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## NEWSLINES

### MUSIC UNDER THE ALABAMA STARS

The 98th Army Band performed Music Under the Alabama Stars to about a hundred Soldiers, civilians and family members at Howze Field Friday.

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### SUICIDE PREVENTION VIDEO

The Army recently released its latest suicide prevention video.

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### READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Ready or not, it's time for the prognosticating to begin as the NCAA football season gets ready to kick off.

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### WORKFORCE BRIEF ON ARMY BUDGET

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, hosts town halls Sept. 1 at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the post theater. The general will speak at the town halls on Fort Rucker's status as it relates to the Army's recent decision to reduce its civilian workforce by 8,700 Armywide.

All post employees are encouraged to attend either session to get updated information. There will also be a question and answer session at the briefing.

For more on this topic, see the general's article in next week's *Army Flier*, and, of course, attend the town hall meetings.

### TRAINING RUN ROUTE

The physical training run route that is normally closed on weekdays during physical training time will be closed on from 5:30-7 a.m. Sept. 2, a day of no significant activity, as well. The route includes the four-way stop by Lyster on Fifth Avenue down to Bldg. 5700. The road will be blocked off at side entrances by traffic cones.

Usually, the road is open during DONSA's, but the Warrant Officer Career College has a physical fitness test scheduled for that day. As always, use caution when driving near where Soldiers are training.

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**THURSDAY**  
High **97**  
Low **71**  
Mostly sunny



**FRIDAY**  
High **99**  
Low **74**  
Partly cloudy



**SATURDAY**  
High **99**  
Low **70**  
Mostly sunny



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, pins the Purple Heart on Sgt. 1st Class Noel Harrison during a short ceremony at Adams Hall Aug. 17. Harrison earned the award after being injured in combat Oct. 6, 2006, while on patrol in Iraq.

## CG awards Soldier's Purple Heart

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Being awarded a Purple Heart is no small matter, so when Sgt. 1st Class Noel Harrison found out he was going to get his again, it was a surprise.

Harrison was injured in combat Oct. 6, 2006, while in Iraq as part of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division when a convoy

he was traveling in was attacked by two grenades and an improvised explosive device, he told reporters after the ceremony.

Miraculously, none of the Soldiers involved died in the attack, though two others — including a 19-year old on his first mission — suffered what Harrison described as "significant injuries."

Though injured in the attack, Harrison said he was back to work within just a

few days of the incident.

"I never thought of it as something I'd get an award for," he said. "I was just doing my job."

Harrison said for a while after the incident, every time a vehicle he was riding in would hit a bump or take a sharp curve, he thought he might be in danger again.

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## USAACE recognizes NCO, Soldier of the year

BY ERIN MURRAY  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Officials from the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence honored the 2011 noncommissioned officer and Soldier of the year in a ceremony Tuesday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Sgt. Daniel Wilker, working dog handler with the 6th Military Police Detachment, earned Soldier of the year honors. Sgt. Tricia M. Schindler, an air traffic controller with the 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, earned NCO of the year honors.

Command Sgt Maj. John L. Chandler, 110th Aviation Brigade, spoke

and presented both honorees with Army Commendation Medals at the ceremony.

In front of fellow Soldiers, Family and civilians, Chandler applauded the efforts of both Wilker and Schindler.

"You accepted a challenge and have conquered it. You deserve to feel proud of this accomplishment. This is a great personal and professional accomplishment, validating that you're being all you can be," he said.

In order to be named Soldier and NCO of the year, Wilker and Schindler competed in many events, including

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PHOTO BY ERIN MURRAY

Soldier of the year Sgt. Daniel Wilker and NCO of the year Sgt. Tricia M. Schindler were recognized Tuesday for their hard work after many months of competitions and boards.

## Post offers emergency, weather notification system

BY JIM HUGHES  
*Command Information Officer*

Members of the Fort Rucker community can be among the first to know when severe weather threats or security issues arise when they sign up for a new emergency notification system offered by the post.

Local Army officials contracted with CodeRED to provide instant emergency notification via voice, email or text messages starting today, according to Manny Alvarado, chief of the Installation Operations Center.

"CodeRED gives us an additional

venue to provide information to our community in an effort to keep them safe — whether it is from Mother Nature threatening or an intruder on the installation," he said. "The system gives us the ability to inform the community in the event there is an emergency on post, where it is and what actions to take."

In order to receive these types of notifications people must register — an easy process done on the Web, Alvarado said.

"The process is simple, they just follow the link on the Fort Rucker main page and it takes them to the Center.

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# Perspective

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## Scrambler defeated by eight-sided weekend

BY JACEY ECKHART  
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I used to claim that after deployment our Family was like a merry-go-round. We had to slow the "ride" so that Brad could jump back on.

Brad scoffs at that now. "This is no merry-go-round," he snarled. "This is the Scrambler!"

The guy has got sumpin' there. For those of you who did not grow up at King's Island, the Scrambler is that horrible amusement park ride that twirls you in two directions at once, "whonking" your entire group from one side of the car to the other, snatching you back from the edge the moment you think you are getting somewhere.

Geez, just thinking about it makes me long for some antic-



Jacey Eckhart

ids.

Brad, too. So we started talking it out, trying to figure out how to slow the Scrambler down long enough for Brad to jump back on, especially when he is a geographic bachelor and only comes home on weekends.

We quickly discovered what so many military Families already know: there is no slowing the Scrambler. There is no catching up with it mid-stream. There is no stop to the onslaught of deadlines and traffic and summer jobs and shipyard schedules and Family visits and summer

reading assignments and ever-ripening tomatoes and the chase of getting the 9-year-old off the couch with video games and the 17-year-old off the couch with his new girlfriend.

"Maybe we are on the wrong ride," I suggested.

"Maybe we should get rid of the couch," Brad replied. "Then again, maybe we need to remember that it is only a two-minute ride. We just gotta be better prepared."

And he is right. In military life, a Family's turn on the Scrambler really is a temporary thing.

So what could we do temporarily to prevent the dizziness and nausea and hot distemper that come with riding this ride? We already knew that the only way to combat the chaos of military life was to figure out systems and then stick to them. Clearly, the system that used to work in our merry-go-round days was not going to work here.

"I just wish the weekend was longer," Brad sighed.

And that's when I remembered reading in one of those lady mags that you should divide your weekend into six parts — Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, and

Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening. Each part of the weekend was supposed to be assigned only one task, which was a pretty good suggestion — for civilians.

I proposed to Brad that our military weekend had to be different, longer, more structured. It ought to have eight parts. When the present weekend must make up for all those missed weekends of deployment, it needs eight parts. So we added Thursday night and Friday night to the weekend.

Thursday night was our planning night to talk on the phone about what was going on in the Family and what needed to happen on the weekend as well as what we wanted to happen on the weekend. Then Friday night was a designated nap night and late dinner. Then each of the other six parts had its own purpose.

Somehow just having the plan made me feel better. Not quite back on the merry-go-round — not exactly caught up in the beauty of the carousel. But now we are back in the park, riding all the rides and doing exactly what we are meant to be doing.

## Rotor Wash

“Summer is coming to an end. What are you looking forward to in the next few months?”



Staff Sgt. Jay Bradshaw,  
AFLC Knox Airfield

"The holidays and all the free weekends."



Dan Petrowsky,  
retired military

"Hanging around with my grandkids."



Thomas Cavalier, Mod  
Sim analyst

"I'm new here, so I'm looking forward to my Family arriving, and traveling to the beach and New Orleans."



WO1 Chase Rushing,  
B Co. 1st Bn. 145th Avn.  
Regt.

"Cooler weather."



Capt. Derek Wamsley,  
A Co. 1st Bn. 145th Avn.  
Regt.

"The beginning of the holidays."

# Take 5 before cycling!

## SAFE Summer

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# AUSA honors long-time member

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The Association of the U.S. Army honored one of its long-time members during its annual Wiregrass Chapter breakfast in Ozark Aug. 18.

Retired Col. Selden Bailey, 91, received an Outstanding Achievement award for his years of service to AUSA, said Tom Walker, AUSA Wiregrass Chapter president. Bailey was the charter vice president in 1957.

"AUSA recognizes Soldiers and civilians alike," Walker said. "(Bailey) has been doing this for so many years and served his country with honors. He's transferred that service over to the community, and he's just an upfront guy and been a great asset to AUSA."

Bailey said he didn't get into service to earn

awards or to be recognized, but to help people and serve his community and country.

"I didn't get into (service) thinking I was going to be recognized for something," Bailey said. "You just fall into a situation and have to do a job. You determine what that job has to accomplish and go about your business."

After the presentation of the award, Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, said he, too, had been inspired by Bailey's service and thanked him for all of his helpful advice.

"I always appreciate our conversations, I learn something every time we talk," said Crutchfield. "It's men like him who've laid the

groundwork for other Soldiers like us. (He) is truly a patriot, a Soldier and a great citizen of this country."

Those who attended the breakfast also received a safety briefing from Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center commanding general. Wolf talked to those in attendance about the importance of remaining vigilant and about safety trends in the Army.

"Driving is our biggest challenge," Wolf said. "What we have to do as leaders is continue educating them. Our Soldiers are just like the great American public and they enjoy getting out on the road."

Wolf said the primary number of road accidents involving Soldiers also involved motorcycles.



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, presents retired Col. Selden Bailey with an AUSA Outstanding Achievement award for his years of service to the organization during the AUSA annual Wiregrass Chapter breakfast in Ozark.

## Post enjoys *Music Under the Alabama Stars*

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

It was a mostly clear evening as the sound of instruments filled the air around Howze Field, and Soldiers, civilians and their Families came out to enjoy a night of music under the stars.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, played host to the event, *Music Under the Alabama Stars*.

Crutchfield left all the talking and entertaining up to the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band for the evening's festivities and joined the rest of the attendees in simply sitting out under the night sky.

CW4 Jesse Pascua, 98th Army Band commander and director, said the event was a great way for the band and the installation to show their appreciation for the Soldiers and the communities.

"A lot of times we're in a more ceremonial environment," he said. "In this case, we're more relaxed and it allows us and the audience to enjoy the show even more."

Pascua said he loves conducting and leading the band, but the show was all about giving back to the audience and making sure the band put on the best show possible.

Two new members of the



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Members of the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band perform during the Music Under the Alabama Stars event at Howze Field Friday.

band, Staff Sgt. Joel Kosmann, saxophone, and Sgt. Michaela Maxgay, French horn, said they were excited to perform for the crowd on post.

"We're new in town and we used to do this with our last unit, so it's fantastic to get to do it here," Kosmann said. "I think the smaller communities are a little more patriotic and they tend to enjoy it more. We feed off of that when they really get into it."

Maxgay said she put in some extra practice time in order to get ready for the show.

"I probably put in about an extra hour a day in addition to what we did as a band," she said.

WO1 Christopher Nicholas brought his wife, Virginia; son, Joshua; daughter, Michelle; and sister-in-law, Stephanie De La Cerda, to the event because he thought it would be a good way for the Family to spend time to-

gether and show support for the band.

"It's really great to hear a live band outside and in perfect weather," he said. "It gives us a chance to get to know the community a little better and show our support for the band. This is our first time hearing this band play."

One member of the band got a special surprise by being called up front during the show to be

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promoted.

Seth Ruckle was promoted from private first class to specialist by Pascua and Crutchfield while his Family, including his father, Steven Ruckle, former member of the 98th Army Band, watched.

"We're all so very proud of him," Steven said. "When he was a kid, I would never have thought he'd follow in my footsteps. It's really great to see him up there."

The program also included an Army Streamer ceremony, honoring the streamers the Army has earned throughout each war it has taken part in from the Revolutionary War through today's conflicts in the Middle East.

After the band finished playing a round of patriotic music, the 98th Army Band's rock band, Crossfire, took over and played a variety of hit songs from many different eras and genres.

## Panetta: Any retirement changes won't affect serving military

BY JIM GARAMONE  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — In his clearest statement on the subject to date, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said Friday that if the military retirement system changes, it will not affect serving servicemembers.

"I will not break faith," the secretary said during a roundtable meeting with military media representatives in the Pentagon.

Panetta's predecessor, Robert M. Gates, asked the Defense Business Board to look at the military retirement system and make recommendations. The final report is due later this month, but Panetta said he is familiar with the outlines of the proposal.

"I certainly haven't made any decisions" on retirement, he said.

"People who have come into the service, who have put their lives on the line, who have been deployed to the war zones, who fought for this country, who have been promised certain benefits for that — I'm not going to break faith with what's been promised to them," Panetta said.

People in the service to-



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JACOB N. BAILEY

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta responds to a question from a member of the military press in his office at the Pentagon Friday. Writers representing American Forces Press Service, *Stars and Stripes*, and the Military Times Media Group attended a roundtable discussion and asked Panetta a variety of security and military forces related questions.

the all-volunteer force in the future."

