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U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxer Sgt. Samuel Vasquez was the last Soldier standing when he climbed into the ring at the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials Aug. 4 at the Mobile Civic Center.
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BE A STAR

The Army Substance Abuse Program is looking for volunteers to help with a theatrical presentation it is planning as part of Suicide Prevention Month in September. ASAP welcomes all Soldiers, civilians and Family members to volunteer as members of the cast and also as backstage hands. No experience is necessary. The shows will be performed Sept. 26 and 28.
For more information, call Linda Pappas at 255-7806.

FOOD COURT HOURS CHANGE

To better reflect demand, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will change the operating hours of Anthony's Pizza and Charley's Steakery in the Main Street Food Court, located inside the post exchange mall, beginning Saturday.
Anthony's new hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Charley's new hours will be Mondays-Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Mostly sunny

FRIDAY

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Low 73
Isolated t-storms

SATURDAY

High 94
Low 73
Partly cloudy



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Music under the Alabama Stars

Come out Friday for an exciting concert at 6:30 p.m. at the post's Howze Field. Titled Music Under the Alabama Stars, 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.

Blood donations save lives

BY ERIN MURRAY
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers and civilians came to support troops by giving the gift of life at the Armed Services Blood Program drive sponsored by the 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment Friday at Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center.
ASBP's drives feed primarily into combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan, and into military treatment facilities stateside. This means blood from Fort Rucker could save the life of a Soldier or Family member within days of donation.
Turnout for the drive is always high, according to Staff Sgt. Nicholas Laye, Mobile Collection Team NCO in charge of the ASBP Donor Center in Fort Benning, Ga. The

ASBP collection team was happy to return to Fort Rucker after a successful drive Feb 24. The team travels to bases in Georgia, Alabama and Florida, and has recently been named the No. 1 collections unit in the entire ASBP.
Though blood drives on Fort Rucker always have high a turnout, Laye encouraged those who are nervous about giving blood to weigh any discomfort against the impact a donation can have on human lives.
"There are so many people who don't want to donate blood for fear of a needle in their arm, yet they have tattoos," he said. "The blood we collect is going to those fighting in Iraq in

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PHOTO BY ERIN MURRAY

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Marine's bravery earns highest military honor



COURTESY PHOTO

Then-Marine Corps Cpl. Dakota Meyer poses for a photo while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan's Kunar province.

BY MARINE CORPS
CPL. REECE LODDER
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

MARINE CORPS BASE, HAWAII — Removed from an ambushed platoon of Marines and soldiers in a remote Afghan village on Sept. 8, 2009, his reality viciously shaken by an onslaught of enemy fighters, then-Marine Corps Cpl. Dakota Meyer simply reacted as he knew best - tackling what he called "extraordinary circumstances" by "doing the right thing - whatever it takes."
Nearly two years later, the White House announced Aug. 12 that the 23-year-old Marine

scout sniper from Columbia, Ky., who has since left the Marine Corps and is now a sergeant in the Inactive Ready Reserve, will become the first living Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor in 38 years. Retired Sgt. Maj. Allan Kellogg Jr. received the medal in 1973 for gallantry in Vietnam three years earlier.
Meyer is the second Marine to receive the medal for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan. Cpl. Jason Dunham was awarded the medal posthumously for covering a grenade with his body to

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Cyber safety

Tips to protect your information

BY CAPT. LUIS MORALES
Kapisa Provincial Reconstruction Team

(Editor's note: This article originally ran in the Fort Campbell Courier.)

KAPISA PROVINCE, Afghanistan — It's safe to say that most of us have the Internet, smart phones and other high-tech gadgets as daily fixtures in our lives.

Modern technology provides a great deal of options for entertainment and communication at the speed of light, but what if I told you that these same gadgets are being used by our enemies to watch and listen to you?

In a deployed environment, digital entertainment and communication goes from a convenience to a necessity, since these are some of the very few sources of recreation and morale. What you may not realize is these devices can be used against you by the same enemies your body armor and weapons are supposed to protect you from.

As we get used to life on a forward operating base, sometimes complacency sets in, and we start to relax our security awareness. We need to be particularly mindful of security considerations while using high-tech devices, especially if such devices are online.

Operations security is more than steps to follow or broad guidance. It is a systematic approach to conduct business while keeping information and the mission safe. The very core of OPSEC is not procedural in nature, rather it focuses on human behavior. Let's remember, the human element is the most important part of any automated



system.

After all, people are the ones making decisions while operating and managing electronic devices.

OPSEC is primarily a guard, from the decision-making standpoint, to assist us in preventing information and data compromise that adversaries can use against us. OPSEC focuses on human behavior and the way we make decisions. If a decision could compromise the safety and/or security of the forces, then either change the decision or implement proper countermeasures ... simple right?

Well, it's not so simple if we don't know or understand the risks associated with our decisions. Too often, we share information with friends and families that can, and is, exploited by adversaries. Your friends and family are not the only ones with access to this information as it travels over the air or through cyberspace. That is the main reason the Internet is the primary source of friendly forces' information for the bad

guys; often they feed on information coming from you and from me.

Practicing good OPSEC in a deployed environment is paramount. Some of us don't think about the cyber-dimension aspect of OPSEC. Some of us may not even know how to keep cyber activities "safe" or what that entails. You may wonder: "What harm can a picture do if I post it on my Facebook page?" "What about my flight schedule ...? My family and friends need to know when to go to the airport and pick me up there ... right?"

The picture of you in itself is not the issue; the radio and/or weapon systems you are displaying along with it are! The same goes for the flight schedule ... you are telling the enemy everything they need to know to target you and your buddies. Those are just two typical examples but the list goes on and on.

Some ways you can help

protect your information include:

1. Open emails only from known sources
2. Check with the public affairs section before posting mission pictures online
3. Use (and regularly update) your anti-virus/computer protection software; don't use illegal software
4. If it feels "funny" don't do it or at least ask someone about it first

The bottom line is we need to think before we act; knowing cyberspace is open and free for the world to access. We need to think in terms of the enemy ... place ourselves in the enemy's shoes and consider if the information or data we are sharing could benefit them somehow.

Remember some of the people who would love to hurt us are very good in the cyber arena, and they are constantly watching!

Rotor Wash

“August is anti-terrorism month. What are your tips for remaining vigilant?”



Patrick Belcher,
AAFES Food Court Staff
“Make sure you have proper identification when entering the base.”



Christa Tinlin,
military spouse
“Keep your eyes and ears open. Pay attention.”



Cpl. Greg Booth,
597th Maintenance Company
“Practice Operations Security. Be cautious with personal information.”



Christina Rogers,
military family member
“Pay attention to your surroundings. Be cautious.”



Staff Sgt. Harry Coronel,
B Co. 1st Bn. 13th Avn. Regt.
“Be aware of the atmosphere on post and the behaviors of others.”

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CW4 Richard C. Myers, 1st WOC commander, stands with his unit following a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Tuesday. Meyers took over command from CW4 Christopher E. Hall.

‘Strength in knowledge’

1st WOC welcomes new commander

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

There’s “Strength in Knowledge,” according to the Soldiers of the 1st Warrant Officer Company, who welcomed their new commander, CW4 Richard C. Myers at a change of command ceremony Tuesday.

Myers assumed command from CW4 Christopher E. Hall at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum in front of members of the unit and their Families. Hall’s next assignment is as the assistant

deputy commandant for Reserve Affairs at the Warrant Officer Career College.

Col. Stanley O. Smith, WOCC commandant, said Myers was not new to the WOCC, as he served most recently as the Warrant Officer Proponent chief for the WOCC.

“Rick has been eager to take command since I arrived a year ago,” Smith said. “I appreciate his eagerness and it is an honor and privilege to command. Do your best every day to make this

organization better, not for you, but for the warrant officer cohort.”

Myers said he felt blessed for his appointment as the new commander and that he’s looking forward to getting started.

“It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to be part of the team leading and developing future warrant officers,” he said. “The 1st WOC looks magnificent as always and I’m proud to be the new commander.”

Smith described command as the “most pre-

cious time in any military officer’s career.”

“The job of commander of 1st WOC is the most coveted job of the entire Warrant Officer cohort,” he said. “Commanders are in the people business. They provide purpose, motivation and direction to accomplish the mission. This company trains and educates about 2,000 WOCs a year. That’s 2,000 lives a year that were touched by (Hall). What an awesome responsibility.”

Smith said Hall has

made the WOCC a better place and that his legacy at the college will continue will continue for at least the next 30 years.

“(Hall) is well respected by friends and cohorts alike,” Smith said. “I’m very happy to keep he and his wife Gloria on the staff for at least another year.”

Hall thanked his Family, fellow Warrant Officers and his mentors over the years for their support during his time as commander. He said that the results of the hard

work and dedication of the entire WOCC is evident and has been since he took command.

“From my experience in the past 18 months, I know that our support to the operational Army has been simply flawless,” he said. “Moreover, I’ve seen the intellectual energy the WOCC has provided the Army and the Warrant Officer community as we seek to balance current and future requirements. That work must continue and (Myers) is the right person for the job.”

Instaflix brings DVD, Blu-Ray rentals to post

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers and Families looking to rent the latest new release movies on DVD or Blu-Ray have a new option at the Mini Mall and Triangle Express facilities here.

This will help single Soldiers and Families have more entertainment options while living and working on the installation, according to Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials.

“The local locations make it convenient for our single Soldiers and military Families to rent new release DVD and Blu-Ray movies for a low price,” said Susie Antonello, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Rucker visual merchandise manager.

In total between the two kiosks, there are 700 movies with more being added each Tuesday when new releases become available, said Michelle Adams, AAFES service business manager.

“We have a lot of single Soldiers here who might not be able to leave the base as often as others,” she said. “This is a great deal for them because they can find movies in high definition or standard without having to pay heavy fees.”

