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AFAP ISSUE DEADLINE TODAY

The Army Family Action Plan Conference is the place people can submit issues they would like local and Army leadership to address. This year’s conference is at the Wings Chapel from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 5-6.

Today is the last day people can submit issues. AFAP is the Army’s grassroots-level process to identify and elevate the most significant quality of life issues impacting Soldiers (all components), retirees, Department of Army civilians and Families to senior Army leadership for action.

People can submit quality of life issues online by visiting [www.ftruckermwr.com](http://www.ftruckermwr.com) or calling the AFAP program manager at 255-2382.

CONSTRUCTION AFFECTS PARKING, TRAFFIC

Work begins on the backshop project Sunday at 6 p.m. that will cause the closure of the 1000 block of Quartermaster Road, from Dilly Branch Road to the west end of Bldgs. 1309 and 1310, and Stockade Road from just north of the railroad tracks adjacent to Bldg. 1121 to 18th Street.

Barricades will be set up at the locations to mark the closures. These portions of the roads will be closed for the duration of the project, which is expected to be completed in September 2013. Additionally, this project will cause the closure of the small parking lot on the southeast corner of Dilly Branch Road and Quartermaster Road. Traffic on Dilly Branch Road and 18th Street will not be affected at this time.

OKTOBERFEST

Fort Rucker’s ninth annual Oktoberfest features live German music by Sonnenschein Express, traditional German food including bratwurst and schnitzel, beverages, a keg toss competition, photo opportunities and more Friday from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at the festival fields. The Family-friendly event also features inflatables for children, a pumpkin patch, craft activities, pony rides and more.

For more information, call 255-1749.

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# Aviation spouses

Spouses Heather Huson, Celisse Moyer and Kristin Skaggs work together on the Leaders Reaction Course in order to earn their wings at Aviation Spouse Day Friday. See Page A3 for the full story and more photos.

# Post honors our POWs, MIAs

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker joined with members of the surrounding communities to pay tribute to those missing in action and prisoners of war during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

The ceremony marked the celebration of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. It was a somber event for the attendees, but also a time to be thankful for those who finally came home, according to event guest speaker, Col. Rick Crogan, commander of the Aviation Center Logistics Command.

“America’s POWs, servicemen and women, have gone far beyond commitment and personal honor,” he said. “They have given their last full measure to the freedom of our country. They have given up their freedom so that we may enjoy ours. Some have laid down their lives for that freedom.”

Crogran knows firsthand what the loss of a loved one in a time of war can do to a Family. His uncle went missing in 1961, during the Cold War.

“I have personally witnessed

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PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Members of the surrounding communities and various veterans groups from around the Wiregrass salute the colors during a National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

# Presentations promote suicide prevention

BY ERIN MURRAY  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Army Substance Abuse Program will host multiple events next week in observance of suicide prevention month, including a three-act dramatization and a presentation by researcher Dr. Thomas Joiner Monday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. at the post theater.

There will also be presentations focusing on military suicide statistics by ASAP program director Don Schuman Wednesday at 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. at the post theater.

Next week’s events stand to help the entire community, because the focus is on prevention across all aspects of military life. The program is open to the public, and ASAP encourages units in need of annual substance abuse training to reserve



space before next week, said Traci Dunlap, ASAP clinical case manager.

Joiner is currently a professor at Florida State University. He is an author of more than 385 publications and his work is on the psychology, neurobiology, and treatment of suicidal behavior and re-

lated conditions. According to Schuman, Joiner’s work will appeal to non-clinicians, even though it is academic.

“These talks are being directed toward nonclinical audiences. There will be statistics, but once people see them they might find

them interesting. He is incredible. I’ve not seen anyone approach suicide the way he does. His presentation is worth seeing and people will learn a lot, no matter what their background,” said Schuman.

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# FORSCOM deputy commander visits

BY ERIN MURRAY  
Army Flier Staff Writer

U.S. Army Air Traffic Services Command welcomed Lt. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, Forces Command deputy commanding general, for the annual mission training brief and a coin ceremony recognizing outstanding Fort Rucker Soldiers on Sept. 15.