One aspect of the retirement issue is one of fairness, the secretary said. Most servicemembers do not spend 20 years in the military and therefore do not get any retirement benefits when they leave the service.

"They are not vested in any way," Panetta said. "The question that is at least legitimate to ask is, 'Is there

a way for those future volunteers to shape this that might give them better protection to be able to have some retirement and take it with them?'"

Health care is another area that has to be dealt with, the secretary said. In fiscal 2001, the DOD health care bill was \$19 billion. It is more than \$50 billion now, he said, and it soars to the neighborhood of \$60 bil-

lion in future years. Among proposals Congress is contemplating is an increase in some TRICARE military health plan premium payments.

"I think those recommendations make sense," Panetta said. "Especially with tight budgets, it does make sense that people contribute a bit more with regards to getting that coverage."

The Defense Department — which is responsible for a large part of the nation's discretionary budget — will do its part to reduce the budget deficit, the secretary said. But while Defense has a role to play, he added, Congress has to deal with the more than two-thirds of the federal budget that represents the mandatory spending.

"If you are serious about getting the deficit down," Panetta said, "you have to deal with the mandatory side of the budget and taxes."

DOD has a responsibility to look at all aspects of the budget, the secretary said, and officials at the Pentagon are doing that.

"This is not because it is necessarily going to hurt areas," he added, "because frankly, a lot of this can be

done through efficiencies, a lot of it can be done looking at the administrative side of the programs: what can we do to make these programs more efficient?"

The secretary said he believes the budget crunch can represent an opportunity to make DOD a more efficient, effective and agile force that still can deal with the threats of the future.

The department also needs to ask how to provide benefits for troops and their Families that will be effective at ensuring the nation always has a strong volunteer force, Panetta said.

"That's a debate and discussion that it's important for the Defense Department to have, the White House to have, the Congress to have and the country to have," he said. "[We] need to have that debate about 'How are we going to do this in a way that maintains the best military in the world?'"

The Defense Department will face some tough choices, Panetta acknowledged.

"I think the bottom line is this can be an opportunity to shape something very effective for the future that can still represent the best defense system in the world," he said.



# Ribbon cutting opens IMCOM on Fort Sam

BY TIM HIPPS  
IMCOM Public Affairs

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch and five representatives of the Soldiers, civilians and Family members served by the U.S. Army Installation Management Command officially opened the command's new headquarters campus Friday.

The ceremony officially completed IMCOM's Base Realignment and Closure-mandated move from Arlington and Crystal City, Va., and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., to historic Fort Sam Houston, an Army stronghold since 1876.

Lynch, IMCOM commanding general and assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, cut the ribbon alongside IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola, IMCOM headquarters 2011 Stalwart Award winner Wanda Stover, IMCOM Non-commissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Jeremy Blake, Fort Sam Houston Army Community Services Volunteer of the Year Nikki Longoria and Fort Sam Houston Youth Volunteer of the Year Imani Trice-Gayden.

"I'd like to thank the magnificent workforce here at IMCOM," Lynch told the crowd of about 700 gathered beneath blue skies on an 84-degree morning as a Texas breeze blew through the six-building complex.

"We're going to dedicate a building, but the building is nothing without the people. For the remarkable Soldiers and civilians who work at IMCOM headquarters, thank you for what you do every day because you're making a difference.

"I tell people you've got a choice in life, you can read history or you can make history, and indeed you're making history on a daily basis."

The newly constructed headquarters building in the center of the campus was inspired by the surrounding Spanish Colonial Revival style buildings. It incorporates environmental practices supported by the Army's Strategy for the Environment. The facility is designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental



PHOTO BY NEAL SNYDER

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, gives the keynote address at the IMCOM headquarters ribbon cutting Friday.



PHOTO BY SLADE WALTERS

The color guard from Army Support Activity Fort Sam Houston wears uniforms from various eras in Fort Sam Houston history.

Design Silver certification, a national benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. This achievement required planning by the client, building owner,

architects, engineers and contractors.

"Yesterday, I had the chance to recognize almost 150 individuals who were intimately involved in the construction of this facility and it's a mag-

nificent facility, no doubt," Lynch said. "If you take the time to read the details in the program, you'll see it's a 300,000-square-foot facility that cost our nation about \$120 million and it's exactly what we needed

and expected. The building itself is superb.

"This building, the way it's constructed, allowed us to reduce our energy consumption by 24 percent. I know that for a fact because when I'm sitting in my office and typing emails, if my fingers are not wildly active, the lights go out.

"I also know we've reduced the water consumption in this facility by 50 percent," Lynch said. "You have to lead by example, so the building itself is superb and for the folks who've had anything to do with the construction of the building, you have our appreciation."

The purpose of the building, however, exceeds the perfection of the facility.

"Our purpose is to provide our Soldiers, our civilians, and their Families with a quality of life commensurate with their quality of service — that's our purpose," Lynch said. "And that purpose will never change."

Lynch vowed to help the Department of Defense with the nation's struggle to reduce a \$14.3-trillion debt.

"As a result of the ends being the same and the means being reduced, we have to modify our ways," Lynch said. "And how we're going to modify those ways is a function of this building. We're going to spend time in this building talking about how we can indeed continue to accomplish the end state with reduced resources.

"I spend zero time worrying about our Army or our other services because of the servicemembers. I'm just so proud of what they do. When they look in the mirror the reflection back is somebody who sacrificed themselves for the greater good, and they continue to re-enlist in droves. As I say all the time, I'm humbled to be in their presence, all the time," he said.

Lynch worries more about the impact of war upon military Families than the troops themselves.

"I'm worried to death about the impact on our Families," he said. "Ten years of war has taken a

toll. Ten years of war are difficult for our Family members."

Lynch pointed out that 146,279 children went to bed the night before while their mother or father was deployed.

"And oh, by the way, their mom or dad had been deployed to combat two or three times before," he said. "That is having a significant impact on our children and it's evidenced by behavior in schools and academic performance. What we do at IMCOM is focus on efforts to mitigate that impact.

"So it's not just a building. It's a people with a passion to focus on our purpose, and this facility and this campus gives that opportunity to do that."

Lynch applauded civic leaders of San Antonio for welcoming IMCOM to "Military City USA."

"We know that we can establish this as our home, because the people of San Antonio have made us feel so, so very welcome, and we promise to return the favor," Lynch said. "We promise to establish a relationship with the leadership and the people of San Antonio, so together we can work towards that purpose of providing our Soldiers, our civilians and their Families with the quality of life that is commensurate with their quality of service."

Ciotola seconded that sentiment while speaking about the "unabashed compassion" of IMCOM Soldiers and Civilians.

"I say to you here today that we at this campus are more than equal to the challenges of today and those that we must confront tomorrow," Ciotola said. "That we shall, that we must, commit ourselves to doing it more efficiently and effectively. That those who yearn for the knowledge and insight required to take our Army and our nation down a new path need only do this simple thing: come to San Antonio, come to Fort Sam Houston, and while you're at it, come to Installation Management Command.

"As a community, as your Army, as a command, we'll show you the way, and we'll do all that is required."







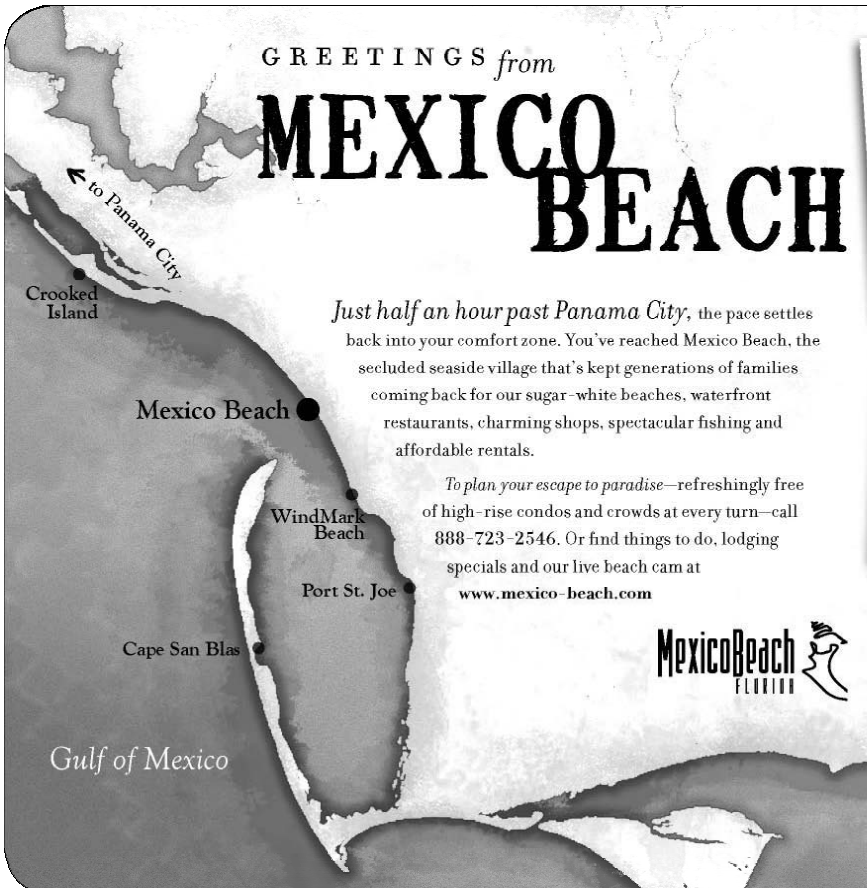
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# Army Cyber Command focuses on protecting vital networks

BY DONNA MILES  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Warfighters operating on the front lines in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world can be confident that a corps of “cyber-warriors” has their backs, and is working to protect the computer systems they depend on, a senior military official reported.

Less than a year after it stood up Oct. 1, Army Cyber Command is leading a corps of 21,000 Soldiers and civilians who serve worldwide operating and defending all Army networks, Army Lt. Gen. Rhett A. Hernandez, its commander, told American Forces Press Service.

Hernandez oversees a 24/7 operation that, operating under the U.S. Cyber Command umbrella, is responsible for defending the largest piece of the Defense Department global infrastructure grid.

In simplest terms, Army Cyber Command provides security for these networks so commanders, regardless of their location, can communicate with their own forces, higher headquarters and other elements, he explained.

“We are operating and defending all the (Army) networks, regardless of where they are — from our installations worldwide, in garrison, in a field environment, all the way to the tactical edge where our Soldiers are engaged in combat operations,” he said.

This capability is particularly critical to combat troops, whose missions — and lives — depend on information and intelligence these networks provide.

“Without it, they would be hard-pressed to conduct the operations they are doing,” Hernandez said, “because cyber really enables mission command,” as well as Soldiers’ ability to carry out their commander’s intent.

“We are allowing them to operate in an environment that gives them the information they need to do that,” he said. “Our job is to ensure they have those enabling capabilities they need to be successful.”

Meanwhile, Army Cyber Command has the capability, when directed, to ensure troops have freedom of movement in cyberspace, and to deny that access to adversaries.

Ten months since starting from “what I would call scratch,” Hernandez said, he’s proud of the new command that has emerged and the increased operational focus it brings to the daily defense of Army networks.

“That’s not to say we were not defending our networks in the past,” he said. “But with an operational view of what we need to do to ensure we are doing all we can possibly do to defend our network, I believe we have made tremendous strides.”

Hernandez attributed much of that success to close cooperation and sharing within Army Cyber Command, the sister service cyber commands and U.S. Cyber Command.

“You get an unprecedented unity of effort across the board,” he said. “It is not only servicewide, but it is horizontal, between the other services, and it is vertical, between (U.S.) Cyber Command and the services.”

“So you can imagine the synergy that comes from that as you conduct operations in defense of your networks every day,” he added.

This synergy is critical, he said, in keeping ahead of a complex, rapidly changing cyber threat.

“When I think about where we are today, the (focus) is not so much what it is we are able to do to operate and defend our networks today,” he said. “It is what we have to do to ensure we are able to operate and defend against an evolving, changing and growing threat.”

Toward that end, Hernandez is addressing the acquisition process, pressing to make it more responsive and to ensure that cybersecurity gets factored into buying decisions.

Major equipment acquisitions that take five to seven years just won’t cut it in keeping ahead of evolving cyber threats, the general said.

“We really need capabilities that we can bring to the force in 12 to 18 months,” he said, even if it means accepting incremental solutions rather than waiting for perfect ones.”

Meanwhile, cyber threats have brought new considerations to acquisition decisions.

“In the past, we had a mindset, ‘Let’s just increase the capability we provide to the field, regardless of the potential threats that might be with them,’” Hernandez said. “But I think in the future, we need to ensure that the things that we are building have to better defend our networks to ensure we maintain the ability to operate.”

