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MUSIC UNDER THE ALABAMA STARS

The concert is scheduled to take place Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the post's Howze Field. The event features a performance by Fort Rucker's own 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, invites everyone to attend, and bring along their lawn chairs, blankets, Families and friends.

"I envision a relaxed atmosphere for our Families. A park full of lawn chairs, Frisbees, children and leashed pets running around. It's a way to say 'thanks for your hard work' by enjoying the great music of our band," Crutchfield said.

Keep an eye on the *Army Flier*, the Fort Rucker website and the post's social media outlets, such as Twitter and Facebook, for more information and updates.

POOLS CHANGE HOURS

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation reports that because of lifeguard shortages, some post aquatic facilities will change their hours.

- Flynn Outdoor Swimming Pool will close for the season Saturday.
- The indoor swimming pool at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility in Bldg. 4605, starting Monday, will be open Mondays-Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- SPLASH (full facility - swimming pool and spray park), beginning Saturday, will be open only on the weekends and the Labor Day holiday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The facility will close for the season Oct. 3.
- SPLASH (spray park only), beginning Monday, will be open Mondays-Fridays from 1-5 p.m. through Sept. 30.
- West Beach, starting Saturday, will be open only on weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Labor Day, Sept. 5.

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High 100  
Low 76

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High 94  
Low 76

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SATURDAY

High 91  
Low 75

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PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, pins the Bronze Star on retired Staff Sgt. James O. Cockerham during a short ceremony at Adams Hall July 26. Cockerham served in C Co., 1st Bn., 263rd Infantry Regiment during World War II. His grandson, Capt. Kevin Riley, AVCS student, helped him receive the award

# Soldier receives Bronze Star

## Nearly 70 years later

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

It may have taken nearly 70 years for World War II veteran Ret. Staff Sgt. James O. Cockerham to get his Bronze Star, but thanks to his grandson, Capt. Kevin T. Riley, it happened here July 26.

The medal was awarded by Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, during a short ceremony at Adams Hall.

Riley, a student in the Aviation Captains Career Course, said he learned of his grandfather's achievements through talking to him about his experiences in C Company, 1st Battalion, 263rd Infantry Regiment, 66th Infantry Division.

"Once I found out he was supposed to have the medal, I started

doing research to find out how we could get it awarded to him," Riley said. "I found the regulation that said WWII veterans could be awarded the medal, contacted our state senator and things just progressed from there."

Getting the proper paperwork was no easy task, however. Cockerham had to prove he served in the Army at the time he claimed, but the paperwork confirming it had been lost nearly 30 years

prior.

"He had a combat infantry badge and had orders for the Bronze Star, but he didn't have a copy of his discharge paperwork," Riley said. "The archives building burned in the 1970s and his copy was stolen in a home invasion. All we had to go on were old pictures. My dad scanned those and e-mailed them to me and the

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## Army observes Antiterrorism Awareness Month

A Simple Observation  
A Single Report can lead to actions that may STOP a terrorist attack

THINK ABOUT THE POWER OF THAT. THE POWER OF iWATCH.

See Something Say Something

BY JAY MANN  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month and the Army's iWatch program seeks to remind people that the Army community has the power to keep itself safe.

"Vigilance is necessary right now," said Michael Whittaker, installation anti-terrorism officer, adding that iWatch focuses on training everyone to recognize the signs of terrorist activity and to report it to the nearest security or law enforcement representative. "iWatch is a great program because it takes it down to the school level where

the kids are. It involves the entire community.

"Terrorism used to be the boogeyman in the closet - not very publicized," said Whittaker. "Now we are trying to be preventive - proactive instead of reactive."

Unlike a traditional community watch program with a chain of response and set watch hours, the iWatch program teaches that people are individually responsible for recognizing the indicators of potential terrorist threats to their immediate area. The iWatch slogan,

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## Supporting Soldier career success

BY LT. GEN. RICK LYNCH  
*IMCOM Commanding General*

The decision to transition out of uniform is as important as the initial decision to put it on.

Soldiers deserve as much support at this critical point in their service as they do with earlier parts of their career. That is why the Army provides the Army Career and Alumni Program and is working to make ACAP even more effective.

ACAP delivers transition and job assistance services to Soldiers to support them in making informed career decisions. These services include pre-separation counseling, Veteran Affairs benefits briefings, and Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program workshops, which cover career planning, job searches, resume writing and interviewing.

ACAP services are available to separating and retiring active component Soldiers, demobilizing Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, Family members, retirees, and civilians affected by BRAC, reduction in force or Global Realignment.

In April 2010, the vice chief of staff of the Army directed a thorough review of ACAP, which included visits to ACAP centers and thousands of in-



**Lt. Gen. Rich Lynch**

terviews with Soldiers and civilians. The study found that while Soldiers are allowed to use ACAP services up to two years prior to retirement or one year prior to separation, they do not always have leadership support in doing more than the minimum required by law, which is attending the pre-separation briefing no later than 90 days prior to separation.

However, just meeting the letter of the law is too little, too late. The more Soldiers are able to use ACAP services, the more successful their transition.

Based on the study results and the vice chief of staff's guidance, over the next few months ACAP is implementing an enhanced 12-month transition program model focused

on helping Soldiers develop an individual transition plan and put it into action.

Under this choice-based, results-oriented model, Soldiers will have the opportunity to spend up to 60-70 hours accessing ACAP resources, including the pre-separation briefing, the 2 1/2-day Transition Assistance Program workshop, the four-hour VA briefing, and individual counseling sessions. The TAP workshop is also being updated, to incorporate development of the Individual Transition Plan.

The 12-month timeframe is designed to minimize conflict with unit mission requirements and enable Soldiers to take full advantage of ACAP resources. About four out of 10 eligible Soldiers who start ACAP decide to reenlist or join the National Guard or Reserves, while others need to get a solid start preparing for the next phase of their careers, whether it is going to school, starting a new job or starting a business. New policy and guidance on the transition program will be issued in the first quarter of FY12.

The key to making ACAP as effective as possible is leader commitment. ACAP is a commander's program. Soldiers will take off the uniform at some point, whether through

separation or retirement, and it is up to leaders to take care of them until the very last day.

Taking care of Soldiers includes supporting their active participation in ACAP, and if a Soldier decides to separate, making sure no stigma is attached to their decision.

It is smart business to support Soldiers' use of ACAP. In fiscal year 2010, the Army spent more than \$500 million in unemployment compensation for veterans, a number expected to rise even higher in fiscal year 2011. The Army is looking to reduce that amount by better preparing Soldiers to enter the civilian workforce.

More to the point, it is the right thing to do to support Soldiers' transition planning. Transition is stressful under the best of circumstances, and right now Soldiers are facing a tough job market.

We have to equip our Soldiers to take the skills and values they learned in the Army and translate them into success in the next phase of their career.

When Soldiers take off the uniform, we want them to know they made the right choice for themselves, their careers, and their Families when they put it on in the first place. It's the least we can do for their service and sacrifices.

# Knowing what you want key to resume writing

BY BRYAN THARPE

*Army Career and Alumni Program  
Transition Services Manager*

Do you know what you want to do or be after leaving the military?

All too many times ACAP counselors have heard, "I can do anything," from transitioning Soldiers. While this is admirable and shows trust in your abilities, it may not be exactly true.

The truth is that if you don't know specifically what it is you want to be or do when you leave the military, employers will have a hard time placing you in their company.

Before Soldiers come to the ACAP Center, two years before retirement or one year before separation, they should already begin thinking about where they

want life to take them. If they know what they can do and have done, and what they want in a job, they will have an easier time finding employment after the military.

The basic fact is, unless you know where you fit into a company, the employer isn't going to take the time to figure it out either.