The annual visit provides the opportunity for and ATSCOM, 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group other and units to inform FORSCOM about operations and planning, said Col. James R. Macklin Jr., commander of ATSCOM.

“The brief lays out what we’ve done in the past

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# Perspective

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## Learning to deal with kids' fears

BY ELAINE SANCHEZ  
*American Forces Press Service*

My husband called me down to our laundry room the other night to show me water damage from the recent deluge of rain. Between the earthquake, hurricane and ongoing downpours, I would have been surprised if we had walked away from it all damage-free.

But while I was concerned about our waterlogged wall and the potentially hefty repair costs, I was relieved the damage could be easily fixed.

I wish I could say the same about my son.

The combined weather events recently not only spurred floods and extensive home damage across the northeast, they also triggered a deep-seated fear of natural disasters in my 8-year-old son.

It started with the Aug. 23 earthquake. The power went out at school, and he came home that day crying and shaking with anxiety. I tried to soothe his fears, and my pep talk seemed to help for a while — until he heard about the impending hurricane. He began to complain constantly of stomachaches and begged me to let him stay home from school.

His mood lifted when the sun came out, but he still obsessively checks the weather to see if a thunderstorm or heavy rain is in the forecast.

Desperate for answers, I spoke to the school counselor, his teacher, and brought him in to the doctor three times. It could be allergies or a virus, she said at each appointment, but we both suspected that anxiety was behind his chronic pain.

She suggested we contact a psychologist to help him work through his fears, and that's what I plan to do.

Meanwhile, I turned to the Web for some answers and learned that childhood anxiety and fear are much more common than I thought.

According to Kidshealth.org, anxiety and fears are normal and necessary. Dealing with anxieties can help prepare kids to handle the challenging situations of life. However, ongoing anxiety can affect a child's sense of well-being, the site explained.

Common childhood fears are fear of strangers, heights, darkness, animals, blood, insects



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and being left alone. Kids also can develop a fear of a specific object or situation after an unpleasant experience, such as a dog bite or an accident, the site said.

Children from military families may have those fears along with a set that's unique to their circumstances. According to the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, researchers have found that children with parents who are deployed to war tend to worry more. They may feel their world is less safe and predictable, the site said, or fear that a deployed parent or other loved one may be injured or die.

Kidshealth.org cited the typical signs of anxiety, which sounded very familiar to me after dealing with my son. They include becoming clingy, impulsive or distracted; nervous movements, such as twitches;

sleep issues; sweaty hands; accelerated heart rate and breathing; nausea; headaches; and stomachache.

In some kids, anxieties can elevate to phobias, which are fears that are extreme, severe and persistent. Parents should look for patterns, the site recommended. If it's an isolated incident, don't overplay it. But if it's persistent and pervasive, parents should contact their doctor or a mental-health professional.

The site also offers some tips to help parents deal with their kids' fears, including:

- Don't trivialize the fear. Encourage kids to talk about it, which can help take some of the power out of the negative feelings;
- Never belittle the fear. For example, don't say, "Don't be ridiculous. There are no monsters in your closet." It won't make

the fear go away;

- Don't cater to fears. If your child is afraid of dogs, don't avoid them deliberately, which can reinforce the fear. But be supportive as you approach the feared object or situation; and

- Teach coping strategies. Try relaxation techniques such as visualization — floating on a cloud or lying on a beach — and deep breathing, such as imagining the lungs are balloons and letting them slowly deflate.

I hope, with some help from a professional and these tips, that I can allay my son's fears. Some things aren't as easy to fix as a wall, but I'm hoping with time and support, the damage can be undone.

(Note: Military families seeking help can contact their primary care physician, a mental health specialist or call a Military OneSource consultant at 1-800-342-9647.)

## Rotor Wash

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“Don’t eat out. Grow a garden instead.”