When Soldiers rent movies from the kiosks, they have to use a credit card as the machines do not take cash. Each DVD rented costs \$1 per night while Blu-Ray discs cost \$1.49

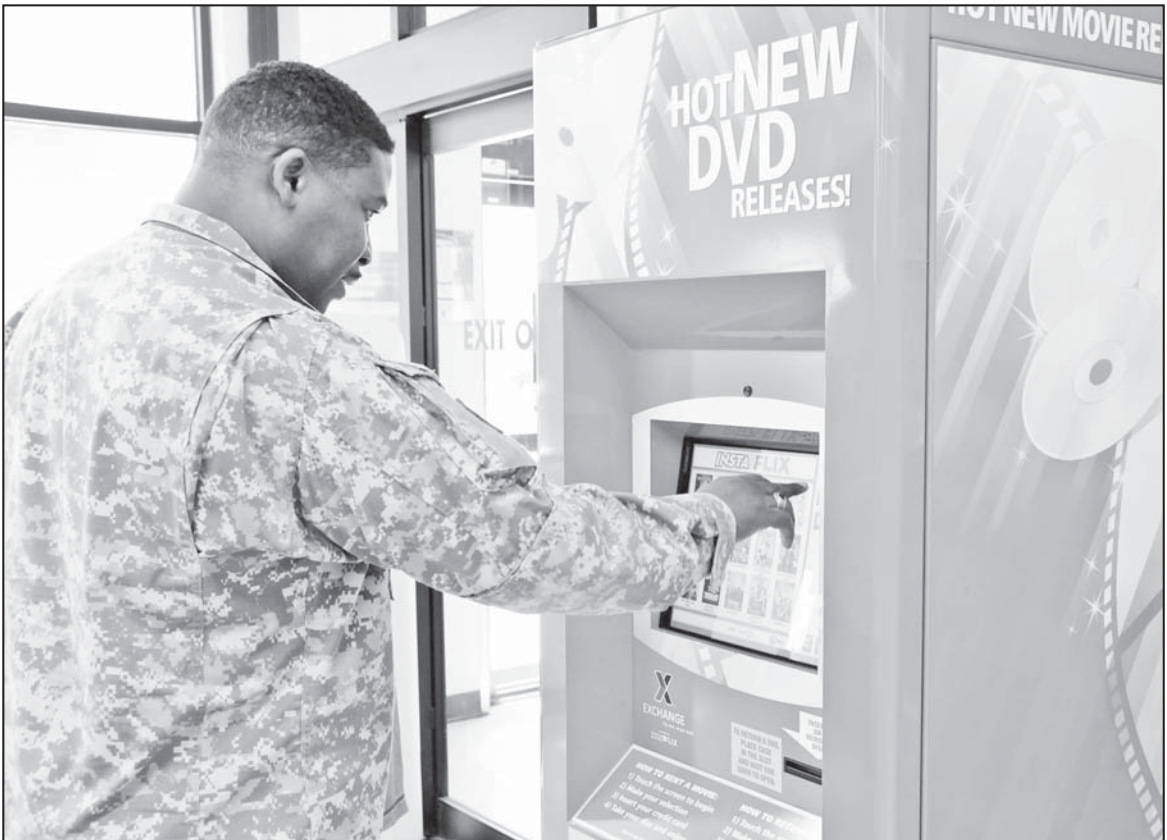


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Lt. Col. Joseph Graham, USAAMC deputy commander of administration, tries out one of the new Instaflix kiosks at the Mini-Mall on Andrews Avenue Tuesday.

per night, she added.

“When someone gets ready to bring the movie back, they can turn it in at either location,” Adams said. “The machines will accept the movies regardless of which kiosk it was rented from.”

Lt. Col. Joseph Graham, U.S. Army Aeromedical Center

deputy commander of administration, took a look at one of the kiosks Tuesday and said he thinks it’s a great option for those living on post.

“This is fantastic,” he said. “You can’t beat the price and how convenient it is for Families. It’s a great option for a Friday night. They’ve got a lot

of new movies and older ones, too, so there’s plenty to choose from.”

Adams said she hoped to use the kiosks as well as she’s a big fan of comedies and said the kiosks have plenty of those along with movies from every other genre as well.

There are currently 63 In-

staflix kiosks on 28 Army and Air Force bases within the U.S., according to a release from Global Access Corp., Instaflix’s parent company. Fort Rucker is one of the first to participate in this program, which the company expects to be rolled out at many other bases nationwide in the coming months.

No changes to military retirement any time soon

BY JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The military retirement system isn't going to change any time soon, Defense Department officials said.

"There's no immediate plan to affect retirement," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen told service members at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, July 31.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said any changes to military retirement should be studied carefully and should be "grandfathered" so the military doesn't break faith with those in the service.

Pentagon officials are reviewing all areas of the defense budget, and the goal of the review is to "inform the

decisions and strategies that we have to make," Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said Aug. 4.

"So that's going to be key to what decisions we make and what areas we look to for savings," the secretary added.

In support of the department's efficiency initiatives, a small group of Defense Business Board members was tasked to develop alternative plans to the current military retirement system. The group briefed its findings and draft recommendations to the full board during their July 21 quarterly meeting. The full board approved the recommendations, and the group will issue a final report by the end of this month.

The Defense Business Board provides DOD's senior leaders independent advice and recommendations "on effective

strategies for the implementation of best business practices on matters of interest to the Department of Defense," according to Pentagon officials.

Meanwhile, a Pentagon spokeswoman said, officials are reviewing the board's recommendations.

"Any recommendation to change the military retirement system must be approached with thoughtful analysis, to include considerations of impacts to recruiting and retention," Eileen Lainez said. "While the military retirement system, as with all other compensation, is a fair subject of review for effectiveness and efficiency, no changes to the current retirement system have been approved, and no changes will be made without careful consideration for both the current force and the future force."



Navy Adm. Mike Mullen

16th CAB begins new chapter at Joint Base Lewis-McChord

BY LAURA M. LEVERING
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.,
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — History was made at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Aug. 1 during a ceremony at Gray Army Airfield.

The newest addition to I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, proved its members are masters of multitasking, hosting a ceremony with four major events: the uncasing of 16th CAB colors, a brigade change of command, the activation of two new battalion-level formations and for good measure, the redesignation of a squadron.

In March, the Department of Defense announced the movement of 16th CAB headquarters from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, to JBLM. The move will result in an additional 1,400 Soldiers and 44 helicopters to JBLM by summer 2012.

The 16th CAB will be different than most Aviation brigades because it will be split-based with two major commands. The uncasing portion of the ceremony signified the brigade's official arrival and start of service at JBLM.

Less than two months ago, the headquarters' colors were cased in Alaska and have been en route to JBLM — with the colors came about 100 Soldiers to run the headquarters here.

United States Army Alaska commander and U.S. Alaskan Command deputy commander, Maj. Gen. Raymond Palumbo,



Soldiers march past a CH-47 Chinook helicopter Aug. 1 during the 16th CAB change of command and activation ceremony at Gray Army Airfield. The Aviation brigade relocated from Fort Wainwright, Alaska to JBLM.

summed up the 16th CAB's record of achievements in a single phrase: "They run to the sound of the guns," Palumbo said.

The ceremony was the Army's response to what the nation had requested, Palumbo said: more Aviation units. He also said it should be no surprise that enormous demand has arisen for Aviation during the past decade, beginning with its critical applications in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, 16th CAB helicopters fly all over the world, carrying out some of the nation's most challenging business. Thirty of the brigade's Kiowa Warriors are in Iraq with about 450 Soldiers from 6th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry Regiment.

Fifteen Blackhawk medevac helicopters and Chinooks are flying critical missions in Afghanistan, where about 300 Soldiers from elements of 1st Battalion, 52nd General Support Aviation Regiment are currently deployed. The remaining helicopters are now here at JBLM and Fort Wainwright.

"What we're doing here today is in response to our nation's demand for more Army Aviation," Palumbo said. "We're putting finishing touches on the Army's 12th Aviation brigade."

The 16th CAB ceremony included the activation of 46th Aviation Support Battalion and the 2nd Battalion, 158th Assault Helicopter Regiment. The

4th Squadron, 6th Air Cavalry Regiment, which was already stationed at JBLM, was redesignated and repatched as the 4th Squadron, 6th Attack Reconnaissance Regiment. The mission of 4-6 ARS will remain about the same "but with extra equipment and personnel."

Former commander of 16th CAB, Col. Robert Werthman, traveled from Alaska to relinquish the brigade to the new 16th CAB commander, Col. Robert Dickerson.

Werthman led the unit since August 2009 before passing the colors to Dickerson Aug. 1. Werthman's next assignment will be in Colorado Springs, where he will become the ex-

ecutive officer to the deputy commander of Northern Command.

Werthman described the ceremony as a "last hoorah" for him, but for the 16th CAB, the "start to a long and distinguished road that will eventually lead the brigade in its entirety to combat operations in Afghanistan."

He offered encouragement to Dickerson, who arrived at JBLM from Harvard University, where he recently completed a Senior Service College Fellowship.


"My efforts have been easy when compared to the Herculean task ahead of you to properly resource, build and train the brigade," Werthman said. "I know your leadership will propel this organization to a higher level of excellence."

Palumbo said the JBLM community is privileged to have Dickerson and his family on-board.

"It's no surprise that the Army has selected the Dickersons to command this great organization," Palumbo said.

Dickerson said he was humbled and fortunate to join the 16th CAB. He also acknowledged the brigade's future successes will require the collective energy of subordinate commanders, staff members and Soldiers.

"Many organizations have had and will continue to make invaluable contributions in making 16th CAB a professional, full spectrum Aviation brigade," Dickerson said. "Make no mistake, it will require a team effort, and I look forward to working with all of you."