But ultimately, Hernandez called people the centerpiece of cybersecurity and cyberdefense. He’s working to promote training and leader development across the ranks to improve the Army’s ability to work within the cyberspace domain.

That’s essential, he said, not only for the growing corps of specialized cyber-warriors, but for all Soldiers and Army civilian employees who access and rely on military networks to do their jobs.

“We are talking across the board,” Hernandez said. “So we are trying to create a 21st-century training environment that brings together home-station training as well as field training to ensure that Soldiers

(and) leaders can train in that (cyber) environment.”

Meanwhile, Hernandez emphasized the role every Soldier and Department of the Army civilian plays in promoting cybersecurity.

“Every user needs to understand and appreciate that every time they enter the net — regardless of what that net is, whether it is the Internet, an Army or military net — they are entering a contested environment,” he said. “And others are working to take that freedom to operate either away from them, or away from us. So it is critical that (they) ensure they do those things that will protect (themselves) and protect the rest of the force.”



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# Lynch: Robots could save Soldiers' lives

BY DONNA MILES  
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WASHINGTON — Robots and unmanned systems could potentially improve enemy surveillance, reduce a Soldier's workload and save lives on the battlefield, an Army general said last week.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, addressed an audience at a session of the 2011 Unmanned Systems North America conference hosted by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International.

"As I think about what's happening on the battlefield today," Lynch said, "I contend there are things we could do to improve the survivability of our servicemembers. And you all know that's true."

His audience included some of AUVSI's 7,000 attendees, representing the international defense enterprise; industry; commercial, civilian and first-responder developers; researchers; robotic system operators and users; and acquisition interests.

"When I look at the 153 Soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice," Lynch said, referring to Soldiers who died under his command in Iraq, "I know that 80 percent of them were placed in a situation where we could have placed an unmanned system in the same job."

As an Army officer and U.S. Military Academy graduate, Lynch went to graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning a master's degree in mechanical engineering with a focus on robotics. As part of his thesis at MIT, he designed a robotic manipulator that could be used to load 60-pound main gun rounds in a tank moving at 30 mph.

The Army has used increasingly capable robotic and unmanned systems for nearly 10 years. As a robotics engineer, Lynch said, he's seen some progress in the Army's use of such systems, but he makes a case for expanded and accelerated use.

In Iraq, in a place called Arab Jabour southeast of Baghdad, Lynch commanded 25,000 Soldiers who were part of Task Force Marne. Over six months, he said, they killed or captured 6,000 insurgents.

"What I realized I was lacking on the battlefield then, and I contend it's probably still lacking today, is the ability for a persistent stare," the general said.

What he did have, Lynch said, were unmanned aircraft systems, which he called "a magnificent capability for watching that area from the air."

"The problem was they didn't have sufficient loiter time, [and] ... I didn't have sufficient assets," he added.

Today over Iraq and Afghanistan, such systems have flown more than 1.2 million combat hours. The Army has about 4,000 robots at work in the war zones on various tasks, including detecting roadside bombs, James Over-



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Oshkosh TerraMax autonomous vehicle.

holt, senior research scientist for robotics at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Mich., told American Forces Press Service.

But if UAS are going to improve surveillance, Lynch said, "we could focus on capabilities like persistent stare. I've seen the technology over the last 28 years — I know where we are."

Lynch said these systems, which fly from Point A to Point B at operational speeds, could be used in modified ways to produce the same results afforded by persistent stare, Lynch said.

"That would be powerful — an additional application on the battlefield today to improve situational awareness," he added.

The Army uses robotic ground systems that haul gear, navigate tunnels and rough terrain, monitor remote areas, capture and transmit images, search for roadside bombs, remove obstacles from roads and sometimes go where no Soldier can safely go.

Such robots can be used to reduce a Soldier's workload, and even can make up for the reduction in the Army's civilian workforce that will occur over the next year as the defense budget is cut. As commander of the Army's Installation Management Command, Lynch is responsible for what he calls "120,000 dedicated civilians worldwide." Defense cuts are reducing Lynch's by about 7,000 by the end of fiscal 2012, he said. "Could we use robotics to address some of those issues?" he asked the audience. "I contend the answer is yes."

Not many of the Army's robots, though, are completely autonomous. Most are remotely controlled or tele-operated, meaning real-time control of remotely located machines.

"I'm an advocate of autonomous vehicle technology. There's a place on the battlefield for tele-operated systems, [but] we have to continue to advocate for pursuit of autonomous vehicle technology," he said.

In 2009, as 3rd Corps commanding general at Fort Hood, Texas, Lynch organized a Robot Rodeo. As part of the festivities, Lynch and Gen. Ann Dunwoody, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, rode on a fully autonomous vehicle called TerraMax, developed by Oshkosh Defense.

"We got in the bed of a truck that [had] traveled

across country in an autonomous fashion," Lynch said. "It was she and I, and somebody sitting behind the wheel for safety reasons, but he didn't have to touch the wheel or the brakes or the accelerator. He didn't have to touch anything, because it was an autonomous system."

"We all know that could happen," he said. "What I'm concerned about is people saying, 'We don't need that. Tele-operated is good enough.' But I don't believe that's true."

To reduce the workload, Lynch said, "we've got to keep the warfighter in the loop, but he doesn't have to be dedicated to a particular mission."

"You can give the system a certain degree of autonomous capability so [the warfighter] can monitor and supervise multiple systems and continue his mission with a reduced workload," he said.

Over the last 28 years, Lynch added, he has made it a point to host some

kind of robotic vehicle demonstration everywhere he's been.

"And I've seen the evolution of technology," he added. "I believe candidly we can accelerate the evolution of autonomous technology if people would just acknowledge that it's important."

Maj. Gen. Walter L. Davis, deputy director of the U.S. Army Capabilities Integration Center, part of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, joined Lynch at the conference. Today, he said, unmanned systems improve persistence, endurance and protection across all warfighting functions.

"They provide situational awareness, unmanned lethal and nonlethal fires, unattended precision target attack and acquisition, maximum standoff from

threats ... and perform unmanned logistics support and services," he said.


The capabilities that unmanned systems enable are unquestioned, the general added. "[And] at least from the Army's perspective, this is all about our Soldier, who is the center

of gravity," he said.

The Soldier, Davis said, "must be the focus of everything we're trying to accomplish, and it's about enabling that Soldier to be more effective, efficient and protected while supporting the Army's mission."





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# Heart: Soldier given Army’s oldest award

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“I thought every little bump was going to be it,” he said. “You’re kind of on pins and needles after that. By all means, I shouldn’t be here. It’s by the grace of God that I am.”

Harrison originally received his Purple Heart by mail, but Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, said that was a mistake that he aimed to rectify with a proper ceremony.

“This award ... is the oldest award we still give in the Army,” Crutchfield said. “It’s the only award we give for Soldiers wounded in combat by the enemy. This is also the only award you are not recommended for. You earn the right to wear it through sacrifice.”

Harrison’s wife, Melanee, said she was thankful that her husband came home alive and that she would always support him in his military career.

“The scariest thing any wife can go through is getting that phone call or

someone showing up at her door to tell her that her husband has been injured or killed,” she said. “I was very glad to find out he was still alive and that he was OK. I’m very proud of him. He’s always been a career-minded guy and wants to serve his country. Despite everything that’s happened, we’d do it all over again.”

Melanee and the couple’s 16-month-old daughter, Piper, attended the ceremony as well as joining Harrison during the pinning of the Purple Heart.



# Year: ‘You are the face of all who are in this command’

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physical fitness training, warrior tasks, battle skills and board interviews.

Wilker, who hopes that his success will continue by earning master fitness trainer certification, explained that the process of boards and training that lead to the honor were worth the occasional struggle.

“I’m very excited. I prepared myself mentally and physically. It gets a little nerve-wracking, but it’s very rewarding,” said Wilker, who has since attained

NCO status upon being named Soldier of the year. “As soon as I started seeing the rewards and accomplishments, I really wanted to push myself to see how far I could get.”

Schindler also reflected on the process, which took almost seven months of training and exceptional performance. From the months of hard work, Schindler has become even more determined to not only advance her own career, but motivate others to advance.

“Hooah describes it all,” said Schindler before receiving her

honors. “I would tell anyone who could do this, to do it.”

Schindler said the experience was rewarding and gives her the opportunity to show other Soldiers the importance of determination.

“I’m happy and motivated. I’m ready for whatever is to come. Push yourself to your limits, because you never know what those limits are until you pass them,” said Schindler, who learned that “there really are no limits.”

Both Wilker and Schindler hope to have continued suc-

cess in their Army careers. Wilker wants to achieve the highest rank possible, as well as obtain a bachelor’s degree in sports medicine. Schindler hopes to finish her bachelor’s degree, attend drill sergeant school and be the first Aviation NCO to advance to Sergeant Major of the Army.

During his speech recognizing both Soldiers, Chandler expressed the importance of servant leadership to the honorees, stating that their titles brought responsibility in addition to the many gifts and honors present-

ed during the ceremony.

“Now, you are the face of all who are in this command. NCOs and Soldiers will be looking up to you for guidance and encouragement. Share the experience by letting those around you know that they can achieve whatever they put their energy into,” said Chandler.

Chandler concluded the ceremony with advice for both honorees and the crowd.

“We must always take a look at ourselves and make sure we are striving to be all that we can be,” he said.

# Notification: System taps into National Weather Service

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CoderED website,” he said. “Then they just enter the information required and submit. Once they complete the registration, they will immediately start receiving weather notifications as issued by the National Weather Service and the installation operations center.”

The system requires registrants to enter their name, phone number, physical address, and email address where they want the alerts sent. The service will

provide tailored weather watches and warnings based on their geographical location, said Willie Worsham, plans and operations specialist at the IOC.

“When we were testing the system, the signup process went pretty quick,” he said. “I signed up, and shortly after that I was mowing my lawn and received a weather alert on a severe storm coming to my area. I quit mowing, put away my equipment and within five minutes, the storm was there with dangerous lightning, rain and hail.”

The system taps into the National Weather Service for warnings, and by using the address provided, it can tailor what messages people receive, based on their selection upon registration, according to company officials. This allows community members living in Dothan to hear about Dothan-specific warnings, while someone living on Fort Rucker would receive Rucker-specific watches and warnings.

Alerts issued on security threats or weather alerts specific to the installation

will come directly from the Fort Rucker IOC.

“We’ll send out the local non-weather emergency notifications to the Fort Rucker community to ensure the information is getting to the community as quickly as possible,” Alvarado said. “This two-pronged approach will ensure our people are in the know quickly and accurately, and give our people a chance to prepare for whatever may happen.”

He added that once people enter their information, they need to keep it updated.

“The system is only as good as the information provided,” Alvarado said. “When people move or change their phone numbers or email addresses, they need to make sure the system has the most up-to-date information or they won’t be getting the notifications.”


The safety and wellbeing of the entire Fort Rucker community is a top concern of leadership at the post, and officials hope everyone here will take advantage of the free alert system. That said, signing

up is completely voluntary, Alvarado said.


“It’s free, it’s simple, it’s valuable information,” he said. “And if you don’t like the service, you can always remove your registration from the service provider.”

To sign up for the notifications, just go the Fort Rucker website at <http://www.rucker.army.mil/codered> and follow the link to the company’s website where you will register for the service.


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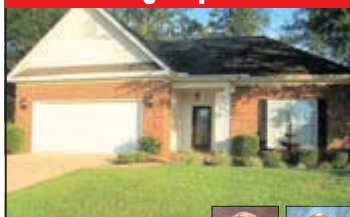
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## ARMY BRIEFS

### ARMY PROVIDES EASIER BASE ACCESS TO FAMILIES OF FALLEN

**JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, Va.** — During a Survivor Outreach Services working group meeting last year, several participants expressed difficulty in gaining access to military installations to take part in SOS programs and support services. Survivors, including parents of fallen Soldiers, do not always have a DOD identification card and are frequently required to get a visitor or temporary vehicle pass to enter garrisons.

Survivors are now able to apply for a survivor decal, much like the standard installation access decal for their vehicle, greatly improving their ability to access the programs designed to support them.

Acceptable forms of identification include a state-issued driver's license or state identification card.

Survivors must still follow that policy, but once they have a decal, they will no longer be required to apply for a visitor's pass each time they enter an installation. The decal is only valid at Army garrisons.

### DOD REVIEWING VETERAN DISABILITY RATINGS

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** — Michael LoGrande, Physical Disability Board of Review director, visited Fort Carson Aug. 9, on the first stop in his nationwide attempt to offer the board to more than 70,000 injured veterans.

The Physical Disability Board of Review, or PDBR, was established "to review the disability determinations of covered individuals by Physical Evaluation Boards," according to the Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act of 2008. The board began accepting applications in January 2009 from post-9/11 veterans with a disability rating of 20 percent or less.