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Julia Hartley emerges after completing the underwater training portion of Aviation Spouse Day Friday.

# Spouses earn wings during Aviation Spouse Day



BY ERIN MURRAY  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Sixty Fort Rucker spouses flew, shot and swam their way through a day of hands-on exercises, hoping to better understand their Soldiers' experiences and even earn their own set of Aviator's wings Friday.

Aviation Spouse Day returned for the second time this year with doubled participation and changes that allow more focus on the Aviator's experience, said Deborah Cisneros, USAACE Family Readiness Support Assistant and director of Aviation Spouse Day.

Four groups of spouses spent the day learning helicopter overwater survival training, completing team-building obstacles at the leader's reaction course, firing M-16s at a simulated rifle range and learning to fly helicopters in simulators. The day concluded with a graduation at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, where spouses were awarded their wings in front of family and friends.

The increase in participation and fine-tuning of the event was the result of collaboration between Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and Cisneros, who have worked to provide a realistic and beneficial training experience for spouses at Fort Rucker.

"We created the event to give the spouses firsthand experience of what their Soldiers do. After the first event, the spouses shared that it really did give them a better understanding what Soldiers have to go through to be Army Aviators," said Cisneros.

Though the first Aviation Spouse Day was a success, there were several changes made to improve the event. Cisneros explained that in order to provide more chances for spouses to earn their wings, the quota for participants was



Spouses Cassidy Nixon and Rhonda Johnson work to transport supplies across an imaginary minefield during the Leader's Reaction Course at Friday's Aviation Spouse Day.

raised from 24 to 60. Spouses also asked for opportunities to get to know fellow partici-

pants, which led to a social and information session for the spouses a few days before

the events.

After the first Aviation spouse day, Crutchfield noticed that

the helicopter overwater survival training provided to the spouses was not the same as what Soldiers undergo. With Crutchfield's assistance, the underwater events were moved to the real HOST training facilities, where participants were able to see a demo of a real underwater helicopter evacuation along with an underwater exercise.

Crutchfield explained that providing this opportunity for spouses is essential, because Family readiness is as important as military readiness.

"It was that important to me that we move things to make this happen. [Spouses] are so important to our mission. You are part of this Army. Family readiness is just as important as operational readiness," said Crutchfield.

Along with the hands-on activities, spouses were educated on the different aspects of Aviation training. According to Erica Geranen, one of the day's participants, the focus on educating spouses had many benefits, even for long-time Army spouses.

"I think that it's a small glimpse into what they're going through. I've been an Army wife for 10 years now, so I know what he goes through. I think this will give me a little bit more of a detailed look at what he's doing," she said.

After completing the simulators and underwater training, participant Kelsey Bailly had a better understanding of her husband's training from the shared experience with spouses and Soldiers.

"It's awesome that there's training set up for spouses to come out and see what [Soldiers] go through. I think it's great that we can be a part of the Family that our husbands are in. It just makes a better Army Family," she said.

The next Aviation Spouse Day will be held the beginning of next year. For more information, call 255-0960.



# Honors: ‘It’s vital we always keep their memories alive’

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the pain my mother went through many years later and still today, when her brother’s fighter aircraft went missing in 1961, a casualty of the Cold War,” he said. “As we all know, uncertainty is an inescapable part of military service. The turbulence usually associated with military life puts

enormous strains on servicemembers and their Families.”

Many different veterans groups attended the ceremony, including members of the Wiregrass Veterans Alliance. President Ed Pritchard said the event was a great way to honor those who never came home and to make sure they stay in the memories of those currently serving in

the military.

“We need to have all our missing in action back in the arms of their relatives,” he said. “We need to give the proper memorial service to those who can’t come home, as well.”

Pritchard retired from Fort Rucker in 1976 as a sergeant first class. He said no one he’s known personally had ever gone

missing, but he has seen firsthand the effects losing a loved one and not knowing what happened can have on a Family.