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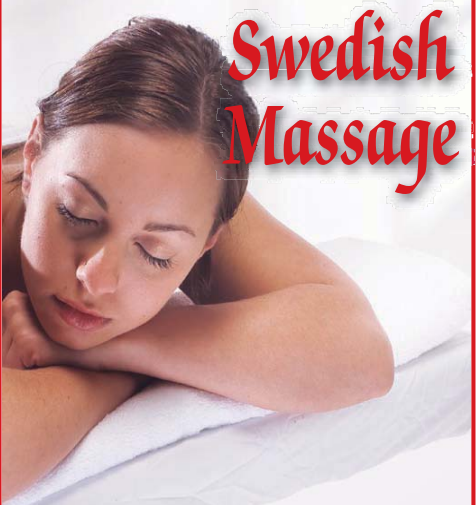
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Secretary of the Army announces effort to transform Army management, structure

BY ARMY NEWS SERVICE
Press Release

WASHINGTON — During a morning town hall forum with members of the Army's Senior Executive Service, Secretary of the Army John McHugh announced Monday the creation of the Institutional Army Transformation Commission, a panel charged with finding new ways to make the Army a more "agile, cost-effective organization."

"We're not just asking people to change the way they budget," McHugh said. "We're asking them to change the way they think."

Earlier this year, McHugh created a short-term task force to examine the Army's organizations and business practices to identify both short-term improvements and long-term structural changes within the institutional Army — the so-called generating force. To date, that task force has launched efforts to root out overlap and redundancies in research and development, review temporary organizations and task forces to see if they are still needed, consolidate and streamline the requirements process, reform installations management, optimize Army acquisitions, and make changes in human capital management.

"While I've been encouraged by the task force's early work, the simple fact is that large-scale institutional transformation takes years to mature before agile, cost-effective organi-



PHOTO BY SGT. SCOTT DAVIS

Secretary of the Army John McHugh walks off the flight line with Maj. Gen. John Campbell, outgoing commander of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), after greeting Soldiers from 4th Brigade Combat Team Aug. 11. The Soldiers had just arrived at Fort Campbell, Ky., after a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan. McHugh visited with Soldiers from several units while at Fort Campbell to discuss the future of the Army with them, and to hear their concerns about how the changes would impact their careers.

zations emerge — with a culture of continuous improvement incorporated in all activities," McHugh said. "This commission will implement changes already identified through the short-term task force, assess and identify new opportunities, and continue to function for the next three years. This longer

term, more enduring approach is historically and practically necessary and will help make continuous transformation a part of Army culture."

McHugh explained his focus on restructuring the institutional Army by noting that the Army is loosely divided into two separate organizations — the opera-

tional Army, which are deployed forces, currently in the fight in Afghanistan and Iraq; and the institutional Army, or generating force, which prepares, trains, educates and supports those troops.

"To an outsider, there are no visible differences between these two parts of the Army," McHugh said. "In

one assignment, they might be driving a mine-resistant, ambush-protective vehicle through Afghanistan, and in the next, providing stateside training to other Soldiers in how to use the vehicle. In the first, he or she is part of the operational Army; in the second, the institutional Army."

Since the wars in Afghan-

istan and Iraq began, the operational Army — the sharp tip of the spear — has experienced dramatic and continuous change, quickly adapting to changes in terrain, mission and the enemy it faces. But the institutional Army looks much the same, structurally, as it has since the early to mid-70s.



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Electronic warfare gives Soldiers new career field

BY ADRIENNE ANDERSON
Fort Benning, Ga., Public Affairs Office

FORT BENNING, Ga. — With the advanced technologies being used on the battlefield, the likelihood of enemies using them to their advantage increases.

For example, the Army is providing Soldiers in the field with smartphones, and smartphones are susceptible to electronic warfare, or EW, said Lou West, the electronic warfare analyst and instructor at Fort Benning.

West said that is one reason why it is important for Soldiers to understand EW as the military relies more on using the electromagnetic spectrum.

And now Fort Benning is incorporating a new area of competency into its training regimen — electronic warfare — as part of the Maneuver Center of Excellence Fires Cell.

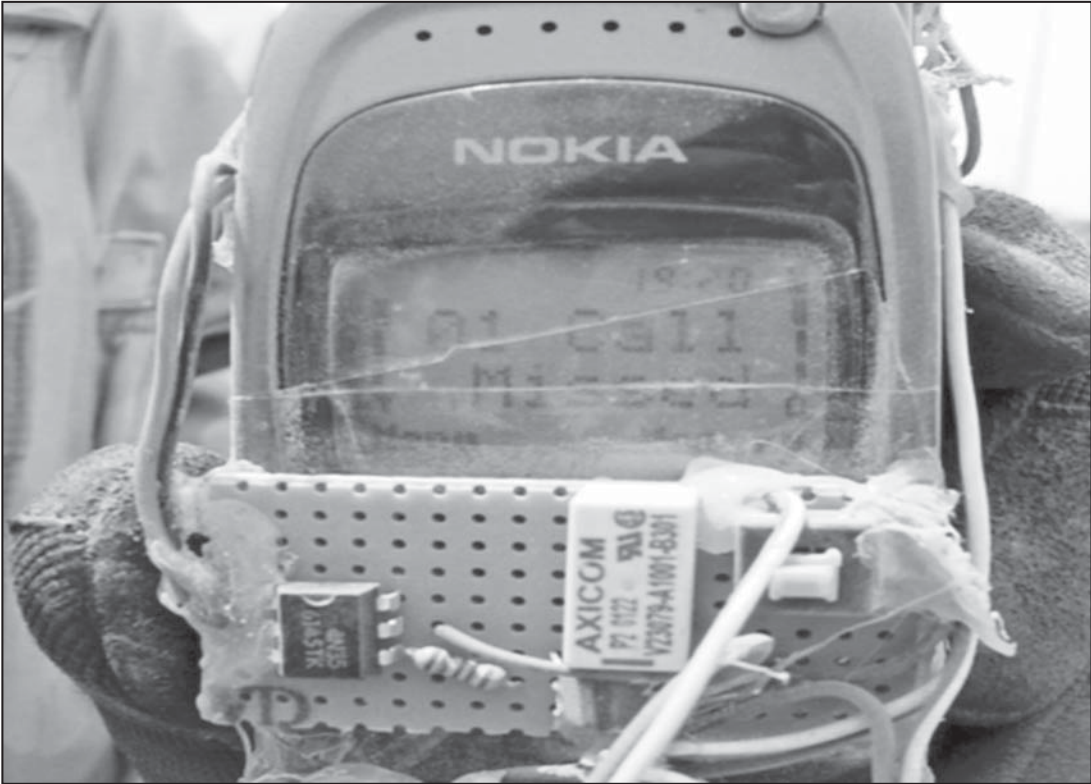
Announced in March by the Department of the Army, Electronic Warfare Military Occupational Specialty, or MOS, FA29 (officer), MOS 290A (warrior officer) and MOS 29E (enlisted), are expected to be fully added to its list of specialties by 2012.

Although the courses will be taught at Fort Sill, Okla., West said the Combined Arms Center's EW Proponent Office's goal is to integrate the teaching of electronic warfare into military education at all levels and for all Soldiers — including Soldiers at Fort Benning.

“What we do with electronic warfare is control the electromagnetic spectrum before the enemies do or to take the control from them and to make sure we maintain control of it,” West said.

West provides EW training to Soldiers and units on Fort Benning and the training is currently integrated into the Armor and Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course, Maneuver Captains Career Course and Maneuver Pre-Command Course.

West served as an electronic warfare



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This cell phone was rigged as a detonator for an improvised explosive device. The detonator was recovered undamaged after having been successfully jammed by electronic warfare personnel using Counter Radio-Controlled IED Electronic Warfare equipment.

officer with the Tennessee National Guard's 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After the unit demobilized, he was hired as a contractor by FSCX Inc., and attended FA29 at Fort Sill before coming to Fort Benning in March.

“My role is to ensure that Soldiers and the maneuver side of the house know how to properly utilize EW in planning and operations,” he said.

The electromagnetic spectrum involves different types of radiation emitted from electronic devices such as radios and cellphones. In combat,

electronic warfare is used to deny the enemy an advantage in the electromagnetic spectrum, West said. It is used “to support military operations involving various levels of detection, denial, deception, disruption, degradation, protection and destruction.”

There are three subdivisions of electronic warfare: electronic support, electronic protect and electronic attack, he said.

Electronic support involves searching, locating and intercepting radiated electromagnetic energy for the purpose of finding immediate threat rec-

ognition, targeting, planning and conducting future operations, West said.

Electronic protect prevents personnel, facilities or equipment from any negative effects of the electromagnetic spectrum that can “degrade, neutralize or destroy friendly combat capability.”

Electronic attack uses the electromagnetic spectrum to attack the enemy. Jamming is part of electronic attack and occurs when a stronger signal overrides another signal — for example, preventing a cellphone signal from detonating a radio-controlled improvised explosive device.



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Blood: ‘I have seen the need for blood in theater’

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Afghanistan. Everyone loves going home at the end of the day and seeing their Families.”

Laye added that the mission of the ASBP is closer to his heart after he saw blood collected at an installation where he was stationed used during a later deployment.

Pfc Anthony Browning, 1st Aviation Brigade, did not let nerves keep him from helping save lives of Soldiers downrange. He donated for the first time at Friday’s drive be-

cause it “felt like the right thing to do.” At the end of his first donation, Browning was certain he would give blood again.

“The experience was comfortable. It was service with a smile,” he said.

Along with assisting with the collection of blood products, members of the Fort Benning ASBP staff donated at the drive.

“I’m giving today. I would never ask Soldiers or anyone else to do something I’m not willing to do myself. I’m a regular donor,” said Staff

Sgt. Shauna Cheney, who came to Fort Rucker for the second time with the ASBP collection team.

Before going to donate, Cheney stressed the importance of replenishing the blood supply by donating as often as possible.

“I have been deployed, and I have seen the need for blood in theater. I’ve seen Soldiers die because we haven’t had enough. It is more than necessary – it is a matter of life and death.”

For more information on ASBP, visit <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil>.

Honor: Meyer aided fellow Marines even while injured

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save two Marines in Iraq in 2004. President Barack Obama will present the award to Meyer at the White House on Sept. 15.

“The award honors the men who gave their lives that day, and the men who were in that fight,” Meyer said. “I didn’t do anything more than any other Marine would. I was put in an extraordinary circumstance, and I just did my job.”

