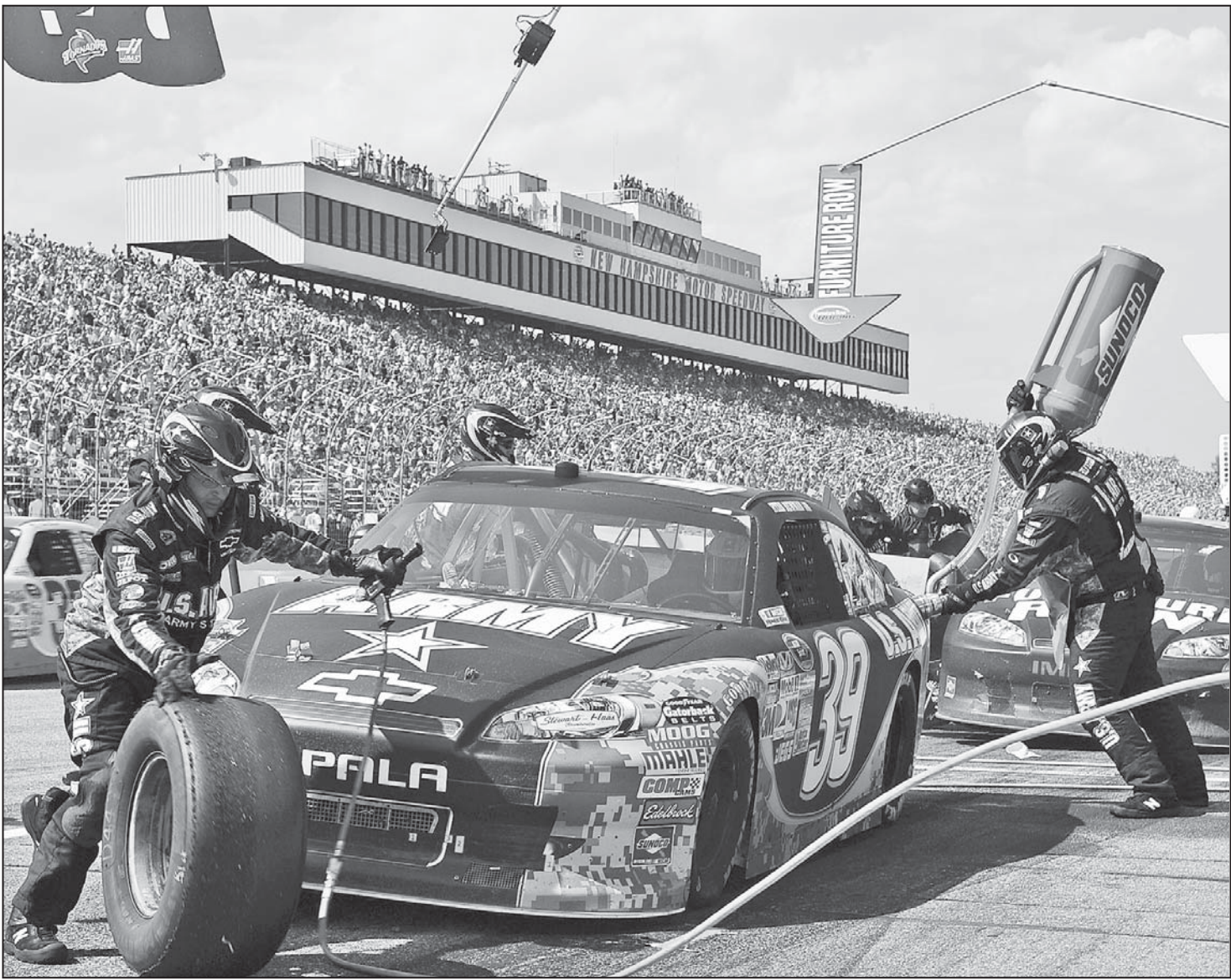


PHOTO BY RUSTY JARRETT

The pit crew Ryan Newman credits with his success changed only two of four tires for most stops to stay competitive.