“It has a devastating effect on Families,” he said. “Even though you might go on with your life, you carry that in your heart. It stays with the spouses and the children who are left behind. It’s vital that we always keep their memories alive.”

# Prevention: Efforts are the result of 2010 Army study

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The three-act dramatizations performed at each event will highlight suicide interventions that can be used for Soldiers, spouses and civilians.

“The vignettes will dramatize people needing an intervention and show how a Soldier-level intervention occurs,” said Schuman.

On Wednesday, Schuman

will talk about the 2010 Army suicide study.

“I’ll break it down into understandable chunks,” he said.

ASAP’s suicide prevention efforts come as a result of a 2010 Army study on the incidence of suicides among Soldiers that revealed a need for awareness, said Schuman. He added that along with focusing on prevention among en-

listed members, the Army is shifting the scope of prevention.

“Right now, the Army’s focus is on Soldiers, because that’s how we accomplish the mission. The next task is to broaden that focus to include civilians, spouses and Family members.

“The interventions we’ve developed for Soldiers would be effective for them,” he said.

# FORSCOM: Commander thanks Soldiers, leaders for service, time, dedication

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year and what we will do over the next year. It’s great to have all of our supporting battalions and organizations here. They’re able to brief him on everything we’ve done,” said Macklin.

Another aspect of Bromberg’s visit is preparation for ATSCOM Soldiers who will face combat in the coming months.

“For those getting ready to deploy, it’s the last update before mobilization. We also get assistance with training,” said Maj. Ron Spires, 2-58th Airfield Operations Battalion.

Macklin explained that the mission training brief also allows for an open dialogue between FORSCOM and reporting units, as well as the chance for Soldiers to ask about their concerns.

“He [Bromberg] is able to talk about the future of the Army, so that we’re able to really understand what’s going on at the FORSCOM level,” he said.

Bromberg briefly discussed budget concerns as well as reductions in troop levels, encouraging those present to ask questions about their lives as Soldiers. One issue he discussed was Soldiers having the initiative to take on new responsibilities

as the Army makes changes.

“Don’t wait for the Army to ask you. You’ve got to be aggressive about the leadership you take on in the Army. The Army is changing and we’re going to be busy,” said Bromberg.

In addition to the briefing, Bromberg presented coins nine Soldiers from ATSCOM and its subordinate units.

“I just want to say thanks for what you’re doing. All of what you do means a lot to me and to the Army. Thank you for your service, time and dedication,” said Bromberg, before explaining to those present the importance of keeping faith in the Army mission.

The Soldiers acknowledged at the ceremony were Sgt. 1st Class Rick Hemion, ATSCOM; Staff Sgt. Curt Krenning, ATSCOM; Staff Sgt. Timmy Cain, 597th Ordnance Company; Sgt. Angel Torres, 597th Ordnance Company; Sgt. Angelique Marotske, 164th TAOG; Spc. Shane Johnson, 164th TAOG; 1st Lt. Michael McDonald, 2-58th AOB; Staff Sgt. Carter Evans Jr., 2-58th AOB and Staff Sgt. Thomas Gaitlin, 2-58th AOB.

Macklin stated that they were chosen by their commanders for going “above and beyond the call of duty.”

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# Officials expect smooth ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ repeal

BY DONNA MILES  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The law is passed, the studies completed, the findings certified and the service member training accomplished.

Tuesday, after years of debate and months of preparation, the Defense Department started on a new footing with the repeal of the so-called “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” law that since 1993 has banned gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

“Statements about sexual orientation will no longer be a bar to enlisting in the military or a cause for dismissal,” said Army Maj. Gen. Gary S. Patton, chief of staff for the Pentagon’s repeal implementation team.

In addition, former servicemem-

bers separated from the military under Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell based solely on their sexual orientation will be eligible to reapply to return to military service. Patton said their applications will be evaluated using the same standards as all other candidates, and decisions will be based on needs of the service.