Post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 20 percent or less can apply to the PDBR at <http://www.health.mil/pdbr>.

### CAPTAIN AMERICA RETURNS TO AAFES FACILITIES WORLDWIDE

**DALLAS** — On the heels of its 116th anniversary, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is once again joining forces with Marvel Comics to distribute free, military-exclusive comic books at its stores around the world.

The 11th issue in the Exchange/Marvel series, titled "The First Avenger," revolves around kidnapped civilians who transform into super-strong creatures and attack small European villages. Captain America traces the unwitting bad guys to a remote castle in Symkaria where he finds a mad scientist in the midst of creating an army of "electric soldiers."

"The First Avenger" arrived exclusively at CONUS Exchanges in early August and is due at OCONUS facilities, including 56 locations in Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom, around the end of August.



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS JEFF TROTH

Crew chiefs and a flight medic from 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt., observe infantrymen from 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., load a "casualty" onto their UH-60 Black Hawk medical evacuation helicopter during a training exercise.

## Aviators, infantry train together

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

Medevac! Medevac! Medevac! These three words shatter the quiet and launch the air ambulance crew into action.

They have just 15 minutes to drop what they are doing, get to their aircraft and get their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter airborne.

This is what the flight crews of C Co., 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation

Regiment, went through as they conducted point of injury training with Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Aug. 15-23.

In a combat zone, if a Soldier receives life-threatening injuries it is critical that they get to a hospital quickly. That is why the 4th Bde. Soldiers, who are training for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan, spent time calling in nine-line medevac requests.

This nine-line request guaran-

tees that the flight crews have the basic information they need to get to and transport the injured. The request tells the pilots the grid coordinates for the pickup, how the landing zone will be marked, how many patients and what their condition is.

The training wasn't just for the ground troops, but also for the medevac company.

"The nine-line training is helping us out from top to bottom," said Capt. Michael Henderson, a

pilot and operations officer for C Co. "We have a lot of new radio operators who haven't been with a medevac unit before, so they may not have worked with a nine-line and don't know how the process works."

While the RTOs are still receiving the information, the flight crews are notified. The crew chief and medic rush to the helicopter and prep it for lift off.

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## Army cites improvements to body-armor testing



PHOTO BY SGT. ALEX SNYDER

U.S. Army leaders reiterated to reporters Aug. 18 that protecting troops is the highest priority and the service has already implemented a host of recommendations to improve body-armor testing procedures.

**BY KRIS OSBORN**  
*Army News Service*

**WASHINGTON** — Citing the utmost confidence in the combat performance of Soldier-worn body armor, U.S. Army leaders reiterated to reporters Aug. 18 that protecting troops is the highest priority and therefore the service has already implemented a host of recommendations to improve body-armor testing procedures.

"We provide our Soldiers the best body armor that exists in the world today. It is the most tested body armor in the world as well," said Lt. Gen. Bill Phillips, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army - Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

"I am not aware of any inci-

dent downrange where the body armor failed to protect against a round that it was designed to defend against," Phillips said.

The improvements to body-armor testing procedures were in line with recommendations cited in an Aug. 1 Department of Defense Inspector General report, Army officials said.

In particular, the Army has implemented a uniform set of standards, protocols and procedures for body-armor testing, improved methods of measuring and tracking key test parameters, created data bases to compile test information, conducted altitude and weather tests and performed a series of risk assessments on

SEE TESTING, PAGE B4

## Therapy dogs help demobilized Soldiers

**BY JILL SWANK**  
*Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Center Public Affairs*

**CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind.** — As the young Soldier sat in line Aug. 4 to go through the demobilization process, she whispered into the ear of a dog named Lugnut brought by Dog trainer Kristi Rush of Indianapolis.

Lugnut, a 3-year-old Golden Retriever and registered therapy dog who lives in Indianapolis with the Rush family, recently visited with demobilizing Soldiers returning from a 10-month tour in Afghanistan. Rush escorted Lugnut and three other teams of handlers and dogs through a few buildings to greet the returning Soldiers and staff.

Rush said she wanted to give back to local Soldiers and share her love of dogs. She started Welcome Home Dogs, a volunteer organization of handlers and dogs, who visit Camp Atterbury Soldiers as they work through the mobilization and demobilization process.



PHOTO BY JILL SWANK

Staff Sgt. Anthony Houston, of Detroit, and Staff Sgt. Travis Gilbert, of Rockford, Mich., both from the Michigan Army National Guard's 1225th Corps Support Battalion, which recently returned from Kandahar, Afghanistan, watch 3-year-old therapy dog Lugnut do a trick Aug. 4 at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

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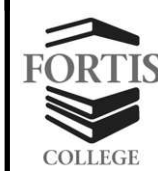
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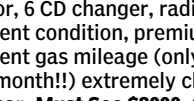
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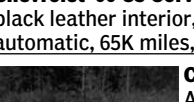
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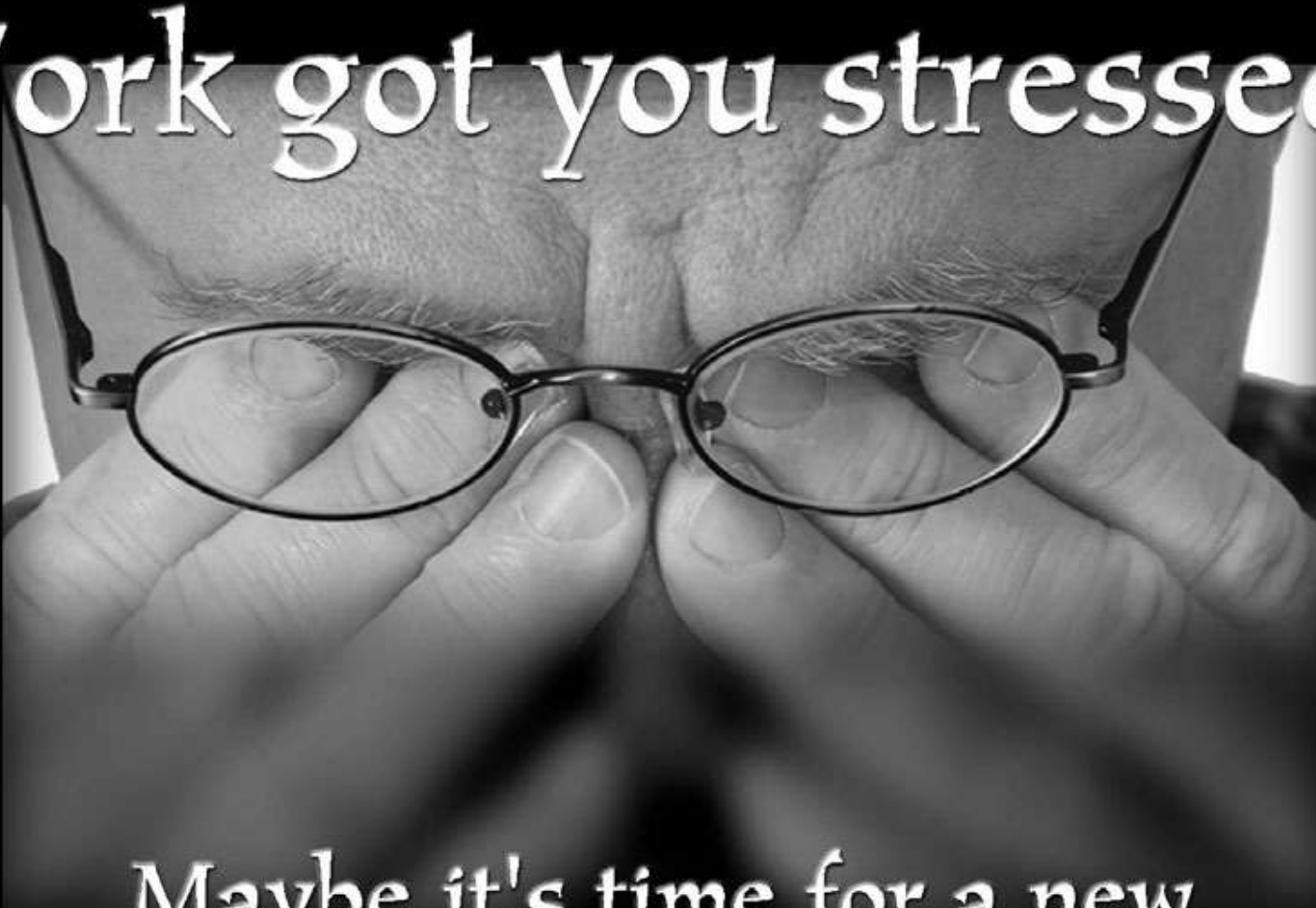
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# Train: Exercise help Soldiers prepare

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Once the pilots have all the mission requirements, they head to the UH-60 Black Hawk.

Although 15 minutes is the standard, during their recent deployment to Iraq the air ambulances were normally wheels up seven minutes after receiving the nine-line.

“From the minute that call comes in all the way up to us delivering the patient, we are training our guys,” said Henderson. “We are making them familiar with what they will have to do in combat.”

In mountainous Afghanistan, medevac helicopters are not always able to land to pick up the injured. For this reason the flight crews did hoist training with infantrymen of the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment.

“During our year in Iraq, we didn’t do one hoist mission,” said Henderson. “So a lot of our guys haven’t done hoist operations in awhile, but we have a program in place to change that.”

“Everything we have been doing over the last couple months is going to help us when we are on the side of a mountain in Afghanistan and can’t land,” said

Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Northrup, a flight medic with 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt. “We will be able to lower down, get the patient loaded and get them treated.”

They not only did hoist training with 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., but also gave the infantrymen a familiarization of the medevac helicopter. The flight crew showed them what their helicopter’s capabilities are, and the proper procedure to load patients onto the aircraft while the rotors are turning.

“This training increases my confidence in my platoon. But more importantly, it increases

their confidence in themselves and that is what this training is all about,” said Spc. Robert Logan, a 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt. infantryman who received the training. “It will better prepare us for Afghanistan in case the situation arises.”

Their confidence rose during the hoist training as the UH-60 Black Hawk hovered overhead. The infantrymen took turns attaching the hoist cable to a rescue litter, and then as the litter was raised they stopped it from spinning by using a rope attached to it.

“It is a good thing for us to

train the infantrymen on hoist operations,” said Northrup. “If I have multiple patients to attend to, and the ground unit guys are proficient with keeping the litter stable, then I can assess the other patients and treat their injuries.”

“When we go out to units like 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Regt., we give them any training that they request,” Henderson said. “But, as we are doing that training it is also good for our pilots, medics and crew chiefs. They are familiarizing themselves with their aircraft and the procedures they will be doing in combat.”

## Testing: ‘We have high confidence in all the protective systems’

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body-armor plates — all actions called for in The DOD Inspector General report, which examined the Army’s testing of ballistic inserts for seven contracts awarded between 2004 and 2006.

Implementation of all of the recommendations cited in the DOD Inspector General report will be complete by October of this year, Phillips said.

“As soon as we find that

we can do something better, I want to assure you that the Army’s going to take quick and decisive action and to make sure that we are focusing on Soldier protection. That is our most important task. We have high confidence in all the protective systems that we give our Soldiers,” Phillips said.

Although improvements to the testing process go back to efforts which began prior to 2008, the Army adopted a new DOD-wide

set of standards for body-armor testing in May 2010, Phillips said. The new protocol establishes standards, referencing, rules, procedures and analytical processes for hard-body armor testing.

Establishing methods to measure the velocity of test rounds was one of many improvements the Army has made to its body-armor testing procedures.

“We test these plates against the toughest, hardest round in theater and

we shoot it at our test ranges at velocities higher than could be fired out of a normal rifle,” said Col. William Cole, project manager, Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment.

Having recently returned from visiting deployed troops in Afghanistan wherein Soldiers conducted a six-day offensive operation against insurgents in the mountains, Phillips said Army troops believe in their body armor with high confidence that it will

protect them.

“Our Soldiers have the highest confidence in our body armor. There’s nothing that’s more important to Army acquisition and to our Army than Soldier protection and Soldier safety. It is so important that we make sure to give our Soldiers the best equipment we can.”

Explaining that the Army’s body armor has repeatedly saved lives in combat, Phillips cited a quote from Staff Sgt. Fred

Row of the 101st Airborne Division who survived being hit by three enemy rounds to the chest in Iraq in February of 2009. Rowe’s testimony before the House Armed Services Committee in 2009 documented how body armor saved his life.

“I took three rounds to the chest — with body armor. All three rounds were stopped by the plates. It hurt, but I was still mission-capable. I was still able to do my job,” Rowe said.

## Dogs: Officials could immediately see program’s effectiveness

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“Witnessing what our dogs can offer to these Soldiers who have just come back from overseas, to see them relax and smile and feel the love, my goal has become to get as many teams on board as possible so that we could reach as many of our Soldiers as possible,” said Rush.