Figuring it out takes a lot of introspection and self analysis on the part of the Soldier. It also takes research on different careers and companies to align your skills to a company's needs. Finding a job need not be so hard, if you have taken the time preceding your transition to figure out what you want to be or do.

Likewise, knowing this information is the key to writing your quality resume. If your objective is vague, your resume will

also be vague. Vague resumes are the hardest to write and the hardest for employers to understand.

Your ACAP Center has numerous tools, automated and otherwise, to assist you in figuring out what you want to do or be after the military.

Additionally, they can help you figure out what your marketable skills are. Take the time, while you still have it, to research and know what you can and can't do and be able to sell your skills to specific employers upon leaving the military.

Your resume and job search will be much better as a result of your efforts.

For more information on this and any other job related topic, call the Fort Rucker ACAP Center at 255-2558 for assistance.

## Rotor Wash

“What is your most helpful job hunting tip?”



**Staff Sgt. Nicolas Solero,**  
recruiter USAREC

“Use human resources like USAJobs.gov.”



**2nd Lt. Brittany Pinney,**  
Air Force 479th OSS,  
Pensacola, Fla.

“Be confident and be persistent.”



**Jackie Sanders,**  
military spouse

“Use the Internet for resources.”



**Dwight Tew,**  
retired military

“Convince potential employers you're the best deal out there.”



**Frank White,**  
B Co. 1st Bn., 223rd Avn.  
Regt., flight instructor

“Know the company you're applying for.”



# Post honors retirees

BY JIM HUGHES

Command Information Officer

Hundreds of members of the Fort Rucker community turned out to honor 12 retiring servicemembers and one Army civilian during the quarterly retirement ceremony July 28 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Honoring those who've selflessly served their nation is important for Fort Rucker, and for the entire country, said Col. Stanley O. Smith, commandant of the Warrant Officer Career College.

"President Calvin Coolidge once said, 'A nation which forgets its heroes will itself soon be forgotten,'" Smith said during the ceremony. "All these heroes standing before you volunteered to serve our nation. They represent the approximate 1 percent of Americans who protect and defend the other 99 percent."

The 13 willingly accepted all the challenges and sacrifices that come along with military service, the colonel added.

"It is a comforting thought that patriotic Americans continue to sacrifice for the greater cause," Smith said. "They have endured hardships, deployments, wars and conflicts in foreign lands, deployments for training, extended time away from families, and periodic changes of duty stations where families must adjust to new communities, schools, churches, communities, cultures, jobs and friends."

"But it wasn't just the servicemember that sacrificed, it was the families as well," he added. "That is why the family members are part of this ceremony, for they are also American heroes."

The retirees:

• **Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mickey D. Jett** — Jett



Jett

received the Legion of Merit in recognition of 25 years of outstanding military service, culminating as deputy garrison chaplain at Fort Rucker. Some of his assignments included Greece, Germany, Belgium, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Brazil, Iraq and Afghanistan. He plans to retire in Huntsville.



Lt. Col. Mikael R. Ash

• **Lt. Col. Mikael R. Ash** — Ash received the Legion of Merit in recognition of 23 years of outstanding military service, culminating as commander of the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment. Ash's assignments include Hawaii, Germany, Bosnia and Iraq. He and his wife plan to retire in Dothan.



Lt. Col. Jennifer Ash

• **Lt. Col. Jennifer J. Ash** — Ash received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 21 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the chief of the Air Maneuver Battle Lab at Fort Rucker. Her assignments included Iraq; Germany; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Knox, Ky.; and Fort Hood, Texas. She and her husband plan to retire in Dothan.

• **CW4 D. Hillsman** —



Hillsman

Hillsman received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 28 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the foreign military platoon leader, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment. His assignments included two tours in Korea; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Fort Stewart, Ga. He plans to retire in Ozark.



Sanders

• **CW4 Donald Sanders** — Sanders received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 27 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the Aviation maintenance officer course chief for the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment. His assignments included Germany and Hawaii. He plans to retire in Enterprise.



Doig

• **CW4 David R. Doig** — Doig received the Meritorious Service

Medal in recognition of 23 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the student management officer, TH-67 and CH-47 standardization pilot and instrument evaluator for the 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment. His previous assignments included Honduras, Korea, Alaska, Somalia, Germany and two tours in Iraq. He plans to retire in Pensacola, Fla.



Miller

• **CW3 Ronald D. Miller** — Miller received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 21 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the special projects officer for Air Traffic Services Command at Fort Rucker. His assignments included Korea, Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Kuwait. He plans to retire in the Fort Rucker area.



Phillips

• **CW3 Tom Phillips** — Phillips received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of outstanding military service, culminating as Shell Heliport safety officer with the 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment. His assignments included the Mediterranean Sea, Korea and Iraq.

He plans to retire in Huntsville.



Collins

• **First Sgt. Michael L. Collins** — Collins received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the first sergeant of B Co., 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment. His assignments included Honduras, Hawaii, Korea and three tours to Iraq. He plans to retire in Enterprise.



Clay

• **First Sgt. Timothy S. Clay** — Clay received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the first sergeant of A Co., 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment. His assignments included Korea, Hawaii, Alaska, Haiti and Iraq. He plans to retire in Naples, Fla.



Thomas

• **Sgt. 1st Class Troy A. Thomas Sr.** —

Thomas received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the platoon sergeant and quality assurance NCO in charge of F Co., 2-1 General Support Aviation Battalion at Fort Riley, Kan. His assignments included Korea, Honduras and Iraq. He plans to retire in Dothan.



Ponvelle

• **Sgt. 1st Class Peter J. Ponvelle** — Ponvelle received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of 20 years of outstanding military service, culminating as the OH-58F Field Support Team NCO in charge with the Training and Doctrine Command Capability Manager, Recon/Attack at Fort Rucker. His assignments included Hawaii; Fort Polk, La.; and Fort Eustis, Va. He plans to retire in Huntsville.



Flynn

• **Earl Flynn** — Flynn received the Superior Civilian Service Medal in recognition of 32 years of outstanding service, culminating as the chief of the customer service branch of the business operations division of the Directorate of Public Works at Fort Rucker. Besides Fort Rucker, he served at Charleston Naval Ship Yard. He plans to retire in Charleston, S.C.

## Fort Rucker civilian wins state HH award

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

One of Fort Rucker's own won the Volunteer of the Year award at the Alabama Association of Habitat Affiliate Awards luncheon in Montgomery last month.

Hector Cardona, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security airspace management division and Coffee County Habitat for Humanity board member, received the award as one of 10 recognized winners. He won the award for the Coffee County chapter.

"I just enjoy helping people and being able to see my finished work on a regular basis," Cardona said. "It's a very rewarding experience."

Cardona has worked with the CCHH since 2006 after reading about the organization in a local newspaper. He said the work the organization does helps those who are less fortunate,



COURTESY PHOTO

Hector Cardona, CCHH volunteer of the year award recipient, works on a Habitat for Humanity housing project in Enterprise.

nate have a place to live. "By helping to provide a decent place to live for a family, you help change not only their lives but also the lives of all the volunteers involved," he said. "I've

been fortunate enough to be part of 10 different building projects since I started helping."

Charlene Goolsby, CCHH president, said Cardona has been an invaluable part

of the CCHH team and is someone she's happy to work with on every project.

"He's one of the most admirable and committed people we have as a vol-

unteer," she said. "When he makes a commitment, he follows through with it. We all benefit from his energy and dedication."

Cardona said the number of projects CCHH has planned went up dramatically after the March 2007 tornado. Many families lost their homes in the disaster and he's been part of several projects meant to help those affected by the event.

"After the tornado, we did about six houses," he said. "It was a lot of work, but we had a lot of resources and a lot of people willing to help."