As these long-anticipated changes take place, Patton said he expects the repeal implementation to stay on track because of the pre-repeal training across the force. In addition, many other existing policies considered “sexual-orientation neutral” remain in place.

Duty assignments won’t be affected, and living and working conditions won’t change, Patton said. Servicemembers won’t be separated or segregated based on sexual orientation, and will contin-

ue to share billeting and berthing as in the past.

With repeal, benefits will remain as they are. Servicemembers will be able to designate whomever they want to receive member-designated benefits such as Serviceman’s Group Life Insurance, he said. Other benefits, such as basic allowance for housing, are limited by law and statute to cover only opposite-sex spouses and can’t be extended to same-sex partners, Patton said.

However, the Defense Department is studying the possible extension of other benefits where eligibility is not specifically defined by law, such as use of military morale, welfare and recreation facilities to same-sex partners. “We have not arrived at a decision on that,” Patton said. “The department

continues to explore that possibility, post-repeal.”

Although the vast majority of military members and their families surveyed before the repeal indicated they had no issues with the repeal, Patton said he recognizes that some may. To those, he has a message: “We are not trying to change your beliefs. You have your freedom to exercise your beliefs and your freedom of speech.”

But with that, he said, “you have to maintain your dignity and respect for others.”

No new policy will allow anyone who disagrees with the repeal to break their contractual obligations. Anyone who has complaints or issues associated with the repeal should take them to a commander or inspector general, Patton said. Sexual orientation issues will not

be addressed by equal opportunity channels in the way gender, race and religion issues are.

With the repeal in effect, Patton said he expects military members will honor it. “The repeal is a law,” he said. “The military follows the law and we are executing this as part of our mission.”

A key in carrying out the mission, he said, is a principle emphasized during mandatory pre-repeal training throughout the force that the military has embraced throughout its history.

“The training focused on the changes in policy, that sexual orientation is not a reason for a person to be denied enlistment in the service or separated from the service. And that we continue to treat all servicemembers with dignity and respect,” Patton said.

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## ARMY BRIEFS

### TRICARE PROMISES CONTINUED ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION MEDS

WASHINGTON — A dispute between Walgreens and a TRICARE contractor will not stop beneficiaries from getting their prescriptions filled, despite a Walgreen's ad campaign to the contrary, a TRICARE official said recently.

"Don't let that advertising, letter and Internet outreach campaign scare you," Navy Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, deputy director of the TRICARE Management Agency, said. "Even if contract renewal negotiations fall through and Walgreens drops out of TRICARE's retail pharmacy network on Jan. 1, beneficiaries still will have plenty of other options for getting their prescriptions filled."

Hunter called the dispute between Walgreens and Express Scripts, Inc., the contractor for TRICARE's retail pharmacy and pharmacy home delivery programs "a business matter" between the two companies.

"I would recommend that this is a great time to consider TRICARE [Pharmacy] Home Delivery for chronic medications," Hunter said.

Beneficiaries also can elect to use pharmacies not included in the TRICARE network. However, Hunter offered a reminder that these users will receive only partial reimbursement for their out-of-pocket costs and could have to file their own insurance claim, where network pharmacies do that automatically.

### BOX CHECK RETURNS TO COMPANY-GRADE OERS

WASHINGTON — For company-grade officers, the senior-rater "box check" will soon reappear on officer evaluation reports.

The Army is making multiple changes to officer evaluation policy to better identify officer talent and potential. Those changes take effect Oct. 1, and apply to OERs with a "thru" date of Nov. 1 and later.

Included among the changes are modifications to the senior-rater successive assignments list, accountability for completion of a multi-source assessment and feedback/360, a reduction in short-term evaluations, and the re-introduction of the senior-rater box check for company-grade officers. In addition, the OER support form will now be optional.

For more information, contact the U.S. Army Human Resources Contact Center at 1-888-ARMY-HRC (276-9472) or askhrc.army@us.army.mil.