Though bleeding from shrapnel wounds in his right arm, Meyer, aided by fellow Marines and Army advisors from Embedded Training Team 2-8, braved a vicious hail of enemy machine-gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire in the village of Ganjgal to help rescue and evacuate more than 15 wounded Afghan soldiers and re-

cover the bodies of four fallen fighters - 1st Lt. Michael Johnson, Gunnery Sgts. Aaron Kenefick and Edwin Johnson Jr., and Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James Layton.

ETT advisor Army Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Westbrook died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7, 2009, from wounds suffered in the firefight.

Meyer charged through the battle zone five times to recover the dead Marines and injured Afghan soldiers, risking his life even when a medical evacuation helicopter wouldn’t land because of the blazing gunfire.

“There’s not a day - not a second that goes by where I don’t think about what happened that day,” Meyer said. “I didn’t just lose four Marines that day; I lost four brothers.”

Author Bing West, a retired Marine infantry officer and combat veteran of Vietnam, detailed Meyer’s actions in the battle in “The Wrong War,” and praised Meyer for taking command of the battle as a corporal - the most junior advisor in this firefight.

West said Meyer should have been killed, but he dominated the battlefield by fearlessly exposing himself to danger and pumping rifle and machine gun rounds into the enemy fighters.

“When you leave the perimeter, you don’t know what’s going to happen, regardless of what war you’re fighting in,” Kellogg, who lives in Kailua, Hawaii, said. “Once you get to a point where you make the decision - ‘I’m probably going to die, so let the party begin’ - once

you say in your mind you aren’t getting out of there, you fight harder and harder.”

Meyer is the 86th living Medal of Honor recipient, and he joins a small, elite group of heroes, a reality that will often require him to conjure up haunting reminders of the battles he has fought, the friends he has lost and the painful regret he bears.

“I’m not a hero, by any means - I’m a Marine, that’s what I am,” he said. “The heroes are the men and women still serving, and the guys who gave their lives for their country. At the end of the day, I went in there to do the right thing ... and it all boils down to doing the right thing ... whatever it takes. All those things we learn stick in your head, and when you live by it, that’s the Marine way.”

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WASHINGTON — Active duty Soldiers and their spouses will soon be able to get funding for books and supplies as part of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.

Beginning Oct. 1, active duty members and their spouses can receive up to \$1,000 for books and supplies, per academic year, as part of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Active duty members were not previously eligible for the books and supplies funding.

A summary of recent changes to the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill can be found at http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/Post911_changes.html.

ARMY INTEGRATES TECHNOLOGIES DURING NIE EXERCISE

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army is beginning to harness some initial lessons learned from its recent Network Integration Evaluation this past June and July at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Scores of technologies were assessed at Network Integration Evaluation, or NIE, and integrated in realistic combat-like scenarios in order to evaluate their potential military utility as part of a battlefield communications network, service officials said.

Initial indications are that much was learned about the Army's ability to integrate a host of emerging technologies into a single coherent network architecture, said Col. John Wendel, deputy program executive officer, Network Integration.

"The integration is a tremendous accomplishment. There is a lot of value added by integrating 35 SUTs [Systems Under Test] and SUEs [Systems Under Evaluation] in a true systems of systems environment that spanned 285 by 50 kilometers and included rugged, strenuous terrain. When you bring everything together simultaneously, you end up with the best solution for the network and for the Soldier," Wendel said.

NEW TASK FORCE TO FOCUS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

WASHINGTON — A new Energy Initiatives Office Task Force will help the Army face challenges associated with rising fuel costs.

The formation of the new office was announced Aug. 10 by Secretary of the Army John McHugh during a presentation at the GovEnergy Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It is expected the task force will be fully operational by Sept. 15, and will help develop the large-scale renewable energy projects the Army will need to achieve energy security, Army officials said. Energy security means ensuring there is always energy available to continue the Army mission uninterrupted, even if the civilian power grid is unavailable.

"The Energy Initiatives Office Task Force will help the Army build resilience through renewable energy while streamlining our business practices so developers can invest in and build an economically viable, large-scale renewable energy infrastructure," said McHugh. "To meet a goal of 25-percent renewable energy by 2025, the Army must use every opportunity to be energy efficient and draw power from alternative and/or renewable energy sources."

Always ready

Task Force Attack draws the line in the sand

BY SGT. RICHARD WRIGLEY
1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHARANA, Afghanistan — "When the challenge is drawn in the sand, the Soldiers step up," said Maj. Paul Berg, executive officer of Task Force Attack.

No statement could be closer to the truth when in regards to the Soldiers of TF Attack, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, who are conducting operations in Regional Command East, Afghanistan, and are currently attached to 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division.

"We have a very good team

here," said Berg. "This is my fourth deployment, and this is the best team I've been with so far."

The best team is exactly what is needed right now in RC East, as the operational tempo is incredibly high.

Lt. Col. Douglas Brockhard, commander of TF Attack, compared the escalated operational tempo to a NASCAR pit-team functionality when he described the demand for Aviation support.

"The demand outweighs what we have on hand," he said.

Brockhard elaborated how

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PHOTO BY SGT. RICHARD WRIGLEY

Spc. Jesse Whetzel, an AH-64 Apache helicopter crew chief from TF Attack, 1st ACB, attached to 10th CAB, 10th Mtn. Div., prepares to replace a part on the aircraft July 22.



PHOTO BY SGT. ROLAND HALE

Infantrymen load a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during air assault operations training at Fort Riley, Aug. 10. Air crews from the 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt., conducted the training with infantrymen from the 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., as the latter prepares for a deployment to Afghanistan.

Fort Riley Aviators, infantrymen join forces

BY SGT. ROLAND HALE
CAB, 1st Infantry Division, Public Affairs

FORT RILEY, Kan. — Fort Riley Aviators and ground troops joined forces this week to train on air assault operations.

The 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment used four CH-47 Chinook helicopters for the training Aug. 10, in order to

prepare Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

During the training, the helicopters transported several loads of infantrymen to an objective in Fort Riley's training area.

This is one of several mock air assaults the Aviation brigade has conducted with its infantry counterparts recently, as the latter will likely

conduct them on a regular basis in Afghanistan.

"This training opportunity allows the Soldiers of both units to practice these missions in a controlled and safe environment, better preparing themselves for combat," said Lt. Col. Brian Hughes, the Aviation battalion commander.

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Aviators volunteer for Extreme Home Makeover

SGT. 1ST CLASS JEFF TROTH
CAB, 1st Infantry Division, Public Affairs

It takes a small army of volunteers to turn a pile of wood, stone and paint into a home — and that is exactly what descended on Ottawa, Kan., the second week of August for an "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Every day for a week, around 400 people volunteered to build a home for Kansas National Guardsman Staff Sgt. Allen Hill, who was injured by a roadside bomb in 2007.

Although he has recovered from his physical wounds, Hill has developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Since environmental triggers such as loud noises, crowds, dimly lit spaces and long hallways can initiate PTSD episodes, the Hill Family home was built to make his treatment easier. The home is sound-proofed, and includes a safe room for him to go in case of an episode.



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS JEFF TROTH

Staff Sgt. Jason Wales helps move a tub to the master bath of a house being built in Ottawa, Kan., for a Kansas National Guardsman who has PTSD. Around 400 volunteers in conjunction with "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" built the house in a week. The episode is scheduled to air in October.

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due to the demand, the task force is forced to operate under launch-recover-launch conditions, so that when an aircraft lands, maintainers, armament, and fuelers must be out there with the aircraft preparing it for the next team to take off, making for a NASCAR mentality.

However, when any unit flies as much as TF Attack is flying, maintenance becomes an issue and a challenge: one that Berg describes as an everyday battle that requires team effort.

This team effort is evident

throughout the ranks of TF Attack, and can be seen in the actions of much of the leadership, said Berg.

One way they are combating this maintenance challenge is through the sacrifice of non aircrew Soldiers within TF Attack.

Usually, door gunner slots in Army aircraft are filled by the crew chiefs themselves. However, in TF Attack, from the battalion command sergeant major on down, non-aircrew Soldiers have been volunteering to man the guns during missions, allowing the Aviation maintainers the necessary time they need to work on

the aircraft, and to recover.

Yet sheer demand for Aviation support is not the only challenge TF Attack has faced in Afghanistan.

One other major challenge they faced is their separation from their parent brigade, the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, and their attachment to the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Nevertheless, this transition took place without a hiccup, which Brockhard attributes to the great relationship between 10th CAB and TF Attack, and their respective leadership, which consists of senior leaders in both

units who have worked together prior to this deployment.

Furthermore, Col. Pedro Almeida, commander of 10th CAB and TF Falcon, talked about the apparently seamless integration of the Soldiers of TF Attack into the 10th CAB.

“TF Attack Soldiers have blended in with their Task Force Falcon counterparts extraordinarily well and made a difference in accomplishing this tough mission at the incredible kinetic and flying operational tempo that defines RC-East,” said Almeida.

In the end the success that TF Attack has already garnered

speaks volumes of the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication that the Attack team has brought in RC East.

When asked if TF Attack can maintain this operational tempo successfully throughout the year’s deployment, Berg replied confidently.

“We’ll be great. This is what we’ve trained for. This is why we do what we do,” he said. “We came here prepared and ready, and we couldn’t have asked for a better team in order to execute the mission in the most difficult terrain, with the toughest enemy, everyday.”

Forces: Exercise allows Soldiers to train for joint operations

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In the mountainous context of Afghanistan, the Army’s Chinook helicopters are often its only aircraft capable of getting troops to their destinations, said Hughes.

“The aircraft’s capability of carrying large number of personnel and tons of cargo make them a price-

less asset to the ground commander,” said Hughes.

Air assaults like this are one of the most important, and dangerous, operations the ground Soldiers will conduct on their deployment, he said. Accordingly, several weeks of preparation preceded the actual training.

“The most dangerous phase of any air assault operation is the landing

plan,” he said. “The planning for this phase is critical, as both the ground and Aviation forces must thoroughly plan on how to suppress or destroy enemy elements around the landing zone in order to mitigate risk.”

“1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt. was very involved in the planning process, and as a result, the battalion level

air assault went off without a hitch,” he said.