The amount of work as a result of the 2007 tornado continues to this day, Cardona added. The group plans to begin construction on two new projects in the next month. It takes approximately four months to complete a house, but it can be done faster if enough volunteers participate.

"I enjoy seeing the com-

munity coming together, Fort Rucker Soldiers and especially the youth of the Wiregrass participate in different aspects of building a Habitat home," he said.

Contrary to popular belief, Habitat for Humanity homes are not "free," Cardona said.

"The materials are donated and we do fundraisers to help get supplies and builders, but the family does have to be able to pay for a mortgage," he said.

According to the CCHH brochure, the group builds "quality, energy efficient homes in partnership with low income families who live in substandard or otherwise unsuitable conditions and who don't qualify for any other type of home loan. Once finished, the homes are sold to the partner families at no profit with a no-interest mortgage. House mortgage payments go into an account that is used to build more Habitat homes."



## Star: Soldier honored 66 years later

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Army processed it. After that, I started getting calls from people to find out when and where we could present it to him."

Cockerham, while in good physical condition, has experienced some memory loss after 70 years, Riley said in a letter to Crutchfield, but he was still able to make the trip from Winston-Salem, N.C., to receive his medal and to say thanks to those who helped make it happen.

"All of this is a total surprise to me," Cockerham said. "I really appreciate what everyone has done for me and I accept this

great honor.”

Crutchfield conducted the award ceremony and told those in attendance about Cockerham's experiences in the Army, as told to him through Riley last month. After beginning his military career at what was then called Camp Rucker, he shipped out to Camp Shanks, N.Y., and later moved to England. It was on his trip to the English shores that the battle found him.

"His ship was torpedoed on his 19th birthday just outside Portsmouth, England, before the unit even reached the English shores," Crutchfield said. "How would you like that? Before he

even made it to the combat theater, his ship goes down. Fortunately, he was unhurt in the attack, and he did manage to make it to England for more training and prepared to move into France after completing that training.”

On Christmas Eve, 1944, Cockerham's unit boarded two ships, the Chesire and the Leopoldville, to cross the English Channel. That night, the Leopoldville was torpedoed off the French port of Cherbourg with nearly 800 Soldiers from the 66th Infantry Division lost. Luckily, Cockerham was not aboard the attacked ship.

On Christmas Day, 1944, the regiments of the 66th Infantry Division reorganized in Cherbourg with the survivors from the Leopoldville and prepared to assume the mission from the 94th Infantry Division in western France.

"I don't know if I would have had the courage and fortitude to do what you did," Crutchfield said to Cockerham. "It was remarkable just reading what (Riley) told me you did. This was a time when the Germans weren't going to let us take a foothold in Germany. Cockerham was there and fought along with his unit and others until the eventual

surrender of Germany.”

Cockerham added that he was very proud of his grandson's decision to be part of the Army and thanked Crutchfield for taking the time to present the award to him.

Crutchfield closed his remarks by quoting a line from the film *Saving Private Ryan* and said that Cockerham had definitely lived a life worthy of "the Greatest Generation."

"You have definitely lived a great life, sir," Crutchfield said. "You have a legacy of that life around you here today and it is my honor to present this medal to you."

## Awareness: ‘Kids will give you the best descriptions’

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"See Something, Say Something," says it all, Whittaker said.

He explained that this new approach is for spouses, Army civilians, contractors and even children. "We would love to see them teach the children, if you find something, call a teacher, or if it's in your neighborhood call your mom or dad."

A single report can lead to actions that may stop a terrorist attack. Recently in Killeen, Texas, a suspected terrorist was arrested because a worker at a gun shop thought the man seemed suspicious and reported it, according to numerous civilian media news reports.

The iWatch program stresses individual situational awareness and knowledge of the proper reporting methods. On Fort Rucker, the way to report suspicious activity or individuals is to call 255-2222, said Whittaker.

"If it's important enough to call, call when you see it," he said.

Also, there are alternative reporting methods, Whittaker added. Department of the Army civilians or Soldiers can report suspicions up their chain of command. Spouses can report to their military member or Family readiness group leader. Children can talk to parents or teachers. Contractors can contact their contract agency or COTR.

"If all else fails, just call 911," he said. "There's no such thing as a stupid report, unless you keep it in your pocket and don't make it. Know your area and know who you deal with. If it's not normal, report it, but be descriptive."

"Kids, believe it or not, will give you the best descriptions," Whittaker added. "Kids give you the color of the shirt he was wearing, whether he was a tall person or a skinny guy, whether he had blue eyes or sideburns. You get the same report from mom and dad and they say, 'he was a stranger.' Grownups need to go back to being kids when they are reporting something in

their area.”

Whittaker said people should make mental notes on the details, like physical descriptions, license plate numbers or what packages look like.

"You don't want to say, 'It was a suspicious looking guy in a ball cap.' Then you've got people looking for a guy in a ball cap in the south," he said. "It is very important to note descriptions, locations and times."

For some indicators of potential terrorist activity, visit the Army's iWatch section of the website [myarmyonesource.com](http://myarmyonesource.com).

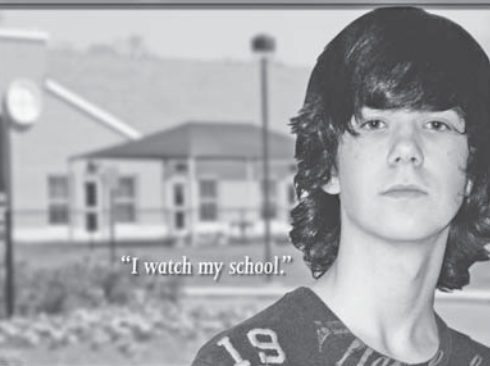
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# Army stresses caution, education to combat social media scammers

**SOCIAL MEDIA DIVISION**  
*U.S. Army Office of the chief of Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON — You just signed up for a Facebook profile and a four-star general already wants to be your friend.

Good thing, right? Not likely.

Fake profiles, impostors and online scams litter the social media landscape, and as social media evolves, so do the tactics of online crooks.

As social media use becomes more prevalent in today's Army, many Army leaders and Soldiers recognize that effective social media education is the best way to keep Soldiers from falling into the traps set by social media scam artists.

"It's still the Wild West out there," said Staff Sgt. Dale Sweetnam, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Online and Social Media Division, or OSMD, in the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. "You have to stay vigilant, protect your information and always be on the lookout for scams."

The Army authorizes the use of social media in both official and personal capacities, but Sweetnam said the threats are always present so education is key. Social media scam artists work tirelessly to steal personal information, impersonate Soldiers and try to acquire sensitive information.

"We are all familiar

with the Nigerian money scam emails that used to plague our email accounts a few years ago, right? Well now that our online use has evolved, so have scammers," said Maj. Juanita Chang, the Army's director of OSMD.

"If you are a scammer who wants to build someone's trust and then con them into sending you money, doesn't it make sense to steal the identity of someone America trusts — and nobody is held in higher esteem than our military members, so they make a lucrative case to impersonate. People inherently trust the military and wouldn't imagine being conned by a Soldier or a general with a chest full of medals," said Chang.

In 2009, the Robin Sage Experiment effectively demonstrated how people respond to social media scams. In December of 2009, Provide Security, a cyber security company, created fake Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn profiles for a person they named "Robin Sage." Sage claimed to be "Cyber Threat Analyst."

Over the next few months, the fake persona collected hundreds of friends and over time, slowly extracted sensitive information from those in the intelligence and cyber communities.

Not only does the Robin Sage Experiment demonstrate how easy it is for someone to penetrate social media circles,

it shows that even some of the most security-minded individuals are still susceptible to attacks.

Not every social media scam is as complex and thought out as the Robin Sage experiment. In many cases, people will simply go online, become "friends" with a Soldier in uniform, steal the photo and use it as their own profile photo. Some individuals have actually taken the identity of a deceased Soldier and used as to solicit money from unsuspecting victims.