### GUARD GETS ACCESS TO GOARMYED

WASHINGTON — Beginning Oct. 1, the Army National Guard will join the active Army and Army Reserve in using GoArmyEd, funded by the Department of the Army, as a central entry point for their educational needs.

Implemented April 1, 2006, for all active duty Soldiers and Jan. 1, 2010, for U.S. Army Reserve, GoArmyEd now allows all Soldiers, Army education counselors, and member schools to seamlessly conduct online tasks, such as tuition assistance, or TA, and management of educational activities.

"Over the years, GoArmyEd has changed and morphed into the entry point for all education services," saidileen Rogers, director of Army Continuing Education Division.

For more information go to GoArmyEd at <https://www.goarmyed.com/> or call the Human Resources Command, anytime, at 888-ARMYHRC (276-9472).

## MUSIC integrates manned, unmanned aircraft systems



PHOTO BY SPC. LATOYA WIGGINS

The OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, AH-64D Apache Longbow and MQ-1C Gray Eagle land at Michael Army Airfield, Utah, Sept. 16 after the Manned Unmanned System Integration Capability exercise. The aircraft joined with the RQ-11B Raven and MQ-5B Hunter to demonstrate their interoperability during the MUSIC exercise.

BY SPC. LATOYA WIGGINS  
12th Public Affairs Detachment

MICHAEL ARMY AIRFIELD, Utah — The Project Offices for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Apache Attack Helicopter and Armed Scout Helicopter conducted an exercise showcasing advancements made in aircraft interoperability, referred to as the Manned Unmanned System Integration Capability, or MUSIC, exercise at Michael Army Airfield, Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, Sept. 16.

The MUSIC exercise is the largest hybrid Aviation exercise ever attempted, and will help shape the future of full-spectrum Combat Aviation Brigades and the Army.

The advances in the interoperability of these systems give Soldiers an advantage in the battlefield, by providing

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PHOTO BY JAMES BRABENEC

## FIELD TRAINING

Members of White Platoon board a CH-47 Chinook helicopter near the Liberty City training area during the 214th Fires Brigade leadership gauntlet Sept. 8 at Fort Sill, Okla.

## Medics keep Soldiers in the fight

BY SPC. DARRIEL SWATTS  
40th Combat Aviation Brigade

COS WARRIOR, Iraq — Soldiers of the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, get some much needed special treatment from an Air Force orthopedic surgeon during their deployment to Contingency Operating Site Warrior in support of Operation New Dawn.

"I practice osteopathic medicine," said Air Force Lt. Col. Neil Schwimley, an orthopedic surgeon with the 321st Expeditionary Medical and Surgical Unit, based out of Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "We have all the same training and knowledge of your regular doctor, but through the course of our schooling, we learn some manipulative medicine as well, which I'm using here to help these Soldiers."

Schwimley treats Soldiers by stretching their muscles to relieve tension, stop pain and increase mobility. He also manipulates various parts of the body,

such as the hips, back and neck, to bring the individual's body to its natural resting position.

Using his knowledge of various beneficial stretches and body manipulations, Schwimley is changing lives for the better every time he offers his services, say the Soldiers of the 6th Sqn., 17th Cav. Regt.

"It was great, it was a huge morale booster . . . it was my "pick me up" for the day, if not the week," said Staff Sgt. Jose Perez, a section sergeant for an armament platoon with the 6th Sqn., 17th Cav. Regt. "Being out here for more than seven months now, things were starting to take their toll on me physically. After seeing him, I felt as if a weight has been taken off my shoulders."

Schwimley originally started his deployment in Mosul, but eventually went to Kirkuk and has been there for more than four months. During his stay in Kirkuk, he offers his services two to three times a week. He is



PHOTO BY SPC. DARRIEL SWATTS

Air Force Lt. Col. Neil Schwimley, an orthopedic surgeon with the 321st EMEDS, adjusts the hip of Staff Sgt. Jose Perez, a section sergeant for an armament platoon for the 6th Sqn., 17th Cav. Regt., during a session on COS Warrior, Kirkuk, Iraq, Sept. 9.