Capt. Andrew Bartlett, pilot and commander of the battalion’s B Company, doubled as pilot and air mission commander during the mission.

While the training was geared toward preparing the infantry battalion for combat, it also served to train his company’s crews,

he said.

“This was a chance for us to work on the skills we need in order to work together as a team,” he said. “There is a lot of communication that goes on between the aircraft.

“This is our first collective event since being back from Iraq,” said Bartlett. “It was good training to establish where we are,

and what to work on in the next couple months.”

The battalion is scheduled to continue similar training with its infantry counterparts through the summer. In addition, one of the battalion’s UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter companies is scheduled to train the ground troops on medical evacuation next week.

Aviators: New home provides special amenities for Soldier

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“We believe that it is not necessarily the government’s responsibility to take care of the men and women that have served us; it is all of our responsibility,” said Paul DiMeo, one of the show’s designers.

“So whenever we have the opportunity to build for one of our military it is definitely a special build for us,” he said. “At the end of the day you get a little closer to what our men and women do that serve, and you are able to understand a little bit more. Not just their discipline to do it, but also the sacrifice they have made.”

But, it wasn’t just civilians on the Hill job site. Several Fort Riley Soldiers made the trip to Ottawa to help out one of their own.

“I’ve always been a big fan of helping

people out, especially when it is a team thing,” said Sgt. Jason Wales, an air traffic controller with Company F, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment. “It is easy to get caught up on post and be doing nothing. You need to get out and do something. For me to be able to help someone, brings relief to me and it also brings relief to the person I am helping.”

Wales said he had already completed his Army missions for the week when he heard about the extreme makeover, so he put a pass in for the rest of the week so he could help out. On his first day in Ottawa, one of his Soldiers, Pvt. Mark Smeester, joined him as they helped install 20-foot timbers above the entryway.

“It is a 21st century barn raising. Our volunteers are responsible for everything on the site,” DiMeo said. “We have maybe

three people that come in our advance team that are construction oriented that work with the builder. Everyone else is a volunteer. We have skilled volunteers who do the concrete and framing, but then we have volunteers passing out water, we have volunteers that are cooking and feeding the volunteers, volunteers that are organizing the volunteers.

“When we first started, before Season 1 aired and before we got popular, there were no volunteers; we were doing all the work ourselves. Once the volunteer effort started we were able to grow and do more things than we ever thought we would be able to. We were able to build bigger houses, do bigger rooms, more detail into what we were building into those rooms. We wouldn’t exist without our volunteers.”


As the two Fort Riley Soldiers helped

to give shape to the house, Wales’ wife, Jennifer, caught the volunteer bug as she watched from the spectator area with their three boys.

“When we got done that first day, my wife told me she wanted to help out, to do her part,” Wales said. “On the second day she started the day, while I watched the kids.”


The couple tag-teamed the rest of the day and the next, each getting to do their part for a Soldier with PTSD, something the Wales Family knows about.

“I can definitely understand Hill’s anxieties. I also have PTSD, anxiety with departures,” said the sergeant from Chicago, Ill. “I have been deployed three times, and as I was getting ready to leave on my last deployment I had panic attacks just thinking about it. But once I got to Iraq I was perfectly fine.”



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Lake Party Luau

Event brings Hawaiian fun to Lake Tholocco

BY ERIN MURRAY
Army Flier Staff Writer

Those looking for a different type of Saturday night can put on a lei and enjoy fun, food and entertainment with a multicultural twist at the second annual Lake Party Luau Aug. 27 at Lake Tholocco's West Beach at 5:30 p.m.

Advanced tickets for the luau are available for \$20 at the Landing Zone until Wednesday. Tickets at the gate of the luau will be \$25 and the price includes a Polynesian buffet, pontoon boat rides and live entertainment throughout the night.

Lake Party Luau was created to show a different side of Fort Rucker events, said Kimberly Abeln, DFMWR annual events coordinator.

"This event was created to showcase entertainment from a culture that is not often seen in the Wiregrass area. There are many events on Fort Rucker that showcase European, Hispanic and African American heritage, but Pacific Islanders also have a great heritage of storytelling and performance that we wanted to highlight," she said.

Lake Party Luau is also different from events found all around the Wiregrass area, according to Brian Jackson, DFMWR Delivery System Program manager.

"Out of all of our events throughout the year, this is one of the most unique. It doesn't fit the southeast-Alabama style," he said.

Entertainment planned for the event includes the Aloha

Hula Dancers, a group that has been performing traditional Hawaiian hulas as well as Maori and Tahitian dances for over 30 years. An act that returning guests will remember from last year is the fire knife and fire poi dancers, who will be inviting attendants to participate in their performance.

The top eight finalists from the Rockin' Rucker's talent competition will also compete in the final round at 6 p.m.

Many children's events are also planned, including popular activities from last year and new additions like tiki man piñatas, tropical tattoos and flamingo ring toss. Two events with special Polynesian flair are 'Ulu Maika, the Hawaiian version of bowling, and a Hawaiian name translation booth.

Abeln hopes that the luau will help introduce service members and civilians to the recreation opportunities Fort Rucker has to offer and provide an enjoyable evening.

"Lake Tholocco is open to the public and is a great asset to the Wiregrass community. We hope that this event will inspire everyone who attends to take advantage of on-post resources," she said.

Lake Party Luau will have something for everyone, multicultural learning opportunities, entertainment and delicious food, all on the beautiful lake-side.

For more information on Lake Party Luau, call 255-1749, or 598-8025 for ticket information.



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Aurora Bauer, 3, receives a lei from Monica Ott during the Lake Party Luau at Lake Tholocco last year.

Rockin' Rucker's finalists head to finals next week

BY ERIN MURRAY
Army Flier Staff Writer

Rockin' Rucker's top 12 finalists competed in the second round of the talent competition before vocal ensemble Committed performed Saturday at the post theater.

A panel of judges, including a member of Committed, judged the top 12 and announced the final eight contestants on Monday. The finalists will perform in the final round at Lake Party Luau Aug. 27, 6 p.m. at Lake Tholocco.

The night of entertainment, provided by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, was an exciting opportunity for the contestants and crowd, and this year's Rockin' Rucker's competition offers many different talents, said Brian Jackson, DFMWR delivery system program manager.

"The top 12 acts that we have this year are very good. They all have a variety of different styles. It's not just vocal soloists. There's a dance act, instrumental soloists, a band, and even spoken word artist. The



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variety is higher than last year."

One unique Rockin' Rucker's act is Spc. Brendon Patten, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, who performed his original poem "Our World" at Saturday's semifinals. Patten entered

the competition after noticing that a poet had not been in the previous competition.

"I wasn't even going to be in the contest, but I saw there was no poetry represented," he said. Patten was glad to participate, but also enjoyed seeing the

other acts and Committed perform. "I like seeing talent and performances. It's good that we're provided stuff like this."

Other performers were also grateful for the opportunity to showcase their talents to the Fort Rucker community.

"Since I came into the military, I had to leave (performing) behind. When MWR gives us the opportunity to be in a show, it's a great way for those of us who volunteered to leave our talents behind to have fun," said Capt. Brandon Mace, 1st Aviation Brigade, who performed a crowd-pleasing version of "Me and Mrs. Jones" by Billy Paul.

The final eight includes vocal soloists Katy Johnson, Brandon Mace, Alan Wayne, Lynntesha Henley and Sara Isom, the band Mystery House, choreographer Marcel Harrison and spoken word artist Brendon Patten.

Audience participation is a category in the final round, so Jackson encouraged family, friends and fans of the Rockin' Rucker's finalists to come out to Lake Party Luau to help decide the winner and enjoy an evening of fun.

"The top eight adds a different element to the luau that makes it a little more intriguing. What's also great about the final round of the talent show is while you're eating you can enjoy a good show."

For more information on Rockin' Rucker's and Lake Party Luau, call 255-1749.

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 closed for the season Aug. 6.
- The indoor swimming pool at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility in Bldg. 4605, is 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), is 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), is open Mondays-Fridays from 1-5 p.m. through Sept. 30.
- West Beach is 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.

Get REAL

Army Family Team Building staff hosts Rucker Experience, Army Learning today 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.

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jhughes@armyflyer.com.

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 today 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://fruckerfcsa.com/membership/htm> for eligibility information.

Dueling Pianos

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff hosts dueling pianos Saturday 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 Tuesday 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 or to register, call 255-3885.

Anger Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers an anger management workshop Tuesday and Aug. 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.

This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, civilian employees and Family.

For more information and registration, call 255-3898.

Magic Character Dining

The Landing Zone's Tuesday Character Dining features walk around magic from Titan magic Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. Children receive free balloons and a buffet.

For more information, call 598-8025.

Lake Party Luau

The Lake Party Luau is Aug. 27 from 4:30-9 p.m. at Lake Tholocco's West Beach.

The event features entertainment from the finals of the Rockin' Rucker Talent Show, hula dancing, boat rides, children's activities and the evening culminates with a fire knife dancer. A buffet-style Polynesian dinner is served from 6-7:30 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$20 advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets for children ages 12 and under are \$8 advance and \$10 at the door. Children age 3 and under enter free.

For more information, call 255-9810.

TPS Workshop

A Financial Readiness Program workshop on "The Thrift Savings Plan: The Basics" is Aug. 30 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Fort Rucker's Bowden Community Center. Space is limited. Childcare is not provided.

For more information, call 255-2594 or 255-9631.

Child and Family Find Campaign

Exceptional Family Member Program staff members are in the process of identifying active duty

military Families with special needs.

Special needs can include physical, intellectual, developmental delays, emotional impairments that require special treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling.

Enrollment allows the assignment manager at Army personnel agencies to consider the documented medical and special needs of EFM's in the assignment process.

For more information, call 255-9277.

Stress Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers a stress management workshop Sep. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Early Childhood Activity Center.

Topics include identifying cause of stress, symptoms of stress, techniques on how to manage stress and developing a stress management plan. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, DOD civilians and their Family members.

For program and child care information, call 255-3898.