Welcome Home Dogs is the brainchild of Rush. She started the program more than a year ago, working with dogs and their owners to get them both trained to become pet therapy certified. Her goal was to get a few dogs and handlers certified, so that once permission was given to come to Camp Atterbury, they would

be able to spread out to share the love.

“I was so excited when I got the email to help with this program. It is so great to do something to support the troops returning to the states,” said Charlotte Blacketter, owner of 2-year-old Russell.

The first outing to post went better then Rush had expected. Six teams went.

“I knew immediately that we were a success when I saw the look on the Soldiers faces,” said Rush.

The next few visits produced similar results. Rush described the changes that came over the Soldiers when the dogs entered the room and greeted them.

“They begin to smile. Their bodies shift more in their chairs and their posture be-

comes more relaxed. They open up and start to talk about their dogs, past, present and future. Hope pours out of them into the dogs and the dogs just swallow it up without question,” said Rush.

“I’ve had the pleasure of coming to Camp Atterbury several times now, and it never fails to warm my heart when you watch our dogs in action.”

On their last visit to post, Rush recalls a specific incident with a Soldier.


“A female Soldier spotted Lugnut as we walked into the building. She called him right to her. Within five minutes she was sitting on the floor holding on to him, scratching him and smiling. Each time she had to move forward in the line, she

made sure that Lugnut moved with her. She wasn’t letting go and I think he became a bit of a life line to her,” she said.

Walking around the building, it’s easy to see the positive responses of what it means to Soldiers to have a wagging happy tail show up unexpectedly.

“Lugnut just came up to me and wanted me to pet him. I didn’t expect to see dogs today, it was a good surprise,” said Sgt. 1st Class George Hathaway of Pontiac, Mich., 1225th Corps Support Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard.

Lugnut and the other dogs that join him at each visit must go through a multi-step process to become pet-therapy certified.



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## Job Fair

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*Event provides opportunities for military, Family members*

BY ERIN MURRAY  
Army Flier Staff Writer

More than 2,500 jobseekers arrived at the Enterprise civic center Aug. 17 for the eighth annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair, handing out resumes and interviewing with 72 local businesses, government contractors and federal agencies.

At the job fair, co-sponsored by Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program and the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, nearly half of the applicants were active duty, veterans and military family members.

Maria Beabout, a newly relocated military spouse, felt very positive about the job fair, which was also her first.

"I met a lot of people and found out about companies I didn't know were in the area. There was a fairly wide variety," said Beabout, who noted that Aviation jobs were very well represented. Though she does not have an Aviation background, Beabout said that there were still a lot of opportunities for Fort Rucker spouses.

"I think that the employers want veterans. This is one of the best job fairs I've been to, from set up to visual presentation and opportunities available," said Eric Schwind, a veteran who drove two hours to attend the fair.

There are many reasons why employers at the job fair seek out those with military experience, including their understanding of how things are done on base, said Gloria Sharp, director of human resources at Intermark, which currently holds the food service contract on Fort Rucker.

"Because we service the military, we want to hire veterans. They understand discipline and work ethic as well as the military perspective," said Sharp, who came from Kansas City to repre-



PHOTO BY ERIN MURRAY

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sent her company's corporate branch. Like others at the fair, Sharp was excited by the turnout and enthusiasm of local applicants.

"Things went very well. I was pleased with the turnout, quality of applicants and layout of the job fair," said Debbie Gaydos, Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program manager.

Many colleges were also on site, presenting the option of higher education to job seekers who might need help reaching the next phase of their

careers. Amy Guyette, a recruiter for Troy University, said continuing education is a unique opportunity for those searching for jobs.

"Job seekers might need classes or additional degrees to get [better] jobs. We give them the competitive edge in the job market," she said.

According to ACS, there have already been many new hires and hundreds of potential hires since the job fair. They will conduct 30, 60, and 90 day follow ups on job placement for all who attended.

Gaydos offered advice about having a competitive edge when attending a job fair or applying for jobs. She encouraged those who might have missed this year's job fair or are still searching to research companies before applying and double check resumes for errors in order to feel confident when applying.

"Maintaining a positive attitude makes a difference," said Gaydos.

For more information about job opportunities and job search tips, call 255-3949.

## Post celebrates women's equality

BY EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY  
OFFICE AND SPECIAL  
EMPHASIS PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE  
Fort Rucker

In honor of National Women's Equality Day Friday, the Equal Employment Opportunity Office and Special Emphasis Program Committee are sponsoring Women's Equality Day activities today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Atrium of Bldg 5700.

The activities include a mini-health fair; job information, resume writing and interview tips; a women's history book display; and videos depicting Women's Suffrage and women's contributions throughout history.

People can also take part in a women's history quiz, complete with

prizes, and light refreshments will be served during the event.

In his proclamation letter on the day, Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, said it's important to mark the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which took place Aug. 26, 1920.

"After many years of painstaking struggle, the passage of this constitutional amendment was an important step in moving our nation forward by ensuring that civil and political rights guaranteed by the Constitution would truly be equal rights for all Americans," the general wrote.

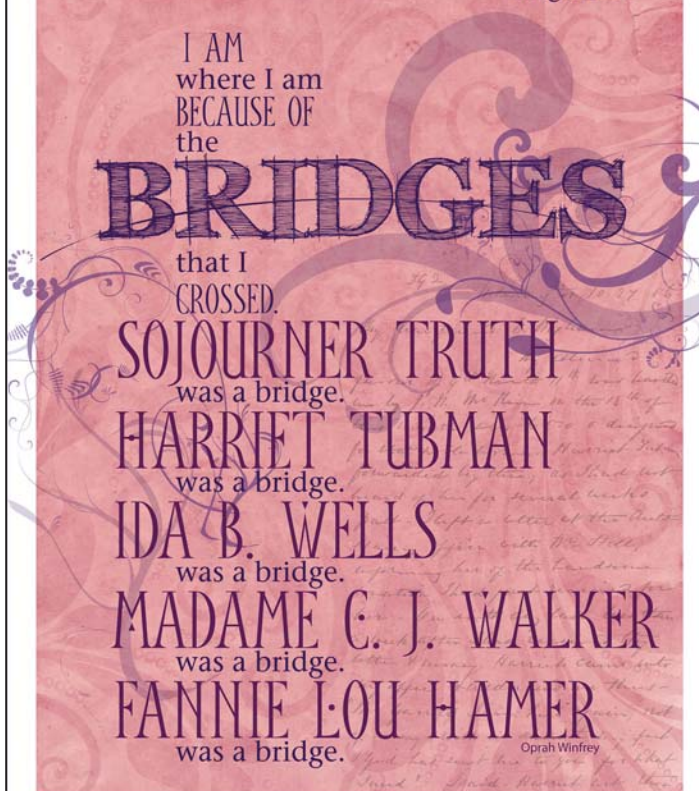
"American women serve as an excellent example of enduring cour-

age and tenacity. They continue to make important contributions and achievement to the development of our nation in their communities and workplaces," Crutchfield continued. "Women have made and continue to make notable accomplishments in literature, science, industry, commerce, law enforcement, politics, and are serving with great honor in our armed forces. They are doctors, lawyers, mothers, executives, engineers, pilots, homemakers and teachers.

"I encourage all Fort Rucker personnel to celebrate Women's Equality Day. Take time to reflect on the significant contributions women, both civilian and military, have made in every sphere of our nation's history," he concluded.

## Women's Equality Day

August 26





# On Post

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Women's Equality Day Activities

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### Resilience Training

Army Community Service staff hosts resilience training today from 5-8 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The workshop is designed to help servicemembers and their Families learn how to not just bounce back from life's challenges, but learn to thrive. For more information, call 255-3643 or 255-3735.

### Becoming a Love and Logic Parent Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program's Becoming a Love and Logic Parent classes are Thursdays now through Sept. 15 from 9-11 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center. Topics include raising responsible children, instilling values, problem solving and using natural consequences as a discipline technique. This workshop is a seven part series. Participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, civilian employees and Family. For more information, call 255-3898.

### 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

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- 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.

### Ladies Night

Ladies Night is Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Landing Zone. The event features live entertainment by DJ Dave. For more information, call 598-8025.

### Lake Party Luau

The Lake Party Luau is Saturday 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 Tuesday 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.

### Anger Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers an anger management workshop Tuesday 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 and retired military, government employees and Family members. For more information and registration, call 255-3898.

### 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 Sept. 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 and retired military, government civilians and their Family members.

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

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## FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for August 25 - 28

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 27  
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..... (PG-13) 7 p.m.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 28  
**Zookeeper (PG)** ..... 7 p.m.



# Program supports military Families with special needs

BY ELAINE SANCHEZ  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — About a year ago, Air Force Maj. Nicholas Sabula received word of an upcoming assignment following his deployment in Afghanistan.

He became concerned, however, when he learned that his new duty station and the local area didn't have adequate services for his son, who was diagnosed with autism in 2006. But shortly after, based on a recommendation from his Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator, Sabula's assignment was canceled and he moved here instead.

"The benefit to our son was tremendous," he said. "It showed the availability of services at one location versus another can make an incredible impact on that child."

"Knowing that EFMP took care of my Family, that was critical to me," he added.

Ensuring military Families with special medical and educational needs receive the best care and support possible is the goal of the Exceptional Family Member Program, said Rebecca Posante, deputy director of the department's office of community support for military Families with special needs.

The program assists these Families with everything from assignments, as in Sabula's case, to referrals for military and community resources, Posante said, with a focus on three key areas: identification and enrollment, assignment coordination and Family support.

Family members — whether a spouse, child or dependent adult — with a chronic medical condition or special educational requirement are eligible to enroll, Posante explained. Conditions run the gamut, she noted, covering everything from asthma and allergies to autism and Alzheimer's disease.

"If you've got something that requires you to see someone beyond your Family doctor, you probably should come and see if you need to be enrolled," she advised.

An enrollment referral can come from several sources, Posante explained, including



FILE PHOTO

Kelli Reynoldson and her son, Alex, play a game together at their Level Plains home in 2009. The Family was enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program at Fort Rucker.

a military treatment facility or school, or from the service or Family member. A program coordinator at the local military treatment facility handles the enrollment process, she added.

Once enrolled, the service member's records would include a "flag," Posante explained, which serves as an alert that the member's family may need special consideration when up for an assignment, whether stateside or overseas. This ensures a Family member's special needs are considered in the assignment process, she added.

"There may be places where if a Family member has a particular issue, it may not be advisable for you to go to this area," she noted, citing asthma as an example. The condition might be fine at one location, but exacerbated at another, she explained. Or, a child or spouse may need a specialized orthopedic program that's only offered in limited locations.

The program also helps to

avoid treatment disruptions, Posante noted. If a cancer patient is undergoing treatment at one base, a program coordinator can recommend that patient not be moved until therapy is completed.

"We're saying, 'Let's take this into consideration before we put you into an untenable situation,'" she said. "We're looking only at medical and educational needs to be met where they're going."

When notified of a move or upon arrival, Posante recommended Families contact their local installation Family support providers. The program recently added these providers, she explained, and they're now situated in Family centers at every installation.

These providers help Families identify and access programs and services, both on base and within the community. Their services include information and referrals for military and community services, local school information,

referral to other Family center providers, and education and training about issues related to the special need. The support providers also provide a "warm handoff" to the gaining installation, she said, by sending information, with the Family's permission, to the program contact there.

Families with special needs often feel like they're starting from scratch at a new duty station, Posante noted, as they work to enroll in new programs and ensure education plans are up-to-date.

"If I'm getting ready to move, it's helpful to have one person I can contact for information and points of contact," she said. "They can help navigate these systems."

Military Families who aren't near an installation, including those of the National Guard and Reserve, can call a Military OneSource consultant for support and to discuss special-needs concerns. Families can receive 12 free con-

sultations per year by calling 1-800-342-9647 or by visiting the OneSource website.

Posante said her office is planning to host a panel next month during which active and Reserve servicemembers with special needs Family members — from children to adults — will explain what challenges they face and offer suggestions to improve the program. This information will help shape the program in the years ahead, she added.

More than 120,000 military Families with special needs are enrolled in the program, but Posante said there could be twice that many with enrollable conditions, ranging from the minor to the severe. She'd like to see more servicemembers enroll so they can receive the care and support their Families need.

"It's in their benefit, their Family's benefit, to be enrolled," she said.

To contact Fort Rucker's EFMP staff, call 255-9277.