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# MUSIC: System currently controls 7 different aircraft

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them with a lethal weapon that offers better communication, quicker sharing of data and more effective collaboration.

“MUSIC is intended to be a showcase for innovation, integration, and ultimately interoperability,” said Tim Owings, deputy project manager of Unmanned Aircraft Systems for the Army.

The seven featured aircraft included the AH-64D Apache Longbow Block II, OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, MQ-1C Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft Systems, or UAS, RQ-7B Shadow

UAS, RQ-11B Raven small UAS, Puma All Environment Capable Variant and the MQ-5B Hunter UAS, which all have the capa-

bility to shoot and stream live video. These aircraft also possess the ability to exchange and use the information as needed,

whether it is to conduct surveillance or reconnaissance of a given area.

Combat Aviation Brigades will have the abil-

ity to control several different unmanned aircraft through a single Universal Ground Control Station, or UGS, in a rapid manner.

The common hardware and software provided by UGS supports interoperability across each of the Aviation platforms.

## Medics: Treatment improves combat readiness

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also training the 6th Sqdn., 17th Cav. Regt. medics in the arts of body manipulations and stretches.

“He shows us how to do the various manipulations and stretches so we can do it in his absence. I’m a big believer in knowing all of the ins and outs of medicine and the different forms of practice,” said Sgt. Carwonda George, a flight medic with the 6th Sqdn., 17th Cav. Regt. “It helps me become better at what I do and allows me to give more options to the Soldiers as they come into the office for treatment, instead of just giving them medicine.”



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Pentagon holds suicide prevention health fair

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# COMMUNITY

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## Celebrating HISPANIC HERITAGE

### Post honors culture's rich history

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Patrons from many different backgrounds enjoyed a day of song, dance and food at the post exchange Friday during a Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off event.

The annual event featured various foods from many different Hispanic backgrounds prepared by Soldiers, civilians and local restaurants, according to Sgt. 1st Class David Kintz, garrison Equal Opportunity adviser.

"We really want to give Soldiers the opportunity to learn something new about an ethnic group they might not be a part of," he said. "This is also an opportunity for everyone in the community to learn something new."

This is the third Hispanic Heritage Month at Fort Rucker for Kintz, who said one major thing he's learned from the last two is that "everyone loves to eat."

"I learned that Soldiers and civilians love to eat," he said. "Culturally, food is very large and expansive. Everyone can learn something about food. We really hope newcomers will come out and enjoy the other events we have planned throughout the month."

Capt. Roger Garcia, D Co., 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment equal opportunity officer, said the event was also a great way to help the public interact with Hispanic heritage directly.

"I'm demonstrating a couple of different dances that are popular, not just in the Hispanic culture, but all over the world," he said. "When I get volunteers from the audience, it helps them participate directly and might make others want to try it, too."

Garcia first participated in the events of Hispanic Heritage Month last year and said he was surprised to discover a larger community than he originally thought existed at



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Capt. Roger Garcia, D Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt. equal opportunity officer, and Marta Trevathan, a Zumba and dance instructor here, demonstrate a variety of Hispanic dances at the post exchange during the kick-off event for Hispanic Heritage Month Friday.

Fort Rucker.

"When I got here a year ago, I had no idea there was such a large Latin community," he said. "I didn't feel like I could go anywhere to dance or experience my own culture. Now, I've realized there's actually a large Latin culture here. A year later, here I am and it's unbelievable how big the community is."

CW4 Cesar Liriano, A Co., 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regi-

ment small group leader, and his wife, Sara, said the event is not only great for others to learn about Hispanic heritage, but also for other Hispanics to share their cultures with each other.

"I'm Dominican and my wife is Puerto Rican," Liriano said. "We're definitely here to enjoy all of the festivities, but the food is one of the main highlights."

When the Liriano's arrived

at the PX, they decided to try some Filipino food first, but Sara said they would also grab some Puerto Rican food before moving on.