One such incident was reported by the New York Post earlier this

year. It happens to deceased Soldiers, active Soldiers and even Army leaders.

"I spend a few hours a week searching social media platforms for people posing as Army leaders," Sweetnam said. "We work hard to protect the digital integrity of our Army leaders. It's disappointing to find that there are so many scam artists out there, but for now, that's just the way it is."

Sweetnam said that fake pages also exist for Army organizations, so he suggested that those interested in finding official Army social media presences should check

out the Army's Social Media Directory.

Sweetnam said that regardless of how involved you are with social media, it's important to always be on the lookout for scams. He said that you should never "friend" someone you don't actually know in person on Facebook. You should also do periodic Google searches for your name to make sure nobody is using your name and likeness for personal gain. And, of course, always keep operations security in mind.

"OPSEC should always be the paramount concern," said Sweetnam. "Throughout our Army

career, we are trained on the importance of OPSEC. Maintaining information security should apply not only during deployments, but each time you sign on to Facebook or Tweet."

Sweetnam said OSMD has produced and distributed dozens of training documents detailing effective and safe social media use. These materials can be found on the Army's Slideshare site. One of the more comprehensive resources developed by the OSMD is the Social Media Handbook, which examines everything from blogging to using social media for crisis communications.

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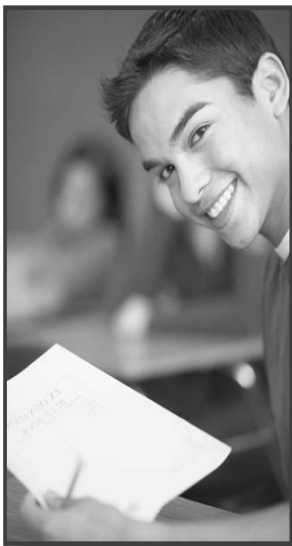
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## ARMY BRIEFS

### AUGUST BRINGS ARMY'S 2ND ANTI-TERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

WASHINGTON — August is the second annual Anti-terrorism Awareness Month — an Army sponsored program designed to enhance awareness to prevent and protect people and information from terrorism.

During AT Awareness Month, the Army is pushing information to installations, stand-alone facilities and units, so that these communities are able to prepare, prevent and protect themselves from terrorist acts.

"The timing of the month in itself is certainly not by accident. We're recognizing that we are coming into the 10th anniversary since 9/11," said Col. Mark S. Inch, the Army's deputy provost marshal general. "Last year was the first year that we designated August as the Anti-terrorism Awareness Month, and we found it very beneficial for having done so."

### ARMY AIRBORNE ISR PLATFORM SLATED FOR EARLY 2013 ARRIVAL

WASHINGTON — Army acquisition officials say they expect the service's newest airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance asset to be available to the force within 18 months.

"What we're hoping is to be able to have the first platform deployed as a Christmas present in the 2012, early 2013 time-frame," said Lt. Col. Dean Hoffman, product manager for the Medium Altitude Reconnaissance Surveillance System, or EMARSS.

The EMARSS will consist of a commercial derivative aircraft — the Hawker Beechcraft King Air 350 — that is equipped with an electro-optic and infrared full-motion video sensor, a communications intelligence collection system, an aerial precision guidance system, line-of-sight tactical and beyond-line-of-sight communications suites, two operator workstations and a self-protection suite.

### NEW COUNTER-IED TRAINER SAVES LIVES THROUGH REALISTIC TRAINING

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii — The Asia Pacific Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Fusion Center recently added a mobile CIED trainer device to help Soldiers identify deadly roadside bombs during their deployments.

The Mobile Counter IED Interactive Trainer consists of four 40-foot trailers outfitted with interactive tools, displays and advanced education technologies.

"We bring in all the senses, feel, sight, sounds and smell. It's in all the trailers," said David Baade, MCIT training white cell coordinator.

Soldiers from the 536th Maintenance Company, 25th Infantry Division recently received the training and were impressed by the interactive features.

"It gives the Soldiers hands-on realistic training, rather than sitting in a classroom, reading textbooks, and viewing PowerPoint presentations," said 2nd Lt. Bryan Hollman, executive officer, 536th Maintenance Company. "Soldiers virtually see how missions are accomplished."

## 1-140th AHB says 'goodbye Iraq'

BY 1ST LT. JASON SWEENEY  
40th Combat Aviation Brigade

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — The California Army National Guardsmen of the 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment have left the blistering heat of Iraq behind and are in route to the cool ocean breezes of the California coast.

The battalion wrapped up its yearlong tour in Iraq in late July and is expected to arrive at its home station of Los Alamitos, Calif., around Aug. 1.

"I'm happy to say, we're all going home, coming home safe," said Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Sgt. Robert Garrido, who is returning to Lakewood, Calif., and his civilian job as a Culver City police officer.

"I'm not going to miss this heat," said Command Sgt. Maj. Troy Eck, a resident of Mentone, Calif., and the top enlisted Soldier in the battalion.



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The Soldiers of 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment, Delta Company, strike a pose at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.



PHOTO BY SGT. RICHARD WRIGLEY

## COUNTERMEASURES

Two UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters from B Co., TF Attack, 1st ACB, attached to 10th CAB, 10th Mtn. Div., "pop flares" while flying over Afghanistan to transport personnel July 20. Flares are deployed from the aircraft as a safety measure in order to confuse possible incoming enemy fire.

## Mobile communications ready to go 'tactical' for Iraq drawdown



PHOTO BY SPC. MATTHEW WRIGHT

Spc. Luthor Alton of Charlie Company, 640th Aviation Support Battalion, and a Waterford, Calif. native, performs maintenance on a Satellite Transportable Terminal at COB Warrior, Iraq, July 10.

BY SPC. MATTHEW A. WRIGHT  
40th Combat Aviation Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — In preparation for the expected pullout of U.S. troops from Iraq at the conclusion of Operation New Dawn, C Company, 640th Aviation Support Battalion, will provide tactical signal support for the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade, now controlling about half of Army Aviation assets in Iraq.

C Co.'s primary role is to ensure that tactical communications, whether Internet, radio or telephones, are constantly up and running.

"They are the backbone of the tactical communications network for the combat Aviation brigade," said Capt. David Rosales, C Co. commander.

Tactical communications use line of site dishes and mobile relay systems which occupy a small footprint. C Co. maintains and operates the tactical systems for the brigade and subordinate units.

It has detachments at both Contingency Operating Base Warrior in Kirkuk and COB Speicher in Tikrit in northern Iraq. In Kirkuk, the communications team provides

backup tactical communications for the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop of the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment. They transmit to and from a Joint Network Node at COB Speicher which relays data to other locations throughout the Iraq Joint Operations Area.

"We are here to support 6th Squadron, 17th Cav. Regt. on communications, from telephone to laptops and regular Internet," Sgt. Ruben Cruz from C Co., and a resident of Buena Park, Calif., explained.

The tactical network system runs through a Command Post Node, which is a mobile unit that connects to a Satellite Transportable Terminal to uplink data to communication satellites. Communications specialists are responsible for monitoring the communication feed to make sure there are no disruptions dropping the feed.

40th CAB units currently rely on a combination of strategic and tactical communications systems. Strategic communications, which include contractor-provided Internet, cables and telephones, are permanently built on operating base

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# AHB: 'These guys did things they didn't think they could do'

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Temperatures reached upwards of 120 degrees as the battalion prepared to leave its headquarters building on Joint Base Balad.

The California Army National Guard's 1st AHB, 140th Avn. Regt., known as Task Force Long Knife, arrived in Iraq in October 2010. Over the course of the year, the battalion's pilots logged about 14,000 hours of flight time in support of Operation New Dawn. Its approximately 350 Soldiers, 30 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and 20 fixed-wing aircraft performed a variety of missions in theater.