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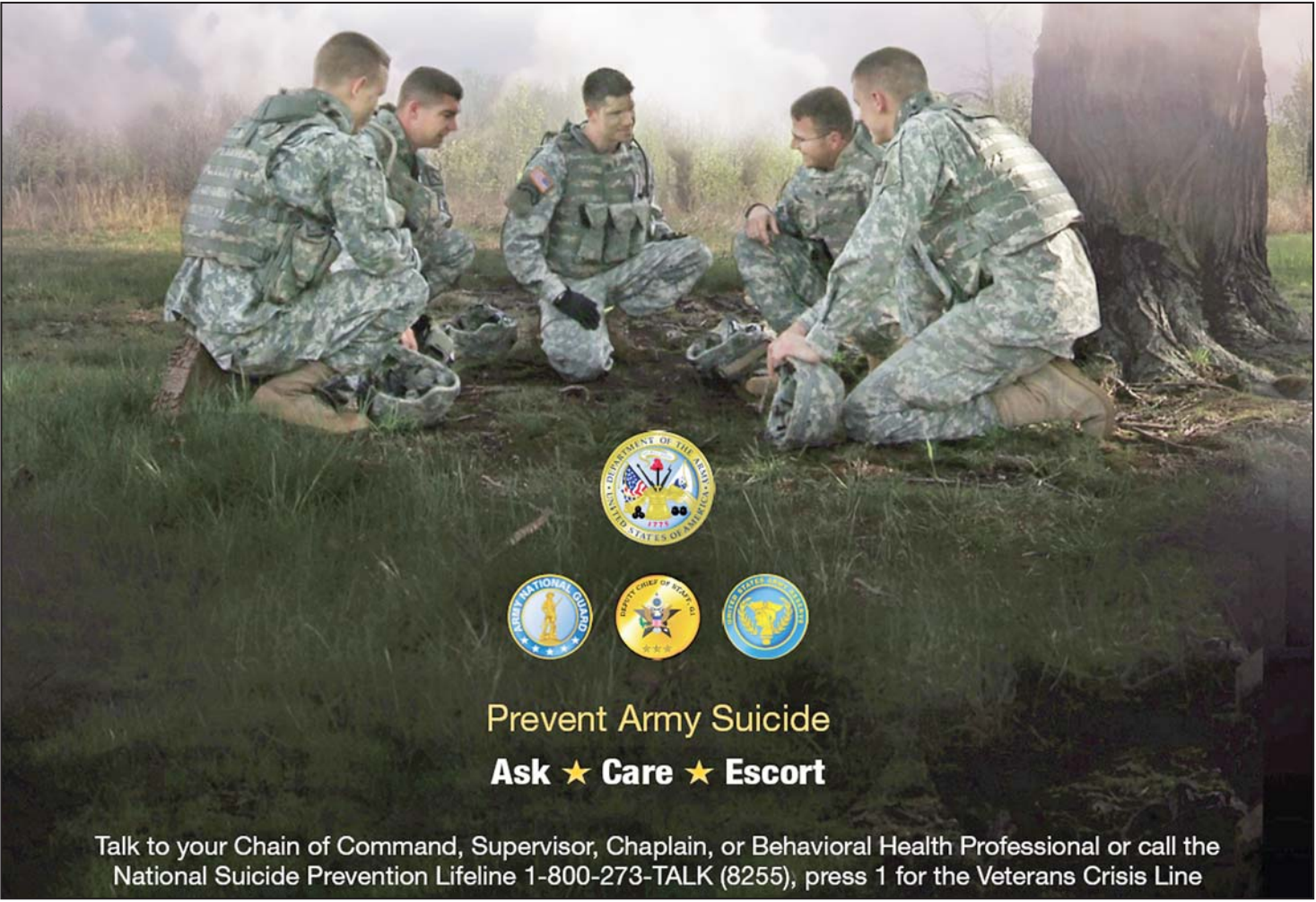
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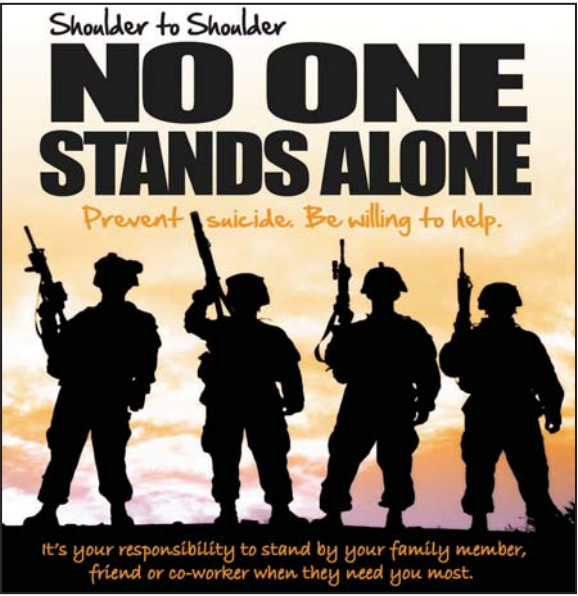
# Suicide awareness video targets first-line supervisors

BY C. TODD LOPEZ  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A new suicide prevention awareness video just released by the Army is aimed primarily at both junior leadership and first-line supervisors, to let them know their responsibility to be the first to identify and assist those in need.

“It is with the junior leader where the big difference is made,” said Walter Morales, chief of the Army Suicide Prevention Program. “We want to have the junior leader take the reins of their subordinate personnel — to include Family members — and provide them with the right know-how in order to not only stay personally resilient, but also impart those behaviors onto those who may be thinking about suicide or going through a stressful situation.”

The new video is called “Shoulder to Shoulder: Finding Strength and Hope Together.” The video contains actual vignettes from Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and Family members about their own suicide attempts, or the suicide of a loved one. It is the



third such “Shoulder to Shoulder” video the Army has produced regarding suicide awareness since 2009’s “No Soldier Stands Alone.”

Morales said chaplains and professional mental (behavioral) health providers are important assets for the Army, but as important, is the first-line supervisors who can make the most

impact in preventing suicides in the Army Family ranks.

“The video encourages first-line supervisors and junior leaders to intervene early in order to stop problems from escalating,” Morales said. “This requires a lot of courage and at times, personal sacrifice as the intervention process may require a lot of time, but it simply has to be done.”

The first-line supervisor has a role, and that role is to connect, assist, and make sure these personnel have the resources needed to avoid a needless loss.”

The nearly 20-minute video features real Soldiers, civilians, Family members, and survivors — not actors — who talk about their experiences with the loss of a loved one, pain and suicide.

“If it wasn’t for that supervisor — who didn’t have any suicide prevention training, he was simply watching his Soldier, I wouldn’t be sitting in front of you today,” one Soldier said on camera. “I would be dead.”

In another segment, the wife of a Soldier who had killed himself talked about her loss — and lamented that her young daughter would never know her father.

Also in the video, an Army officer, a commander, reemphasized the role of leadership in helping Soldiers overcome suicide.

Morales also emphasized that “We can’t let the Soldiers and Families struggle with this independently, we can’t let our hired professionals alone help them. Leaders have got to be

brought in to the fact that it’s OK to say ‘I’m not OK,’ and to allow the members of our Army Family to go get help.”


Morales also said that one very important aspect of the video is to help decrease the stigma associated with seeking behavioral health assistance.


“We, as leaders, must continue to get the message out that we understand the challenges, that we care, and that we stand ready to help heal those invisible wounds with dignity and respect,” he said.

While Morales said it is difficult to measure the long-term effectiveness of videos such as those in the “Shoulder to Shoulder” series, he did say that training with such videos provides participants with “a higher level of understanding and competence that allows the person to know and practice those healthy behaviors that are focused in protecting life.”

He also said surveys indicate the training is on target, is relevant, effective and that it needs to be continued.

The video “Shoulder to Shoulder: Finding Strength and Hope Together” can be found online at [www.preventsuicide.army.mil](http://www.preventsuicide.army.mil).

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# Officials warn community of illegal wildlife items

BY MICHELLE KENNEDY  
Fort Drum Public Affairs

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — When Soldiers are deployed, many take an opportunity to purchase items like rugs, pottery, scarves and jewelry from local market vendors.

What they may not realize is some items for sale are made from endangered wildlife.

Animal skin rugs, fur coats, knives with bone handles, ivory products and dried lizards are some of the illegal items for sale at many markets, said Dr. Heidi Krester, who serves as the livelihoods and conservation coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Society's North America Program.

"In places like Iraq and Afghanistan, wildlife products often come from animals that are threatened or endangered," she said. "If you have loved ones who are going overseas, please don't ask for products made from wildlife, even though it's very tempting because they're less expensive over there."

While some animal products sold in Iraq and Afghanistan are not made from endangered species, Krester recommends not buying any animal products. A species may not be on an international endangered list, but they may need to be placed on a local endangered list.

"Because of so many years of war, we don't even know how the populations of wild animals in places like Iraq and Afghanistan are faring," Krester said, noting that some people might be trying to add to a collection that a grandfather may have brought back from World War II.

"It was a different time then. They didn't have the rules and regulations governing threatened or endangered wildlife," she continued. "In particular, the biggest issue in Afghanistan we really want to avoid is the purchase of any furs that have spots on them, because those furs are likely from wild cats ... and all are protected by international



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Some items sold in Afghan markets are often illegally produced from endangered wildlife.

and U.S. laws as well as military regulations."

Krester added that many people may find it surprising to know that Afghanistan is home to nine species of endangered wild cats alone: snow leopards, Persian leopards, leopard cats, Pallas cats, caracal cats, Eurasian lynxes, jungle cats, wildcats and sand cats. At least four of those wild cats also live in Iraq.

The WCS began noticing illegal items being sold at markets on military bases near Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2007. The following year, WCS surveyed Soldiers at Fort Drum and found that more than 40 percent had purchased or witnessed the sale of illegal wildlife items.

WCS, a global conservation organization, and the Department of Defense's Legacy Program have a unique partnership that aims at decreasing the demand for wildlife products among U.S. military personnel stationed

abroad through education efforts.

Krester said another goal of the partnership is to educate Soldiers on U.S., international and military laws and regulations regarding the purchase and transport of illegal items. Any items made from endangered wildlife will be confiscated by customs agents.

"Soldiers need to know they don't want to buy those items because they'll lose their money, get in trouble with customs agents, and it's bad for the animals," Krester said.

WCS also works at educating the local communities. The organization helped to create Afghanistan's first national park "Band-e-Amir" in 2009. The park, which covers 222 square miles, is located on the Hazarajat Plateau in the Hindu Kush Mountains.

The organization also has been educating local people

in the Wakhan Corridor in the Himalayan Mountains, an area that is home to the endangered snow leopard. WCS helped train local nationals to become wildlife rangers in an effort to reduce poaching in the area, and every school in the area teaches environmental conservation, according to the organization's website.

"Our organization is working in Afghanistan to establish national parks where local people and — once peace is returned — international visitors can come and enjoy Afghanistan's beautiful natural resources," Krester said.

Illegal wildlife trade is a supply-and-demand system — the greater the demand, the more animals will be killed, Krester said. In many cases, the same organizations that trade wildlife animals also are involved in drug, ammunition and human trafficking. In addition, these organized crime groups are often

sources of income for terrorist groups.

"Wildlife flies under the radar because it doesn't seem as big of a crime, but they're making big-time money and it's all going into the same organized crime organizations," Krester said. "However, the transport of many types of wildlife products across international borders is illegal."

The DOD Legacy Program was established in 1990 in an effort to preserve natural and cultural heritage to safeguard them for future generations, according to the Legacy Program website.

Krester is asking Family members to refrain from asking their Soldiers to buy all items that may have come from threatened or endangered wildlife.

For more information about the WCS and its ongoing projects to educate military members, visit [www.wcswildlifetrade.org/military](http://www.wcswildlifetrade.org/military).

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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

**SATURDAY** — The Wiregrass Museum of Art's annual Yard Party for Art fundraiser is 6-11:45 p.m. downtown. Proceeds go towards making art education and the visual arts possible in the Wiregrass.

The event features local bands, fresh food and cold beverages. Patrons can dance barefoot in the dark to the Circle City Rollers and then stay for entertainment from DJ "Dollar" Bill as he warms up the stage for the KJAMS. Tickets are \$15 advance or \$20 at the gate. Attendees must be at least 18 years old to enter.