# Newman drives Army Chevy to 1st victory

BY U.S. ARMY RACING  
Army News Service

LOUDON, N.H. — As Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup race was winding down at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Ryan Newman performed a delicate balancing act in his No. 39 U.S. Army Chevrolet.

He was forced to conserve fuel, but still drive aggressively. The end result was Newman claiming his first victory of the season, the 15th of his career and third at the 1.058-mile New England track.

It was also the first win for Newman driving the U.S. Army-sponsored Chevrolet.

Newman was on the edge of not having enough fuel to finish the 301-lap race, but managed to hold off his teammate and team owner Tony Stewart. Stewart charged late in the race to finish runner-up in his No. 14 Office Depot/Mobile 1 Chevrolet.

The 1-2 finish by the Stewart-Haas Racing drivers mirrored the start of the race with Newman and Stewart starting on the front row — Newman on the pole and Stewart on the outside pole.

It was the first 1-2 start for Stewart-Haas Racing and also the first 1-2 finish for the team, which is in its third year of competition.

"Man, this is one perfect weekend," Stewart said. "It was a sweet 1-2 qualifying and 1-2 in the race. I am so proud of

"This win is for the Soldiers! We appreciate all the things they have done and do. They make all the difference, and wearing their uniform gives us so much inspiration and fight."

— Ryan Newman

my buddy (Newman) there standing on top of his car. He deserved it."

Driving the Soldiers' car to Victory Lane was something Newman talked about all week. And in his many post-race interviews he made a point in each to thank the Army Strong Soldiers, who he has represented on the NASCAR circuit since the 2009 season.

"This win is for the Soldiers!" exclaimed Newman. "We appreciate all the things they have done and do. They make all the difference, and wearing their uniform gives us so much inspiration and fight."

Despite fuel concerns, Newman's

Army race car was dominant throughout the Lenox Industrial Tools 301. Newman led six different times for a race high 119 laps, including the final 72 laps. The next closest in laps led was Kurt Busch with 66, whom Newman fought off for the lead in the late stages of the race.

While he did not relinquish the lead to Busch, those last 72 laps were nail-biters as Newman was constantly being told by crew chief Tony Gibson to save fuel. At one point he was informed he could be as much as eight laps short.

"I never believed we were going to make it," said Gibson. "We were definitely a solid two to three laps short from making it. I was hounding Ryan on the radio to save fuel. I am sure he got tired of hearing it. It was time to showcase what he can do as far as driving and saving fuel. He did an awesome job."

Newman's weekend at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway started off as well as it ended. The 33-year-old not only won the Cup race from the pole, he also won Saturday's Whelen Modified Series race from the pole.

Newman was candid explaining his success at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway, where he won his first career Cup race in September 2002.

"I've always said about this track that you have to only take what it will give you. Track position is important because it's so hard to pass here," Newman said.

To make sure that Newman and his U.S. Army Chevrolet maintained the all-important track position, Gibson's master plan for how many tires to take during the team's five pit stops was perfectly calculated.

Only once did Gibson call for four fresh tires. The other four times he called for two right-side tires only. The short two-tire pit stops kept Newman in striking distance.

"Our strategy was to stay up front, keep Ryan in clean air," explained Gibson. "We knew if we could do that we had a shot to win."

Newman was quick to credit Gibson and the pit crew.

"Tony made one great call after another," he noted. "It was truly a team effort, just like our Soldiers do every day."

The victory lifted Newman from ninth to eighth-place in the driver standings. He is now one point shy of Jeff Gordon in seventh-place.

Stewart remains 11th in points.

Following Newman and Shttps://core.us.army.mil/content/edit\_content/61803/tewart past the checkered flag were Denny Hamlin (third), Joey Logano (fourth) and Jimmie Johnson (fifth).

The Sprint Cup Series has the coming weekend off. The next race is July 31, the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Answers

- Annapolis, Md.
- U.S. Catholic archbishop
- Quanta
- Pine Valley
- Upton Sinclair
- Derek and the Dominoes
- Charles I
- Krypto
- William
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword Answers

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