The unit conducted air assault missions to detain high value targets. It was responsible for air transportation for United States Forces — Iraq command staff and flew distinguished visitors around the country.

Visitors included Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and his successor Leon Panetta, among several others. It also operated two Forward Arming and Refueling Points that supplied fuel for Army Aviation assets in theater.

Eck said that over the past year he watched his Soldiers adapt to adversity and grow into leadership roles.

"Everybody's done a phenomenal job," he said.

"As a unit, we became more cohesive, more experienced — we became a better unit," said battalion commander Lt. Col. Jeffrey Holliday, of Sacramento, Calif. "These guys did things they didn't think they could do."

Holliday recalled one incident where a UH-60 Black Hawk flew to Joint Base Balad late one night

with a damaged engine in need of replacement. The mechanics of D Company went right to work starting around midnight and finishing the job by 6 a.m. "It was an incredible piece of work," he said.

When the battalion arrived in theater, it fell under the command of the active-duty Army's Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, from Fort Riley, Kan. In March, the 1st CAB was replaced by the California Army National Guard's 40th CAB, led by Col. Mitch Medigovich.

On July 19, Medigovich, a Sacramento native, arrived on Joint Base Balad to say his goodbyes to the battalion.

"You came and brought your A-game," he said to a gathering of 1st AHB, 140th Avn. Regt. Soldiers. "You are the quintessential example of California Guardsmen."

The Soldiers told Medigovich

about the many ups and downs they faced over the year. One challenge was sharing a base with the Air Force and learning that branch's way of doing business, they said. They spoke of long hours and a high operations tempo that could often get stressful. They also said that transitioning from being a one-weekend-a-month Guardsman to a full-time Soldier in a deployed environment was challenging, especially when it came to living and working with the same people day in and day out.

They spoke of the camaraderie and the strong bonds of friendship that were forged on the job and at barbecues after work and pool parties at the base's two swimming pools.

Maj. Jeff Sibley, a San Clemente, Calif., native, and the officer in charge of the battalion's operations section,

said the most difficult aspect of the deployment was the separation from family.

"I'm not going to lie to you. I'm ready to go home," he said. But, he added that the challenges of the deployment gave him the opportunity to grow, both personally and professionally.

First Lt. Aaron Montes of Ontario, Calif., said as soon as he arrives home he is going straight back to work at his civilian job as a Skechers logistics manager. During the deployment, he said his job as the officer in charge of the battalion's communications and automation section was high pace and high stress. He said when they first arrived in country, the base was often hit with mortar and rocket attacks. Then there was the constant deafening roar of Air Force jets taking off and landing.

## Tactical: Unit controls roughly half of Army Aviation assets in Iraq

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infrastructure. Strategic systems are maintained by contractor personnel and tactical communications augment and serve as a backup to the strategic network.

At some point, the strategic networks at bases will be withdrawn from the post, leaving the tactical networks as the primary means of communications.

"Right now, the bandwidth we have could be compared to the size of a one-inch wire rope, that's really thick and big," Cruz said. "If we were to go down to full tactical, it will be less than a shoestring. So I will be supporting around a maximum of 10 phone systems and 10 computer systems."

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## Wiz of the West

*Fort Rucker Community youth display talent during theatrical performance*

After a week of auditions, workshops and rehearsals Fort Rucker youth, with the help of the Missoula Children's Theater, put on two shows of *The Wiz of the West* Saturday and Sunday at the post theater.

**Above:** Fort Rucker children portraying coyotes and members of the Munch Kin practice a musical number during Saturday's dress rehearsal for *The Wiz of the West*.

**Left:** Youth dressed as coyotes pose for a group photo after their first performance of *The Wiz of the West* on Saturday.

## Classes give people chance to prepare for job fair

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

With the upcoming job fair, Army Community Service wants to make sure all those looking for employment are ready to do it the right way to ensure success at the event.

ACS offers job fair prep classes Aug. 11 at Fort Rucker and Aug. 12 in Enterprise to ensure community members know what to expect, and what is expected of them at the job fair, said Debbie Gaydos, of Army Community Service Employment Services.

More than 70 businesses will be offering job seekers about 1,500 jobs at the Fort Rucker Area Job Fair Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Of those available positions, more than 640 will be local with hundreds more for those willing to relocate.

To accommodate the expected crowd of 3,000, Gaydos said officials moved this year's job fair off post to the Enterprise Civic Center, and added that individuals should plan to spend considerable time at the event.

"In today's market with so many jobs online, individuals seldom get to make that one-on-one contact with the recruiter. Very few resumes reflect the 'entire package,'" Gaydos said. "Don't miss this opportunity to meet with representatives from a diverse blend of local businesses, government contractors and federal agencies."

Job fair recruiters will have available positions in retail, logistics, medical, law enforcement, administration, Aviation, food service, sales and more, she added.

"A job fair allows you to have that opportunity to connect with those recruiters. You will never have the opportunity to have so many jobs under one roof as you will at a job fair," Gaydos said. "Due to the magnitude of the crowd, these fairs can make some people very uncomfortable."

To help prepare job seekers for a successful job fair experience, ACS is offering job fair preparation classes including tips on resume writing, sales pitch,



PHOTO BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

Amy Robbins and 2nd Lt. Zack Smith, D Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., explore employment opportunities for Amy with Lockheed Martin military relations manager Miguel Gutierrez during a job fair on post in 2009.

body language, research on businesses, appropriate dress, follow up and overall attitude, she said.

For an example, she explained that the most common introduction question recruiters might ask at a job fair is, "What are you looking for here at the job fair?"

Gaydos counsels serious job seekers not to respond with "a job," but rather with a clear and succinct description of exactly what they are seeking.

"If you have done your homework properly, what you are seeking should match quite nicely with what they are seeking. Your comeback after you have explained your career desires? 'And what type

of candidates are you seeking?' The perfect setup for establishing potential common interests," Gaydos said.

Job fair prep classes are scheduled for Aug. 11 at Fort Rucker from 2-4 p.m. and in Enterprise Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. To reserve a spot, those interested in attending the Fort Rucker class should call 255-3949 and 347-0581 for the Enterprise class.

With all those businesses looking for the right employees, successful candidates will be ready to interview on-the-spot and maybe even get hired, Gaydos said.

"Those who are prepared will thrive," she said.



# On Post

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Pools change hours

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation reports that because of lifeguard shortages, some post aquatic facilities will change their hours.

- Flynn Outdoor Swimming Pool will close for the season Saturday.
- The indoor swimming pool at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility in Bldg. 4605, starting Monday, will be open Mondays-Fridays from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- SPLASH (full facility – swimming pool and spray park), beginning Saturday, will be open only on the weekends and the Labor Day holiday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The facility will close for the season Oct. 3.
- SPLASH (spray park only), beginning Monday, will be open Mondays-Fridays from 1-5 p.m. through Sept. 30.
- West Beach, starting Saturday, will be open only on weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Labor Day, Sept. 5.

### Mini Mall Express renovations

The Burger King Express' dining area is closed 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.

### 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.

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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 now through Sept. 15 from 9-11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center.

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### BOSS presents Committed

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

### AFTB Level I

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ing Level I classes are Aug. 15 and 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F. Modules of learning include: military acronyms, chain of command, customs and courtesies and more. Pre-registration is required and all materials and instruction are free. Childcare may be available.

For more information, call 255-2382.

### Job fair

Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and Fort Rucker Army Community Service staff hosts a job fair Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center.

For more information, call 255-3949.

### Get REAL

Army Family Team Building staff hosts Rucker Experience, Army Learning Aug. 18 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.