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Tuesday, August 23rd Magic Character Dining
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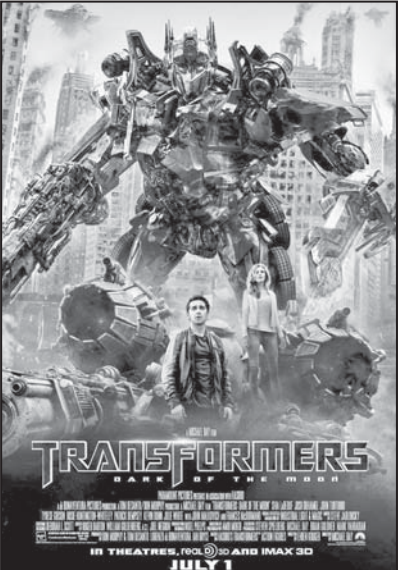
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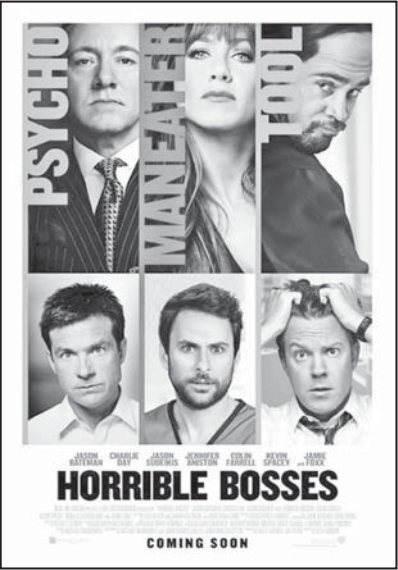
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

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BIRTHDAY BLOWOUT

Landing Zone hosts week-long birthday bash

BY ERIN MURRAY
Army Flier Staff Writer

A week of celebration events for adults, children and Families will commemorate the Landing Zone's second birthday Aug. 20-26.

The birthday week kicks off with a free performance by Dueling Pianos on Saturday and continues with food, live entertainment and door prize drawings throughout the week.

Dueling Pianos, featuring Tony T. and Wildman Joe, comes to the Landing ballroom Saturday at 8 p.m. as a part of the duo's tour of military installations all over the country. Their stop on Fort Rucker coincides with the Landing Zone's birthday

week, and serves as the perfect kickoff for a week of celebrations, said Janice Erdlitz of DFMWR marketing. Both pianists will play many different types of music in the show, which is described by Army Entertainment as a "high energy, all request, sing-along, comedy piano show." Adults 18 and older that enjoy a night of musical fun should not miss Saturday's performance.

"We really expect it to be an incredible show," said Erdlitz.

Celebrations continue at the Family-friendly magic character dining on Tuesday. Parents are encouraged to order an entrée and let children 12 and under enjoy a free meal from the kid's buffet. During dinner, Titan

Magic's magicians will perform on stage while characters from popular television and films serve and entertain children.

In addition to nightly entertainment, The Landing Zone will have specials on whiskey-marinated wings Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. and ladies-only appetizer specials during the live entertainment Friday night. People of all ages can also enjoy free birthday cake during lunch and dinner Friday.

The Landing Zone and DFMWR hope that the community will "come out and join the party, and have good times with great friends," Erdlitz said.

For more information on the Landing Zone's birthday events, call 598-8025 or 255-9810



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‘Military Line’ works to boost financial fitness

BY ELAINE SANCHEZ
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A young servicemember saddled with debt and in need of some quick cash doesn't have to go far. Lenders offering same-day loans sit outside the gate of nearly every military installation in the nation.

But the lure of fast and easy cash can lead strapped troops down a path of steep interest rates and fees that far surpass their initial loan.

In other words, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, said Brenda Linnington, director of the Better Business Bureau Military Line.

Protecting servicemembers and their families from financial pitfalls such as payday lenders is Linnington's primary goal at Military Line.

The program's mission, she explained, is to increase military members' financial literacy through information, education and outreach — both online and on the ground.

"I'd like Military Line to serve as a bridge between the civilian and military communities," said Linnington, an Army veteran and the wife of an active-

duty Army officer. She took on the job in January after the former director, Holly Petracus, left to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Servicemember Affairs.

The program, created in 2004, is also a partner in the Defense Department's Financial Readiness Campaign, she said, which gives local bureau representatives access to teach financial literacy classes on military installations. The bureau, she added, has 164 local offices scattered across the country.

The importance of a military family's financial stability can't be overestimated, Linnington said.

"If we're deploying a young Soldier and expecting him to do great things on our behalf, but he's greatly in debt and collectors are calling his family," she said, "that Soldier is never going to be completely mission-ready."

One major concern, Linnington noted, is that financial issues often lead to the loss of security clearances, which can affect servicemembers' ability to perform their jobs.

"To be under that level of emotional strain and then expect them to be a

strong family that's growing and thriving is unrealistic," she said.

Debt and debt management are among the most pressing financial issues for servicemembers and their families, she noted, particularly for the younger population. Reports indicate that junior servicemembers carry a heavier load of debt than their civilian counterparts.

This debt combined with a steady paycheck and a strong sense of discipline can add up to an attractive target for scam

artists, Linnington said. "It's very enticing to someone looking to entrap you in a contract," she added. "A young private might not make a large income, but collectively, if there's a bunch of privates, that's a lot of money."

Linnington said the scams have come fast and furious in recent years. Some scammers contact military family members by phone or email and make false claims that the servicemember has been wounded overseas and money is needed to help.

Or, a person posts a house for rent, but when the servicemember arrives, the person has vanished, along with the security deposit.

And, while payday lenders are, by law, capped at 36 percent, they find loopholes by charging fees as opposed to boosting interest rates.

"There are some really terrible things going on,"

she said.

To avoid getting trapped in a scam, Linnington stressed the importance of financial education and well-being. "It's getting people to realize they need to be careful and not necessarily go on someone's word," she said.

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

DOTHAN

FRIDAY — Wiregrass Natives Buddy Buie and Terry Collins, along with the ALS Association of Alabama, kick off the second annual Downtown Music Fest with a free “meet and greet” from 5:30-7 p.m. The festival features the Atlanta Rhythm Section with original members, Wilbur Walton Jr. and the Strangers, The Bopcats and Alabama Music Hall of Famer Paul Hornsby and Dothan native Jimmy Dean. Performances begin at 7 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center.

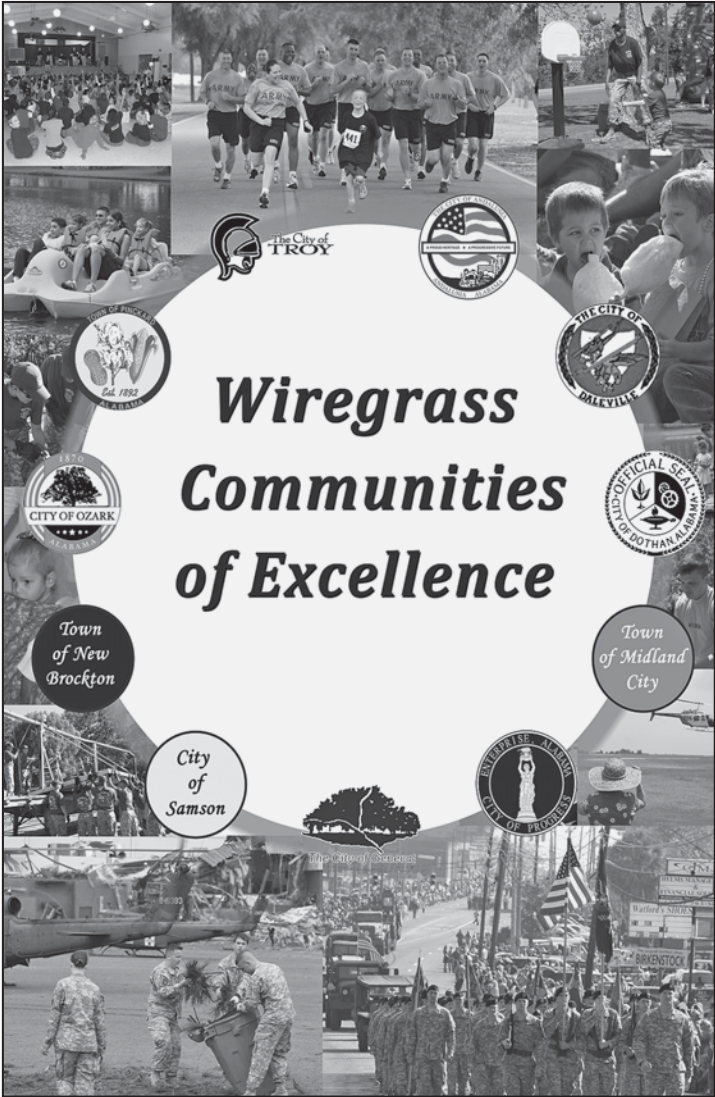
General admission tickets are \$25 and are available at the Dothan Civic Center Box Office or online at www.dothan.org. For more information, call 615-3175. \$\$\$

SATURDAY — The Downtown Music Fest 5K Run, at the Wiregrass Museum of Art in Dothan. Registration is a 6:30 a.m., race at 7:30 a.m. Registration includes a 5K Run-Shirt and a free general admission to the concert that night. Same day registration or go online to register at www.dowownmusicfest.com. For more information, call 334-596-2352.

ENTERPRISE

THURSDAY — 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.

SEP. 24 — Enterprise Aviation Expo is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Enterprise Municipal Airport. Admission is \$5, free for children 12 and under. There are still several slots open for food and craft vendors as well as event sponsors. For more information,



call Tara Emmett at 348-2603 or email Tarae1@cityofenterprise.net. \$\$\$

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

For more information, call Connie Hudson at 406-3077, Randy Black at 389-0738 or Bob Cooper 347-7076, or visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683 on *Facebook*.