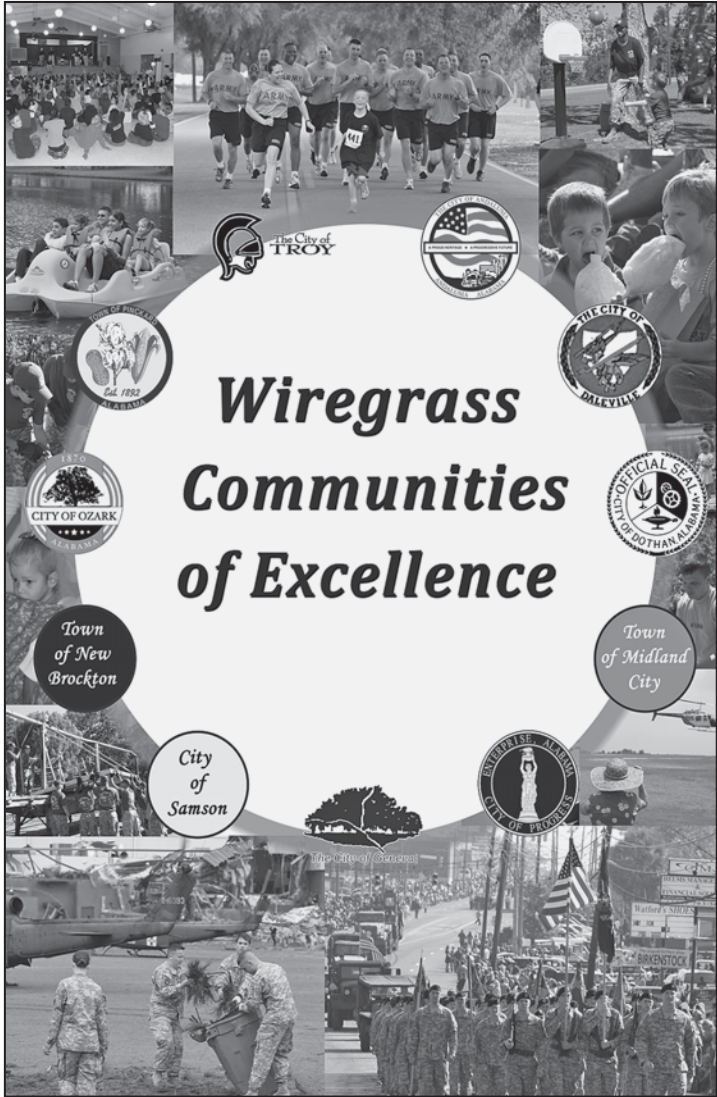
For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.wiregrassmuseumofart.com](http://www.wiregrassmuseumofart.com). \$\$\$

## ENTERPRISE

**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](mailto: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



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## 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

**ONGOING** — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. All classes are free for individuals 16 years

old or older who are not enrolled in public school.

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

## OZARK

**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.ruddart-center.org](http://www.ruddart-center.org). \$\$\$

**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](http://www.ruddartcenter.org). Complete the entry form and return the last page to: [backstreetart2011@gmail.com](mailto:backstreetart2011@gmail.com) or mail to DCCA, 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.

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**SATURDAY** — 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.pikeanimals.org](http://www.pikeanimals.org).

**WEDNESDAY** — 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.

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### Gadsden Cobbler Festival

The Gadsden Etowah County Cobbler Festival celebrates one of the south's favorite desserts Friday from 4-10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

There will be events such as a silent auction, carnival rides, live music and a cobbler bake off contest. Entrance into the festival is free.

For more information, visit [stjames-gadsden.com/CobblerFest/](http://stjames-gadsden.com/CobblerFest/).

### Black Belt Folk Roots Festival

People are welcome to come to the Black Belt Folk Roots Festival for down home food, music, storytelling and arts and crafts this weekend in Eutaw.

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### Athens Cruise In

Downtown Athens hosts its monthly antique vehicle Cruise In and swap meet the first Saturday every month until October from 3-9 p.m. Stores and restaurants stay open late and a DJ will play oldies at this free family-friendly event. For more information, call (256) 603-1227 or visit <http://www.athensplus.com>.

### Bruce Phillips "Different Perspectives" Exhibit

Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum showcases the work of Tuskegee University professor and artist Bruce Phillips

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The museum is free and open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call curator, Viola Moten at 241-8701.

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For more information, call (256) 329-9227 or [www.mainstreetac.org](http://www.mainstreetac.org).

### Eclectic Trade Days Second Saturday

Local vendors will sell antiques, artwork, clothing, baked goods, and farm fresh produce on the second Saturday of every month through December at The Warehouse in Eclectic from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### German Sausage Festival

Visit Elberta Town Park for the biannual German Sausage Festival Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. This fundraiser benefits

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### St. William Seafood Festival

St. William Catholic Church in Guntersville will have its 41st Seafood Festival Sept. 3 starting at 10:30 a.m. in Civitan park. Come enjoy a variety of seafood dishes including gumbo and low country boil. For more information, call (256) 455-4133 or visit [www.stwilliamchurch.com](http://www.stwilliamchurch.com).



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# Soldiers, vets initially denied Purple Heart for concussive injury may resubmit

BY J.D. LEIPOLD  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers, as well as veterans, who were denied Purple Heart awards for concussive or mild traumatic brain injuries, are encouraged to resubmit documentation for reconsideration of the medal.

Since the Vietnam War, concussions or mild traumatic brain injuries, or MTBIs, as a direct result of an enemy action has always been an injury that warranted the award of the Purple Heart – according to Defense Department guidelines. Nevertheless, field commanders have sometimes been unclear on what constituted concussion.

With medical advances in the treatment and knowledge of concussion and MTBI injuries, the Army has been able to further identify the characteristics of the unseen wound and clarify guidance for entitlement to the Purple Heart, said Col. Tom Quinn, chief of Soldiers Programs and Services Division at Army Human Resources Command.

“In the past, concussion or MTBI injuries were very hard to diagnose,” Quinn said. “Treatments varied and were not the same across the board and medical officers weren’t always documenting that information in the Soldier’s records.”

To receive a Purple Heart, a wound has to

be the result of enemy or hostile action and the treatment for that injury must be documented in a Soldier’s official medical records by a medical officer, Quinn said.

For Purple Heart award reconsideration, the injury must have occurred on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Active-duty and reserve-component Soldiers must work with their chains of command, through the first general officer, by submitting a copy of their deployment orders, various Department of Army forms, a one-page narrative describing the incident and the conditions under which the Soldier was wounded.

“Two eyewitness statements, some type of incident report of the action or the cause of the wound that was the result of enemy action, and documented treatment by a medical officer in the Soldier’s official medical records are needed,” said Quinn.

While treatment may have been performed by personnel other than a physician, documentation of the prescribed treatment must be solely by a medical officer.

Veterans should submit packages directly to Army Human Resources Command. They can obtain copies of their deployment orders from the Veteran’s Inquiry Branch by emailing veterans@conus.army.mil.

Veterans will also need to submit their DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release

or Discharge from Active Duty). More information on how submission requirements is available at: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/awards>.

Submission for reconsideration is not a guarantee of approval. Quinn said the Awards and Decorations Branch at HRC will make the final determination and then notify the Soldier or veteran in about 30 days on the board’s decision.



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Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division display their newly presented Purple Hearts at Combat Outpost Bone in Baquba, Iraq, July 13, 2007.

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

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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 VOLLEYBALL COACHES MEETING

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

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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.

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

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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.

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PHOTOS BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Members of intramural softball team, Old Skool, pose with their league and championship trophies after defeating the Showstoppers, 18-2, in two games to take the title for the third year in a row Aug. 18.

Old Skool rolls, takes 3rd title

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

It couldn't really be called anything less than a blowout as Old Skool dismantled a lackluster Showstoppers team in the Fort Rucker Intramural Softball Championship game Aug. 18, 18-2.

The two teams had to battle each other through two games due to Old Skool coming in from the losers' bracket of the double-elimination tournament and winning the first game.

Ironically, it was Showstoppers who put Old Skool in the losers' bracket earlier in the tournament.

The final score hardly reflects how tough the competition on the field was. Old Skool sat out one of its usual players, Russ Smedley, who stepped in to coach the team due to a torn rotator cuff.

The Showstoppers, while mostly effective on fielding, had a lot of trouble swinging the bats.

The sheer power coming from the Old Skool lineup wore down the younger Showstoppers team, as swinging bats proved to be an easy task for the now three-time champions.

While the early innings of the first game had Smedley worried about his team's chances, it was the complete opposite in the second game. The first game still ended in victory for Old Skool, 19-6.

The team went up 6-0 in the first inning on the strength of hitters like shortstop Jeremy Adams and outfielder Sam Gipson.

A three-run home run from Daniel Stowe, outfielder, helped push Old Skool's lead to 14-0 after two innings.

Old Skool tacked on two more runs in the third inning, but the Showstoppers' gloves started working more efficiently.

Unfortunately for the team, Showstoppers' bats still didn't get going and only yielded two runs for the team — its only two of the game.

After the next inning went by with no change in the Showstoppers' score, it was decidedly



Old Skool shortstop Jeremy Adams knocks a home run during the intramural softball championship game Aug. 18. Old Skool defeated the Showstoppers, 18-2, in the final game to take its third consecutive title.

over.

Showstoppers' coach, Brad Mort, said his team was present and accounted for, but the offensive prowess that helped the team get to the championship games failed to show up.

"Our bats just didn't work tonight," he said. "That's what kept us from ever really getting into the game. We've struggled some this season with not hitting the ball, but tonight was not the night to have those issues."

Mort said this isn't the last the

league has seen of the Showstoppers and that the team would be back next season ready to challenge for the title, once again.

Smedley said he was more than pleased with how his team performed and that bringing home the championship for the third year in a row helped ease the pain of not being able to play.

"We've been playing great all year," he said. "We do have some issues with letting our bats go cold when we get a comfort-

able lead and last Thursday it caught up with us. There was a little bad blood between the teams after our series of games in the regular season and the beginning of the tournament. But, in the end, we got everything going right."

Old Skool players ended the night by shaking the hands of their rivals and posing for pictures with the league and tournament trophies, proudly holding up three fingers to represent their third consecutive title.



# Down Time



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

# TRIVIA

1. MONEY: What country's currency is the baht?
2. LITERATURE: What famous adventure novelist was born with the name John Chaney?
3. BIBLE: Which Old Testament figure's name means "laughter" in Hebrew?
4. HISTORY: What city was the capital of Russia from 1712 to 1918?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When was Al Capone imprisoned for tax evasion?
6. MYTHOLOGY: Where was King Arthur buried, according to the myth?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where does the Horn of Africa lie?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of poisonous arachnid also is referred to as a "violin" or "brown fiddler" spider?
9. LANGUAGE: What is another way to describe someone who is "perfidious"?
10. MOVIES: What is the last name of "Dirty Harry," the character played by Clint Eastwood?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword THEIR SONGS

- ACROSS**

1 Clerical garments

5 Rhine whine?

8 Put on a happy face

12 Like Mozart's flute

17 86 Across, e.g.

18 Actress Joanne

19 See

21 Hersey setting

22 Elvis' canine?

24 Verdi opera

25 Like Kansas?

26 Big beginning

27 Quire part

29 Cadet sch.

31 Tierra — Fuego

32 Felons, for instance

34 Like Peter or Catherine

37 Oxford omega

38 Archaic preposition

39 General's gerund

41 Vitamin bottle abbr.

42 Finn's creator

44 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 45 Plastic — Band

46 Choose, with "for"

48 Syrup source

51 Freda Payne's jewelry?

56 Change for the better

59 Roofers' need

60 Los —, CA

61 Islamic holy book

63 "Mila 18" author

65 "The Crying Game" star

66 Isinglass

69 Flat hat

70 Tiny parasite

71 Cask

72 Lingerie purchase

75 The Cyrkle's plaything?

78 Accounting abbr.

79 Computer acronym

80 They may be bright

81 Blunder

82 Barbecue

84 Blow away

85 Push a product

86 "Manon" melodies

88 Confederate president

92 Goldfish, e.g.

94 Profundity
- 96 Jimmy Gilmor's house?

99 Early computer

101 Scuffle

102 TV-listing abbr.

103 Fragrant neckwear

104 Material

107 Fairy queen

109 Made milder

112 Farrow of "Alice"

114 Arthur or Benaderet

115 Proclamation

117 American poet Charles

118 Caravansary

119 Blocks the way

121 Angler's basket

123 Fido's dinner, perhaps

125 Katmandu's country

127 Stop working

130 Jan & Dean's resort?

133 Speak one's mind

134 Semitic tongue

135 Child welfare org.

136 Baseball's Cabell

137 That's no bull!

138 "Bon voyage" site
- 139 Evergreen

140 Cry of distress

**DOWN**

1 —

2 Wednesday

3 Weaver's need

3 Plan

4 Burned a bit

5 Count up

6 Tennyson's "— the Bar"

7 Laurie of "Jeeves and Wooster"

8 Trade

9 East ender?

10 Coach

11 Computer selection list

12 Paving material

13 Hallelujah

14 Rick Nelson's social event?

15 Private

16 "The Friends of Eddie —" (73 film)