### FRCSA 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.

### Dueling Pianos

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff hosts dueling pianos Aug. 20 from 8 p.m. until midnight at The Landing Ballroom. This is an Army Entertainment event and is free for any age 18 and up. For more information, call 255-9810 or 598-8025.

### A Whale of a Time

Come learn about whales with Marine Biologist Heather Riley at the Center Library Aug. 23 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. This is an EFMP-friendly event and open to youth ages 3-11. A craft activity follows the presentation. Space is limited to the first 65 children registered. For more information and to register, call 255-3885.

### Anger Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers an anger management workshop Aug. 23 and 30 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center.

Topics include identifying causes of anger, symptoms of anger, techniques on how to manage anger and developing an anger management plan. Registration is required.

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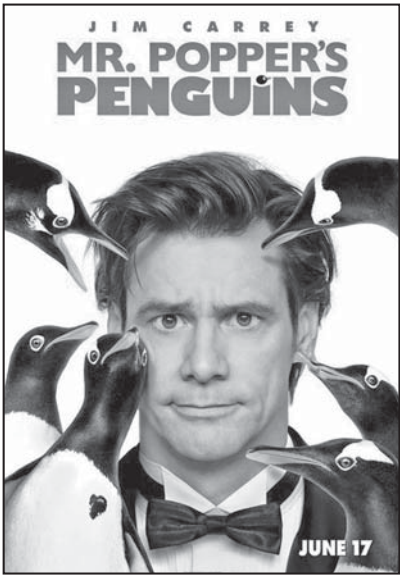
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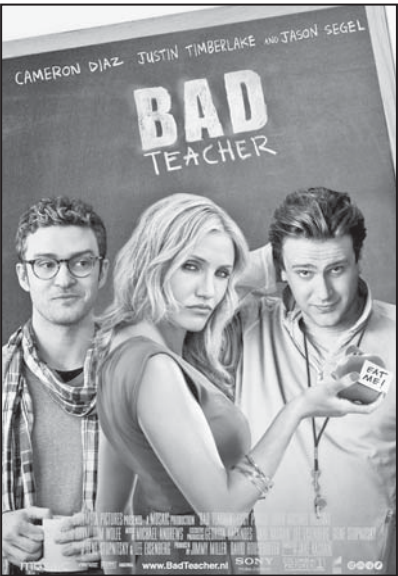
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7  
Cars 2 (G) ..... 7 p.m.



# ACS class a REAL success

BY ERIN MURRAY  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Army Community Service and Army Family Team Building hosted a successful first session of Rucker Experience, Army Learning, or REAL, a new monthly class intended to make the transition into Army life easier by covering topics like acronyms, ranks, etiquette and customs, July 27.

"I expected it to be really boring," said Tiffany Sprague after the first few hours of activities, "but it's really interactive and makes it a lot easier for me to learn."

The turnout for the class was high, with nine out of 12 slots in the class filled.

Leaders of the class attribute the high attendance to interest by Family readiness groups and word of mouth promotion among members of the community.

The event began with breakfast and continued with exercises and presentations, then concluded with a bowling trip for instructors and attendees.

Many of the exercises were aimed at making learning about Army life fun, including every spouse being required to adopt a rank and use only military time.

According to Nathalia Fowler, these exercises helped her distinguish ranks and uniform patches, as well as the meaning behind commonly used acronyms.

Much of the class was devoted to discussing the unique experience of Army spouses, from the benefits to the disappointments.

"Military spouses are the smartest, strongest and most persevering," said instructor Sarah Geraci during her lesson on the rewards and struggles that all spouses face. "It's a good, hard life."

Many of the spouses at REAL discussed their personal experiences with the Army lifestyle, adding warmth to the atmosphere of the class.

Through fun and interactive lessons, Geraci said that she hoped that each spouse would leave with "at least one new piece of information" and hopefully "make new friends."

REAL is not only a resource for teaching common terms, but a resource to get spouses involved in the community through ACS and AFTB opportunities.

"AFTB is a great way for people to get out. This is good for those who can't attend two to three days of classes," said instructor Samantha Kasper, who hopes that the REAL concept block will help supplement much of what is taught in other AFTB classes.

Kristin Skaggs agreed that attending REAL



PHOTO BY ERIN MURRAY

Military spouses enjoy refreshments during a break from the Army Community Service and Army Family Team Building Rucker Experience, Army Learning monthly class July 27. The class is intended to help make the transition into Army life easier.

made her more interested in other AFTB opportunities. "Now that I've attended this class, I'll be more likely to attend other ones."

The leaders of Get REAL, Christin James, Kasper and Geraci, were also enthusiastic about their first session.

"I was definitely super pleased," said Geraci, who explained that her experience as a new Army spouse led her and two other spouses to start Get REAL as a way to give back to the Fort

Rucker community.

"The longer I lived here, I realized how many spouses don't take advantage of the AFTB courses," she said.

She met both James and Kasper in her FRG group, and they decided to propose the class as an interactive approach to AFTB Level 1 classes.

One very important lesson was the need for flexibility, a point ACS AFTB program manager Shellie Kelly discussed in depth, adding stories from her 26 years as an

Army spouse.

Kelly said that the flexible "never get broken or bent out of shape," a lesson that she hoped would benefit all the spouses in the class.

"I didn't think there'd be as much personal input. I like that it's open," said Skaggs of the atmosphere of the class, which was primarily comprised of members of her FRG.

This personal input made asking questions and discussing concerns much easier, added Sprague.

Skaggs and Sprague were both glad to have an opportunity to network with other spouses, as well as learn more about life in the Army.

According to Kelly, one benefit of attending Get REAL is that it covers much of the first day of AFTB Level 1 in a few hours.

In addition to acronyms and ranks, James, the AFTB volunteer program manager, led a discussion that involved proper etiquette and

customs in social situations, ranging from informal gatherings to Hail and Farewell dinners.

Attendants were surprised at how much they had learned about events they would attend or host as Army spouses. James also touched on another lesson in her presentation, "Spouses do not have ranks."

Sprague said that after the lesson on etiquette, she'd be more likely "to branch out, especially to higher ranking officers and their spouses."

Anyone interested in learning more about Army life is encouraged to attend the next session of Get REAL on Aug. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons in Bldg. 8950. Registration is required. For more information, call 255-2382.



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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.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL COACHES MEETING

There will be a Fort Rucker Intramural Flag Football coaches meeting Aug. 23 at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility beginning at 9 a.m. All coaches should attend this meeting. For more information, call 255-2393.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL COACHES MEETING

There will be a Fort Rucker Intramural Men's and Women's Volleyball coaches meeting Aug. 25 at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility beginning at 9 a.m. All coaches should attend this meeting. For more information, call 255-2393.

SILVER WINGS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The SWGC club championship is Sept. 10 and 11. Tee Times are from 7-9 a.m. with a 45-hole Individual Stroke Play. Entry fee is \$45, plus cart fees, unless walking. All participants must register by noon Sept. 8. A sign-up sheet is located in the golf shop. Gift certificates will be awarded to gross and net winners. Lunch will be provided Sept. 11 following play. For more information, call 598-2449.

BOWLING INTRAMURALS

Fall Intramurals begin Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a one-time fee of \$10 to cover buffet the last night of league play. All servicemembers, civilian employees and Family members are eligible to play. Family members must be at least 19 years old. For more information, call 255-9503.

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



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Jesus Figueroa, military Family member, fires at an opposing team member during the EDGE! paintball game July 28 at the Dothan Survival Games paintball field at Lake Tholocco's West Beach.

## DOWNING PAINT

### Paintball takes kids to the EDGE!

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

At the sound of a whistle, children with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation EDGE! program charged toward the center of the field and took cover behind wooden barriers as paintballs whizzed by their heads and bodies.

As they began to peer around the edges of the large planks, paint exploded all around them in a hail of paintball gun fire.