GENEVA

ONGOING — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of 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

THURSDAY — A New Disabled

American Veterans chapter has been chartered. Chapter No. 99 meets at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton City Hall. The chapter welcomes all members, spouses and those who would like to join. A free meal and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 347-9574 or 389-7050 or email byrom7@roadrunner.com.

OZARK

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

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

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

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY — 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.

The event features bull riding, team

roping, cowgirl barrel racing, steer wrestling, bareback riding and more.

For more information, call 774-9448.

ONGOING — Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities is looking for artists to participate in its Back Street Art at Claybank Jamboree outdoor art show.

In conjunction with the Ozark Chamber of Commerce and the Potting Shed, the Back Street Art show is the first outdoor art show held at annual Claybank celebration in many years.

This show will be juried and cash awards will be presented the day of the show.

For more information and an entry form, visit www.ruddartcenter.org. Complete the entry form and return the last page to: backstreetart2011@gmail.com or mail to DCCAH, ATTN: Back Street Art, 144 E. Broad St., Ozark AL 36360.

Entry fee and form must be received not later than Sept. 14. Call Denise Reyes at (334) 618-3006 with questions or for more information.

PINCKARD

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

For more information, call 983-3064.

SAMSON

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

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

TROY

AUG. 27 — Many dogs are up for adoption at the Troy Pike Animal Shelter Bow-Wow Pow-Wow adoption event at Tractor Supply Co. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. These dogs need forever homes as soon as possible. For more information, call 808-8898 or visit www.pike-animals.org.

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

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

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

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Beyond Briefs

Nature Programs at Oak Mountain State Park

Oak Mountain State Park in Pelham hosts weekly nature programs in the Campground Pavilion.

Learn about the methods many animals use to survive changing weather conditions at “Animal Adaptations” on Saturday at 10 a.m. Then, spend the day enjoying over 50 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails and the 9,940-acre park.

Admission to Oak Mountain State Park is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors. Nature programs are free with admission.

National Aviation Day at Southern Museum of Flight

In honor of National Aviation Day, the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham is offering free admission to the museum today from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Entrance to museum is free to all active military and Family year round. For more information, call 205-833-8226 or

visit www.southernmuseumofflight.org.

Creek War Bicentennial

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park in Alexander City will host the first in a series of programs on the Creek War beginning Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guest speakers discuss the events of 1811 that had a major impact on the Creek War. Admission is free to the park and program.

For more information, call 256-234-7111.

Montgomery Buckmasters Expo

The annual Montgomery Buckmasters Expo will be held at the Renaissance/Montgomery Convention Center Friday, 3-9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is a huge hunting consumer show with hundreds of exhibitors. Admission is a canned food item benefiting the Montgomery chapter of The Salvation Army. Activities include Buckmasters Trophy Records Scoring and Display, Buckmasters Top Bow Indoor World Championship, and kids’ activities including

archery and target simulation.

For more information, call 334-376-2619 or visit www.buckmasters.com.

Wildflowers of Lake Guntersville

Join the park naturalist at 1 p.m. Saturday for a presentation on the wildflowers found at Lake Guntersville State Park, followed by a nature walk. For more information, call 256-571-5445 or visit www.visitlakeguntersville.com.

Athens Cruise-In

The Athens Cruise-in is the first Saturday of the month now through Oct. 1 from 3-9 p.m. in downtown Athens, Ga.

The event offers Family-oriented fun including businesses open late, three restaurants and a DJ playing 50s and 60s music.

For more information, call (256) 603-1227.

Stokin’ The Fire BBQ Festival

Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark plays host to the seventh annual

Stokin’ the Fire Barbecue Festival at the historic Sloss Furnaces Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

For more information, visit www.sloss-furnaces.com.

Cobbler Festival

The Gadsden Etowah County Cobbler Festival celebrates one of the south’s favorite desserts Aug. 26-27 at the Gadsden Midtown Plaza in Gadsden. There is a silent 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 entertainment and the Cobbler Bake Off contest.

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

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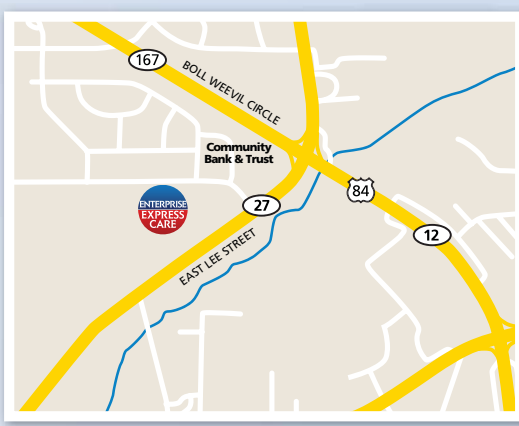
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NASCAR TICKETS OFFERED AT LEISURE TRAVEL

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 Tuesday 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 Thursday 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.

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.

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PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Michael Ralph, Scrubs second baseman, slides into home during the team's game against the Deltas Aug. 10 in the opening game of the intramural softball playoffs. The Deltas won, 10-4.

Deltas down Scrubs in playoff opener

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

After a virtual stand-still in the opening innings, the Deltas from 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment gave the Physical Fitness Facility team a hard-hitting workout, winning a first-round intramural softball playoff game 10-4.

The two teams' outfields kept things in check by keeping the bats from being as effective as they tried to be.

Scrubs batted first and didn't manage to get more than a single run, which the Deltas quickly answered with one of its own in the following inning.

After an almost stand-still second inning save for one more Scrubs run, the Deltas finally found a way to get things going.

Harrison Cordell, Deltas pitcher, got a single that also resulted in one RBI with Steven Kerrigan, Deltas coach and third baseman, following up.

Those two managed to kick off a rally that resulted in the Deltas taking a commanding 8-2 lead.

Scrubs wasn't quite finished yet as it came back ready to play some offense in the next inning.

Unfortunately for the team, it wasn't going to be enough to take the lead back.

Emmanuel Stallworth, Scrubs outfielder, did manage to get a couple of solid hits and the team did score one more run, but its



Steven Kerrigan, Deltas coach, gets a hit during the opening game of the intramural softball playoffs Aug. 10.

hopes of a potential rally were cut short due to the overly aggressive Deltas outfield and the accuracy of the team's infield throwing abilities.

The fourth inning saw the Deltas rally from the previous inning come to a crashing halt as Scrubs turned up the speed on its gloves.

Deltas only managed a single run during the inning with the rest of the lineup dropping quick-

ly due to almost constant short fly balls.

Keeping the ball on the ground wasn't the problem for Scrubs during its next at-bat. The issues came from the Deltas' ability to cover almost the entire field without much struggle.

While Scrubs tacked on another run for the inning, that's all it managed to do before being shut down again. The Deltas were still

up, 10-3.

While Scrubs couldn't get anything working on offense, it continued to dominate defensively throughout the rest of the game.

No matter how many times Deltas looked to extend its lead in the closing innings, it couldn't get any offensive strategy to work.

In the final inning, Scrubs did get some solid hitting in, but it wasn't enough to put it within striking distance of the huge deficit it cut for itself in the first half.

Kerrigan said his team has worked hard all season and was happy to walk away with a win in the first game of the playoffs.

"We got timely base hits and kept the gloves working," he said. "We've fallen apart before, but everything worked well today."

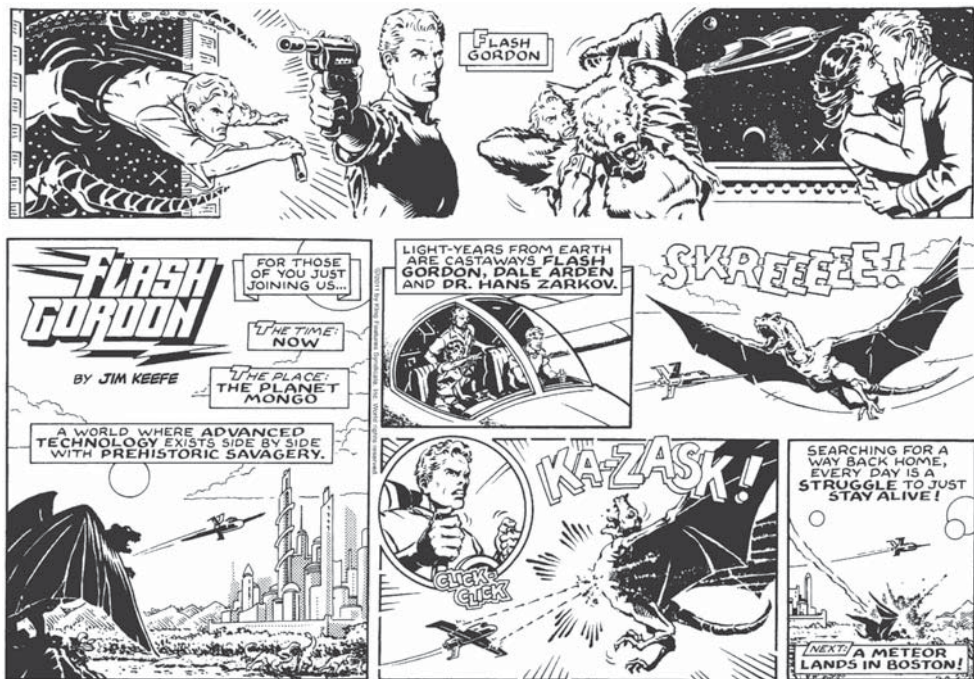
He continued by saying every team is "beatable" and that, despite taking a week off before coming to the first round of playoffs, Deltas planned to do just that.

Lori Ciranni, Scrubs coach, said she and her team came out to have a good time and they accomplished that, although she would have preferred a win.

"We gave them almost all of their runs," she said. "We just quit hitting the ball and made too many errors. We have to hit better and keep the errors in check."

She said the team will continue to work and get better with hopes of coming back in the double-elimination tournament.