19 With 19 Across, popular polka

20 Wagner's father-in-law

23 Challenge

28 Tomorrow's turtle

30 Litter sound
- 33 Classy doc?

35 Decorate

36 Sticky stuff

39 Evangelist Roberts

40 Recess

43 Holm or Hunter

44 Attorneys' org.

47 Up or down item?

49 Mil. rank

50 Largest antelope

52 Comic DeLuise

53 Spouse of Isis

54 Yoga position

55 Uninteresting

57 Zones

58 Perennial bestseller

62 Waves of grain color

64 Dieter's dishes

67 Handed over

68 Mr. Rochester's ward

70 Chilean pianist

72 Pair

73 Atkinson of "The Black Adder"

74 Don McLean's dessert?

76 Fiennes of "Quiz Show"
- 77 Olympic troublemaker

83 Super Bowl sound

86 Winning

87 Some NCOs

89 "The Sheik" star

90 Laid on buttercream

91 Aspen item

93 Crony

95 Heavy reading?

97 Utter

98 Julia of "The Addams Family"

100 Bakery buy

105 It's in the bag

106 Stern

108 Squabble

109 Relished a roast

110 From

111 "Dead End Kid" Leo

112 Underworld judge

113 Like a lummo

116 Hands

120 — aerobics

122 Catch sight of

124 Fill the hold

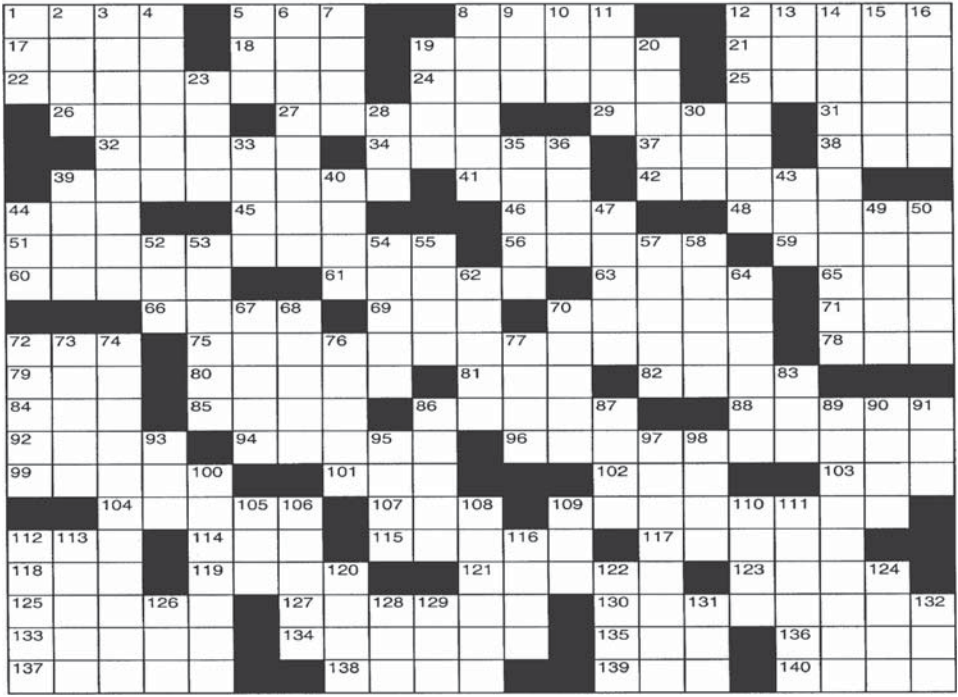
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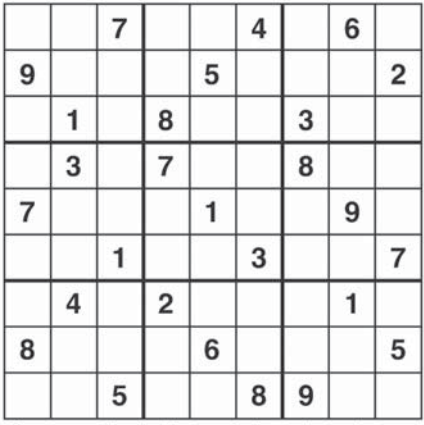
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by Linda Thistle



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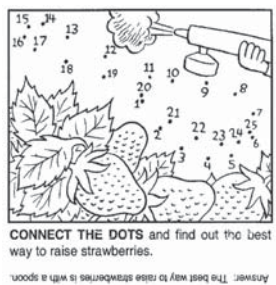
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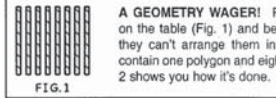
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# Kid's Corner

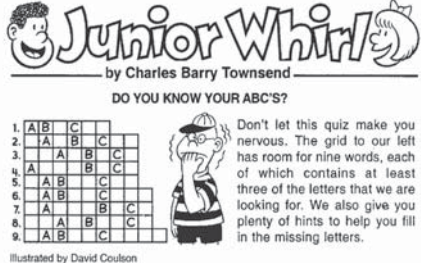


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1. An old counting device.
2. A summer dining favorite.
3. A disadvantage to a plan.
4. A type of exercise.
5. A steep climbing car.
6. To make up a false statement.
7. A type of car styling.
8. Used by the police.
9. Found in the dining room.

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTYNOFF



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# GRIDIRON CORNER

## NCAA football preseason warms up

BY DAVID AGAN  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Our long, national nightmare is finally over, college football is almost here.

It's been over 200 days since the 2010 season ended in Glendale, Ariz., where the Auburn Tigers won the Bowl Championship Series National Championship on a last-second field goal to beat the Oregon Ducks, 22-19. Soon after the final seconds ticked off the clock that night, college football fans began counting the seconds until the start of the 2011 season.

Now, it's almost here.

Much like the cooler temperatures and leaves turning color signal the coming of fall, the approaching college football season is signaled by another phenomenon: preseason polls.

The Oklahoma Sooners start the season ranked No. 1 in both the Associated Press and Coaches' polls. Junior quarterback Landry Jones is an early Heisman candidate due in no-small-part to the wagon-load of talent returning on offense. Among those is senior All-American wide receiver Ryan Broyles, also a Heisman candidate. There are high expectations for freshman running back Brandon Williams, but even with all of those weapons, Oklahoma's success is going to hinge on the performance of its line, which struggled when blocking for the run in 2010.

The defensive unit has been dealt an early blow with an injury

to star linebacker Travis Lewis, whose broken foot will keep him sidelined for the first eight weeks of the season, including a crucial road test against Florida State in Week 2. And with the team still reeling from the tragic death of linebacker Austin Box, the Sooners defense has some real challenges to overcome if Oklahoma is going to hoist the crystal in January.

The Alabama Crimson Tide once again finds itself near the top of the preseason polls, ranked No. 2 in both. The Tide lost a lot of last year's talent to the NFL. The team will certainly miss 2009 Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, but running back Trent Richardson is more than capable and could mount a Heisman campaign of his own, if he manages to stay healthy.

There is a quarterback controversy following the departure of Greg McElroy. It's down to sophomore A.J. McCarron and redshirt freshman Phillip Sims. By most accounts, it's McCarron who will win the job, but in either case, expect lots of picks and mistakes for at least the early part of the season. Bama's quarterbacks will be good this year. Next year, they might be scary good.

Wide receivers Darius Hanks and Marquis Maze will be major factors to the success of whoever eventually wins the starting quarterback job. Hanks and Maze combined for over 1,000 yards and six touchdowns in 2010. These guys will have to

step up if they're going to help out their young quarterbacks.

The Tide defense returns eight starters and looks to remain one of the most stifling units in the nation. Don'ta Hightower and C.J. Mosely are two of the best linebackers in the country and their deep secondary is packed with NFL-quality talent. Alabama has a good slate of home games this year and could conceivably run the table.

The Oregon Ducks fly in as a consensus No. 3 in both polls. Last season, the Ducks enjoyed its best season ever, making it all the way to its first BCS Championship game. The Ducks' chances of making it back to the championship game this year in New Orleans are pretty good. Junior quarterback Daron Thomas is coming off a tremendous season and running back LaMichael James (another 2011 Heisman candidate) led the nation in rushing last season with 1,731 yards.

Depending on how well the rest of the PAC-12 adjusts to Chip Kelly's nitroglycerin-powered offense, the Ducks are clearly in the driver seat of its conference.

But the Ducks lost much of its production at wide receiver. It also lost three starters on the offensive line and six starters on defense. All of these factors add up to questions about Oregon's depth and ability to sustain the quick-strike offense that was so successful last year. If the defense struggles it could al-

low opponents to put together longer drives that will prevent Thomas and James from wearing out opposing defenses week in and week out. The Ducks take the show on the road to Baton Rouge, La., in Week 1 to take on the No. 4-ranked LSU Tigers.

LSU returns nine starters including four on the offensive line and two senior quarterbacks: Jordan Jefferson and Jarrett Lee. Questions remain in the backfield — three of LSU's top four rushers are sophomores and the fourth is a redshirt freshman.

LSU typically has one of the nation's elite defenses and this year shouldn't be any different. Both defensive ends return from last year's unit, which ended ranked 11th nationally in scoring defense.

The polls finally diverge when it comes to No. 5. The Coaches' poll ranks the Florida State Seminoles as No. 5 while the AP drops Boise State into the spot.

Expectations are high in Tallahassee this fall. Head Coach Jimbo Fisher has the good fortune of eight starters returning on offense, including three on the offensive line led by the enormous, All-American candidate Andrew Datko at left tackle. The receiving corps has lots of big targets to throw to, which is fortunate for junior quarterback EJ Manuel who finally gets to step out of the shadow of last year's starter Christian Ponder. Just how far he steps out, however, will be key to the Florida State's success this season.

The Seminole defense also returns eight starters with talent at every position. Junior defensive end Brandon Jenkins put up great numbers last year with 63 total tackles and eight sacks. All four members of last year's secondary return.

Boise State is looking to make it to the National Championship game. Period. It has established itself as one of the most consistent teams in college football, having amassed an astounding 112-17 record during the last decade. Quarterback Kellen Moore, 2010 Heisman candidate, is back for another season. The team joined the Mountain West and will face some solid opposition from the rest of the conference. But to make it to the BCS title game, it's got to be perfect. A single close win could conceivably be enough to leave Boise on the outside of the BCS once again.

In the final analysis, however, preseason polls only tell us how good coaches and sportswriters think these teams will be. Preseason polls contribute to everything from power rankings to Heisman odds and BCS bowl projections. But, as one website points out, apply those projects to 2010's preseason rankings and you end up with Texas winning the Big 12, Auburn finishing third in the South Eastern Conference West and Alabama beating Ohio State in the National Championship game.

In other words, that's why they play the games.

## Faces of Vietnam veterans to grace NASCAR cars

BY BRIAN ISRAEL  
U.S. Army Racing

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Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher's U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster will don the custom paint scheme



The hood of the U.S. Army No. 39 NASCAR race car driven by Ryan Newman displays the closeup paint scheme during the November 2010 race at the Phoenix International Raceway. A new special paint scheme honoring the men and women who served in the Vietnam War will be displayed at the NASCAR race in Phoenix, Ariz.

when he straps in at Pomona, Calif., for the Nov. 13 Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals.

Beginning today, Vietnam Army veterans, friends and loved ones,

can go online and submit photos of the men and women who have embraced the call of duty and helped build and protect our country at [www.goarmy.com/yourphotohere](http://www.goarmy.com/yourphotohere). All Vietnam veterans shown in uniform

are eligible for inclusion among the photos in the special paint scheme. Images will be collected through Sept. 16.

"What a cool way for us to say 'thank you' and honor the Vietnam veterans," said Newman, a

15-time NASCAR Sprint Cup race winner. "History tells us that many who served in Southeast Asia were not properly recognized upon their return. It will be our sincere privilege to commemorate the Army Strong Vietnam Soldiers who fought bravely for democracy."

For seven-time NHRA champion Schumacher, driving the U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster is always a powerful reminder of what it means to be Army Strong.

"It's truly inspiring to represent our Soldiers who served in Vietnam," Schumacher said. "Many of the Vietnam veterans are drag-racing fans who grew up at the height of the muscle-car and hot-rod era. We see many Vietnam vets at our NHRA races, and that's why this paint scheme will carry a special meaning for our U.S. Army team."

The special paint scheme will serve as an extension of Veterans Day (Nov. 11) when, as

a country, we honor and remember the heroism, courage and dedication displayed by our Veterans. While the nation remembers the service of its veterans, the millions at home and at the track watching Newman and Schumacher will get a chance to see some of the faces who represent true heroes.

"Every time these guys drive with the Army colors, they represent the more than one million men and women who proudly serve our nation," said John Myers, director of Strategic Communications and Outreach, U.S. Army Accessions Command. "For these races, with these paint schemes, we pay tribute and say thank you to our Vietnam heroes as well as all past and present Soldiers and their families. Each picture, each face, is a reminder of the sacrifice and service of the millions who have made our Army strong and our nation free."

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

1. Thailand
2. Jack London
3. Isaac
4. St. Petersburg
5. 1931
6. The Isle of Avalon
7. East Africa
8. The brown recluse spider
9. Treacherous
10. Callahan

Puzzle ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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