This was the scene at the Dothan Survival

Games speed paintball field at Lake Tholocco's West Beach July 28 as military Families and DFMWR participants divided more than 20 players into two teams and battled to the last person.

Of course, the ammunition being used was only paint, so no one was injured in the "fight."

Taking part in paintball is just one of many activities the EDGE! program offers military children and teenagers, said Denise Honeycutt, DFMWR partnership specialist. It's also one of the more fun ones for them and the

EDGE! supervisors.

"We've done this several times during this year and it's one the kids and the instructors love being able to do," she said. "This is our fifth time here, but we usually do it in the spring or fall. It's very challenging, and it's something fun that the kids and the supervisors can enjoy together."

Honeycutt said one of the main reasons paintball is so much fun for the children is because it's like they're playing a video game, but they get to be in the middle of the action. However, she said her favorite part is the drive back afterward.

"They talk so much junk between themselves after the game, but it's all in good fun," she said. "They have a good time and always ask when we're going to come back and play again."

Two of the children participating had been in two previous paintball outings and said they loved it from the first shot.

"The first time was pretty cool, I didn't get shot at all," said Lauren Barbee, 11, military child. "I stayed in three games the last time, but I got shot up pretty bad in the last one."

Markues Stubbs, 12, military child, said the trash talking does get bad sometimes, but it's all part of the fun. He said paintball puts him and the other children in the middle of the action instead of just seeing it on a TV or computer screen.

"The fun of the game keeps me coming back," he said. "Anybody can play; it's really easy to pick up. The first time I got shot, it hurt, but after that it was a good time."

Tommy Starling, Dothan Survival Games Fort Rucker field manager, said he loves being able to help the children discover the game and being available for more experienced players.

"It gives them something fun to do that can get them out of the house," he said. "We've got a variety of different fields here and plenty of supplies, so anybody who's interested in playing should definitely call us and set something up."

Starling added that the field is open for reservations during the week and is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. The facility is open to the public and is meant for a variety of ages from youth to adult ages.

For more information on EDGE!, call 255-0666. For more information on Dothan Survival Games, call 793-8202.



Melik Elliston, military Family member, peeks around the corner of a barrier during the EDGE! paintball game July 28 at the Dothan Survival Games paintball field at Lake Tholocco's West Beach.



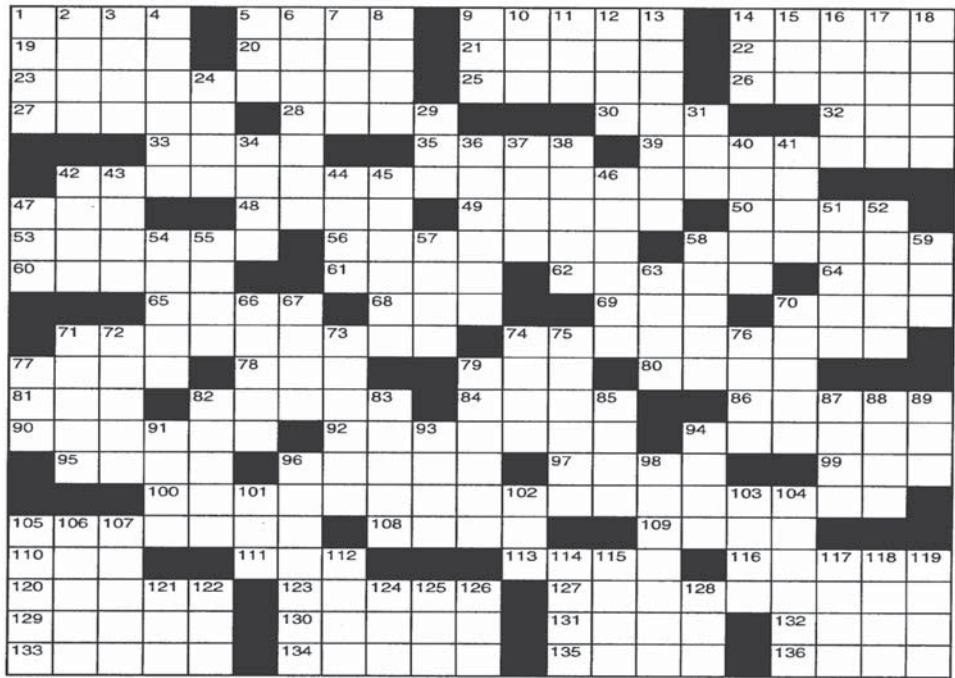
# Down Time



## Super Crossword

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5 One of the Mavericks  
9 Seraglio  
14 Telescope view  
19 Clark's co-worker  
20 "An apple . . ."  
21 Catherine of "Home Alone"  
22 Mindful  
23 Start of a remark by John Yeck  
25 — button  
26 Neighbor of Nigeria  
27 Confused  
28 Artist  
30 Apprehend  
32 Winter hazard  
33 Lincoln or Zumwalt  
35 Swerve  
39 Slavic soup  
42 Part 2 of remark  
47 Ring stat  
48 Pull the Trigger?  
49 — nez  
50 Western lake  
53 Fit for farming  
56 Patois  
58 Rag man?  
60 — lily
- 61 Raison d'—  
62 Big hit?  
64 Creepy Christopher  
65 Word on a fuse  
68 Suffix with racket  
69 Farm feature  
70 Spice-rack item  
71 Part 3 of remark  
74 Part 4 of remark  
77 Skin problem  
78 Monte Rosa, for one  
79 Dion's "Runaround" girl  
80 Mitchell homestead  
81 Glowing  
82 Rule  
84 "— Angel" ('60 smash)  
86 Persona  
89 Publishing magnate  
92 Diva  
94 Renata  
95 Asta's mistress  
96 With 91  
97 Down, fiber source  
99 Urchins  
100 Part 5 of remark  
105 Patron  
108 Chore  
109 "The Longest Day" author  
110 Baby rat  
111 Lady of the lea  
113 Eastern discipline  
116 Furious  
120 Part owner?  
123 Tower material?  
127 End of remark  
129 Tantrum  
130 Johnson of "Brief Encounter"  
131 Sometimes it's sweet  
132 Stylish  
133 Gold bug?  
134 Talent  
135 Couturier  
136 Diner fare
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2 Carrot or parsnip  
3 Canterbury  
4 Value  
5 Humbug  
6 Fatty  
7 Punjabi princess  
8 Anklebiter  
9 Behave like a bunny  
10 "Gotchal"  
11 Sought office  
12 "— go brag!"  
13 A la King?  
14 Bandleader  
15 Be in debt  
16 Hyper  
17 Fromm or Segal  
18 Doctrine  
24 Biggest part of a fish?  
29 Recipe abbr.  
31 Reggae's Marley  
34 Female zebra  
36 German astronomer  
37 New York county  
38 Tow truck feature  
40 Hearsay  
41 TV's "One — Beyond"  
42 Gumbo veggie  
43 Stable  
44 Aspect  
45 Pulls together  
46 They're very well-armed  
47 Tic- — -toe  
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54 Point the finger at  
55 Revere's signal  
57 Balliwick  
58 Elfman of "Dharma & Greg"  
59 Born  
63 Proper  
66 Wilder works  
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70 Wise guy  
71 Descendant  
72 Prelim  
73 Lack of feeling  
74 Feed a fire  
75 Use another blue pencil?  
76 Faucet problem  
77 Landon or Kjellin  
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83 Most minute  
85 "The Secret of —"  
87 With  
88 Shiva and Ganesha  
89 Conceit  
91 See  
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93 — California  
94 Discern  
96 "Message to Michael" singer  
98 Bible feature  
101 Affliction  
102 Overhead item?  
103 Couple  
104 Add nutrients  
105 Tic  
106 Designer Emilio  
107 Made a choice  
112 Get — (retaliate)  
114 Bismarck or Kruger  
115 Purpose  
117 Turkish title  
118 "— can't be!"  
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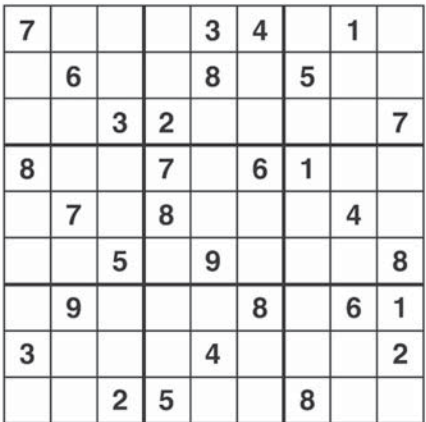
## TRIVIA