Down Time



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only person to have served as president and later as chief justice of the United States?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In what city would one find the 11th century St. Mark's Basilica?
3. SOCIAL SCIENCE: The ruler of a theocracy derives power from what source?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which U.S. president popularized the term "muckrakers" for investigative journalists?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Cat's Cradle"?
6. HISTORY: Osceola was a leader in which Native American tribe?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the common name for "prunus persica"?
8. BUSINESS: What business made John Davison Rockefeller a wealthy man?
9. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral MMD?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin prefix "ambi"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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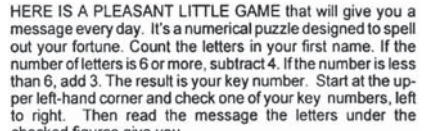
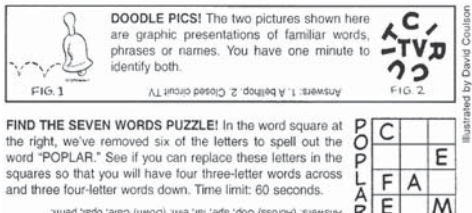
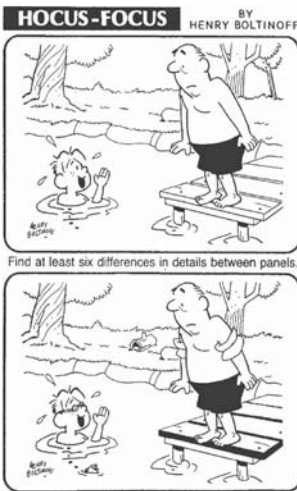
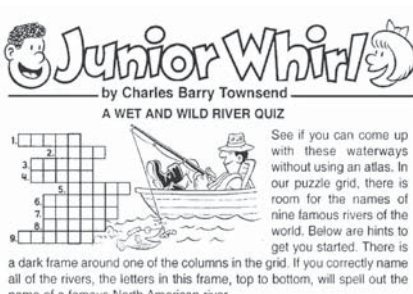
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Kid's Corner



Vasquez leads Soldiers at U.S. Olympic Boxing Trials

BY TIM HIPPS
IMCOM Public Affairs

MOBILE, Ala. — U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxer Sgt. Samuel Vasquez was the last Soldier standing when he climbed into the ring at the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials Aug. 4 at the Mobile Civic Center.

Vasquez was leading after one round and tied after two, but Amir Imam of Albany, N.Y., unleashed a flurry of combinations midway through the third and final round for a 31-23 victory, eliminating Vasquez from the double-elimination tournament.

"I was doing well until the last round," said Vasquez, 25, a two-time armed forces champion stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. "In that last round, I let my hands down. And when I let my hands down, I get clocked by shots I shouldn't be taking.

"Once that happened, he broke me a little bit and I kind of fell apart. None of the shots hurt me, but I was counting his points in my mind and that discouraged me. I wanted to keep my hands up and still go forward to catch up, but he just kept scoring."

Vasquez threw "bunches of punches" and led 9-7 after one round of the 152-pound bout. He stuck to his game plan in the second round and the score was tied going into the third. Then Vasquez reverted to his bulldog style and stepped into several of Imam's scoring blows.

"In hindsight, I would have been smarter and boxed him more; maybe not allowed him to come in so much and countered his shots," Vasquez said. "He was careful. He did it perfectly. He watched what I did and waited for me to engage him, and then came right at me. He was the smarter boxer today. I let my ego get to me, but I'll be back."

Army WCAP boxing coach Basheer Abdullah, a three-time U.S. Olympic coach and technical advisor, agreed with Vasquez's assessment.

"I know he left it in the ring and I know that he can beat any of these guys when he's performing up to his best," Abdullah said. "When he performs up to his ability and stays focused and executes the fight plans, then he gives himself a great chance of winning. I think he's going to learn a lot from this."

On Aug. 3, Vasquez was



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program boxer Spc. Samuel Vasquez (right) of Fort Carson, Colo., throws a right hand at Bryant Parrella of Lehigh Acres, Fla., en route to an 18-10 victory in the 152-pound challengers bracket semifinals of the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Men's Boxing Aug. 3 at the Mobile Civic Center in Mobile.

in complete control during his 18-10 victory over Bryant Perella of Lehigh Acres, Fla.

"He's in all the national tournaments at the end, like top four, so I knew he was pretty decent," Vasquez said. "I kept staying in and just boxed."

Vasquez was encouraged by his 19-10 victory over Golden Gloves reigning national champion Arturo Trujillo of Easton, Pa., on Aug. 2.

"I knew he was an aggressive fighter," Vasquez said. "I was coming forward, but he was slower than me. Every time he came in, it would be boom, boom, boom, and I would move out of the way. He couldn't touch me. He kept on missing."

Vasquez started rolling with a 26-10 victory over Houston's Regis Prograis Aug. 1.

"I just boxed him," Vasquez said. "He wasn't any problem. I just kept my distance. He was a shorter guy, and I just out-boxed him."

Vasquez lost a 24-17 decision to eventual tournament champion Errol Spence of Desoto, Texas, in their opening bout July 31.

"I didn't box him," Vasquez said. "I went in for the knockout all three rounds, and I wore him down. After the fight, I told him, 'I'm coming for you. I'll see you in the finals.'"

Errol told me, 'To be

honest with you, I hope you lose because I don't want to fight you again.' Those were his exact words. So I knew I had him."

Vasquez, however, did not advance to the finals against Spence, but the Soldier's chances of competing in London at the 2012 Olympic Games did not necessarily end in Mobile.

Boxers who prevailed at the U.S. Olympic Trials must qualify their respective weight classes to compete in the Olympics.

The boxers from light flyweight through light heavyweight will have to place in the top 10 while the heavyweight and super heavyweights will have to place in the top six at the 2011 International Boxing Association World Championships, which take place this autumn in Baku, Azerbaijan. If they falter in Azerbaijan, USA Boxing will re-open those weight classes to competitors at the 2012 U.S. National Championships.

Winners there will then attempt to qualify their weight classes for the Olympics at a last-chance America's Qualifier in Mexico.

Vasquez is already talking about becoming a professional fighter, but he has not given up on boxing in London just yet.

"I need to turn pro. That's my whole goal through this thing," Vasquez said. "To

make the Olympic team, of course, was my first goal. I still have a chance because if [Spence] does not qualify my weight class we're going to have another tournament, and I'm in it, so it's not over yet."

Abdullah agreed.

"If we don't qualify this weight class at the World Championships and he goes back to the reload tournament, I think he's got a great chance of pulling it out," he said. "The road to London does not stop in Mobile. There's still a very slim chance of getting some Army boxers back in there to have the opportunity to try to qualify."

Six other Soldiers competed at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Men's Boxing, contested July 31 through Aug. 6 in Mobile.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Shepherd, 30, a former WCAP boxer stationed at Fort Carson, won his first two bouts of the tournament before dropping a 15-9 decision to eventual super heavyweight champion Lenroy Thompson of Lenexa, Kan., Aug. 3.

"I wasn't able to get the big guy off of me," Shepherd said. "I wasn't able to physically move him. I wasn't sure if he hit me or I was throwing a shot, but I felt something shoot up my arm and I took a knee."

"With the pain and the lack of strength that I had in my arm, I didn't feel like I could effectively keep

him off of me. I was up by two points after the first round and my arm wasn't responding. It went downhill from there."

Shepherd withdrew from his scheduled Aug. 4 bout against San Francisco's Laron Mitchell because of a suspected stress fracture in his right forearm sustained Aug. 1 during his 25-15 victory over Brett Rather of Las Vegas.

"It caused a problem [against Thompson Aug. 3]," Shepherd said. "I didn't feel like I could put any power on my right hand to slow him down or deter him from coming in."

"I went to the hospital and they didn't see a bro-

ken bone, which is good," Shepherd said. "The doctor thinks it's a stress fracture. It's disappointing, especially when [Thompson] was a guy who I beat at the last Olympic Trials."

Shepherd opened the tourney July 31 with an 18-8 victory over O'Jayland Brown of Sacramento.

Spc. Jeffrey Spencer of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson was eliminated by Sijou Shabazz of Las Cruces, N.M., who prevailed 12-10 in their light heavyweight bout Aug. 3.

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Answer

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

Super Crossword

Answers

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A	L	A			S	I	N	K		U	N	D	O	I	N	G		I	L	I	E			
T	E	L			T	O	N	Y		B	E	D		S	O	Y		S	U	E	D			

Answers

- William Howard Taft
- Venice, Italy
- God
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Kurt Vonnegut
- Seminoles
- Peach
- Oil
- 2,500
- On both sides

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

EXTREME BOWLING

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

ARCHERY SHOOTS

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

BATTING CAGES HOURS

The child, youth and school services batting cages are open Mondays-Fridays from 4-7 p.m., Saturdays from 2-6 p.m. and are closed Sundays. They are located in the Youth Sports Complex on Fifth Avenue between the post office and the youth football field. For more information, call 255-9105.

RIDING STABLES RULES

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

SKIES ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

SKATE NIGHT

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

PAINTBALL

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

Video Game Spotlight >>

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

Limbo defies definition

BY JIM VAN SLYKE
Contributing Writer

It doesn’t last long. It doesn’t have any text, dialogue or explanation as to what’s going on, but Limbo might be the best video game you play all year. It’s a 2D puzzle platformer with a film noir style that has no cutscenes or loading screens. Gamers control a young boy who wakes up in a forest with no idea who he is, where he is or where to go next. The only thing that’s quickly made clear is that he has to get moving. The game has plenty of surprises, delights and scares worthy of much more than a \$10 game.

The game starts off slow, but as things progress the puzzles become more interesting and complicated. Expect to die a lot. There is a lot of trial and error in the game, but “Limbo” doesn’t punish the gamer too much for failure. The deaths can be gruesome — the boy decapitated by a bear trap, for example — but the game always restarts right before whatever killed the boy so the game can try to find a way around it. The audio often provides clues on how to avoid traps, so listening

plays a big role in the game. The ending to this six-hour game is incredible, if abrupt. It really comes out of nowhere.

Limbo works because it is so original and has such a great atmosphere and intrigue. The journey is over too quickly, but it’s a fun ride while it lasts.

Reviewed on the Xbox 360



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Publisher
PlayDead
Rated
Teen
Systems
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Cost
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Overall
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