1. HISTORY: What was the name of the Roman general who captured Jerusalem in 70 A.D.?  
2. ARCHITECTURE: Who came up with the first design of the U.S. Capitol Building?  
3. LITERATURE: In what town was writer Mark Twain born?  
4. TELEVISION: Who was Tom Hanks' male co-star on the comedy show "Bosom Buddies"?  
5. MOVIES: Who was the male lead in the movie "American Beauty"?  
6. SCIENCE: Tectonics is a field of what science?  
7. INVENTIONS: In what decade was the microwave oven invented?  
8. EXPLORERS: To which tribe did Sacajawea, the Native American guide who led the Lewis and Clark expedition, belong?  
9. U.S. STATES: What state is nicknamed the Garden State?  
10. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what was a creature that was half man and half goat?

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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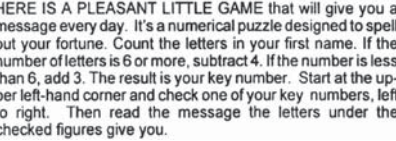
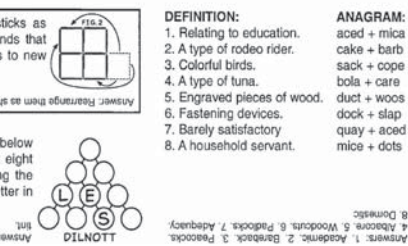
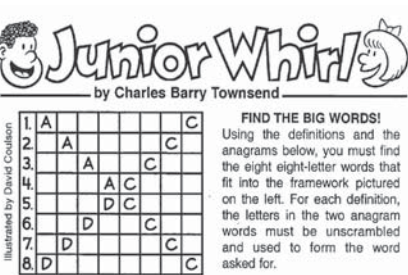
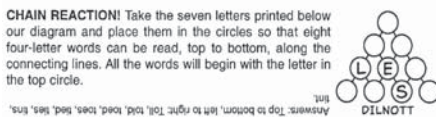
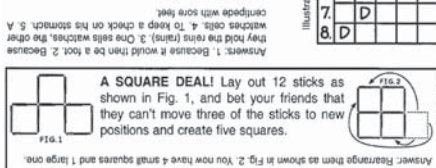
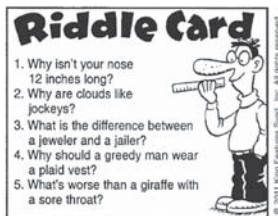
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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# Kid's Corner





# Six Soldiers help Team USA win men’s basketball bronze

BY TIM HIPPS  
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RIO DE JANEIRO — Air Force Capt. Matthew McCraw scored 34 points and Army 2nd Lt. Paul Nelson added 23 to lead Team USA to an 84-83 victory over South Korea for the bronze medal in men’s basketball at the 5th Conseil International du Sport Militaire Military World Games on July 24.

McCraw, of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, scored Team USA’s last four points in the final 25 seconds to secure the bronze. He shot 12 of 18 from the field, including five of nine on 3-pointers, and made five of seven free throws.

McCraw was selected as the tournament’s best shooting guard after averaging 19 points for eight games.

Six Soldiers and six Airmen came together for Team USA and went 7-1 in Rio de Janeiro by defeating Conseil International du Sport Militaire, or CISM, World Champion South Korea, 76-68; Trinidad and Tobago, 74-54; Canada, 103-45; Cyprus, 93-54; silver medalist Greece, 82-76; and Qatar, 95-84; before losing 59-52 to gold medalist Brazil in the semifinals.

Host Brazil defeated Greece, 76-64, in the gold medal game.

Point guard Army 2nd Lt. Marcus Nelson of Fort Lee, Va., the leading shot blocker in United States Military Academy history and the NCAA Division I Patriot League’s 2010 Defensive



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

Second Lt. Paul Nelson of the Army National Guard in Taylor, Mich., drives for two of his 23 points during Team USA’s 84-83 victory over South Korea for the bronze medal in men’s basketball at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Military World Games July 24 in Rio de Janeiro.

Player of the Year, set the tempo at both ends of the court for Team USA.

“Marcus Nelson was by

far the best defender in this tournament. It wasn’t even close,” said Team USA assistant coach Capt. David Smith

of Fort Knox, Ky.”

He enabled us to pressure by stopping everyone’s point guard. He is the con-

summate defender”

Paul Nelson, of the Michigan Army National Guard in Taylor, Mich., was the consummate reserve point guard coming off the bench for Team USA.

“We stuck together and came in and played hard today,” said Nelson, who won three National Christian College Athletic Association Division II national championships at Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, Mich. “I’m happy with the win. I would like to have won yesterday, but Brazil is a pretty good team. I think we’re a better team, but they had their night last night.

“We were seven and one, so I think that’s a pretty good testament of our team. Just playing for the U.S. basketball team and representing America, I think that’s an awesome experience. Sports bring a lot of people together, so this is a good way to get countries to get to know each other.”

Army Pfc. Kevin Clark of Fort Bliss, Texas, had nine points, seven rebounds and three assists in the bronze medal game.

“This feels good for the country because Team USA does not have many medals in these Games,” Clark said. “Every game was hard, especially toward the end of the week, but everybody played and everybody contributed. We came together every game as a team and it was real nice to put this many countries on one stage.

“This is my first Military World Games,” added Clark,

who has competed in CISM and SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) basketball tournaments. “It was a unique experience. It was different because SHAPE and CISM mainly cater to your individual sport, but here we had all the sports, so we got a chance to mingle and meet with other athletes who are military.”

“We don’t normally see that in the States,” he said. “We came here and saw track and field, swimming, shooting, parachuting – it was real nice. We had fun, we came together as a unit, and I’m just happy to be here.”

Army 2nd Lt. Cleveland Richard, a 2010 West Point graduate from Houston who is stationed at Fort Lee, Va., scored seven points against South Korea.

“This was my first CISM, so it feels great to bring a medal back,” Richard said. “We know we’re wearing USA on our chests so we had to show that we have heart and give it all we had. Unfortunately, we lost the wrong game, but seven and one is a good way to go.”

“It’s pretty cool being around athletes from all sports from different countries and trying to understand the different languages,” Richard continued. “I took Spanish and Portuguese growing up, so I’m trying to work my way through that and mix them up a little bit. It makes me want to travel, which is something I never really thought about doing before now.”

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

Answers

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TKO	REIN	PINCE	MEAD
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NORA	WHEAT	IMPS	ADO
ALWAYS	JUST	HAPPENS	
SPONSOR	TASK	RYAN	
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ACTOR	IVORY	TOBER	IGHT
SCENE	CELIA	TALK	CHIC
MIDAS	KNACK	OLEG	HASH

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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6	4	2	5	7	1	8	9	3

### TRIVIA

Answers

1. Titus
2. William Thornton
3. Florida, Missouri
4. Peter Scolari
5. Kevin Spacey
6. Geology
7. 1940s
8. Shoshone
9. New Jersey
10. Satyr

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