She added that this type of event is something positive for the installation and can help people discover new things about their own communities.

"I think people will definitely enjoy being part of this," she said. "It can really open their

eyes to new things that are available to them."

Other events taking place during Hispanic Heritage Month include the annual Gate-to-Gate run Oct. 1, an all-ages soccer tournament Oct. 8 and a Hispanic-themed luncheon at both Fort Rucker dining facilities Oct. 12.

For more information, call 255-9878 or contact your equal opportunity representative.

## ACS offers Aloha night with educational twist

BY ERIN MURRAY  
Army Flier Staff Writer

It's nice to get away for some quality time with a loved one, and Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program hopes to make a night at Lake Tholocco even more enjoyable for couples by providing free entertainment and education at the Aloha Paradise Fun Night Oct. 1 from 4-6 p.m.

This annual event is open to 20 couples who want to socialize, dine and even win some prizes while learning about how to improve their relationship, said Twanna Johnson, FAP coordinator for the event.

"We want to focus on the couple by

getting away from the hustle and bustle by having fun at the lake and being around other couples," said Johnson.

Aloha night is the first of many ACS events observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and focuses on improving the quality of relationships of active duty, retired, Family and community members, said Johnson.

Registration for the event closes this Friday, and Johnson encouraged couples to register before it's too late. After getting their leis and grass skirts, the couples will be treated to a Hawaiian-style dinner, including pulled pork, baked chicken and pineapple cake, and given educational, evidence-based books about how to make positive rela-

tionship choices.

Along with dinner and educational activities, there will be games and demonstrations with a Pacific twist, including a luau costume contest and limbo contest. Couples will also get to learn how to hula dance, an event that Johnson said she was excited to provide.

Luticia Trimble-Smith, FAP program manager, wants couples to use this night as an example for other nights out, by "learning how to have fun and being able to make time for each other."

"Couples tend to not make plans to have quality time together," she said.

Aloha night is the perfect opportunity to begin making couples time a habit and use ACS resources to make every

day together better, said Johnson.

"It's a couple of hours to forget everything else and have fun with your significant other. Even though it's only two hours, we're hoping that they'll take this home," she said.

In addition to Aloha night, ACS programs like Marriage 101; promotion points; divorce, separation and co-parenting classes; and love and logic parenting classes are available to those who want to improve their relationships with spouses and Family members.

To register for Aloha Paradise Fun Night or to hear about other ACS and FAP programs, call 255-9641 or 255-3898.



# On Post

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### AFAP Conference

The Army Family Action Plan Conference is the place people can submit their issues they would like local and Army leadership to address. This year's conference is at the Wings Chapel from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 5-6.

Today is the last day people can submit issues. AFAP is the Army's grass-roots-level process to identify and elevate the most significant quality of life issues impacting Soldiers (all components), retirees, Department of Army civilians and Families to senior Army leadership for action.

People can submit quality of life issues online by visiting [www.ftrucker-mwr.com](http://www.ftrucker-mwr.com) or calling the AFAP program manager at 255-2382.

### Construction affects parking, traffic

Work begins on the backshop project Monday at 6 p.m. that will cause the closure of the 1000 block of Quartermaster Road, from Dilly Branch Road to the west end of Bldgs. 1309 and 1310, and Stockade Road from just north of the railroad tracks adjacent to Bldg. 1121 to 18th Street.

Barricades will be set up at the locations to mark the closures. These portions of the roads will be closed for the duration of the project, which is expected to be completed in September 2013. Additionally, this project will cause the closure of the small parking lot on the southeast corner of Dilly Branch Road and Quartermaster Road. Traffic on Dilly Branch Road and 18th Street will not be affected at this time.

### Cub Scout food drive

Fort Rucker's Cub Scout Pack 50 hosts a food drive Oct. 1 and 15 from commissary opening time until 5 p.m. at the commissary's exit that will benefit the post's food bank. The Scouts ask that only canned and dry goods be donated.

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### BOSS cruises

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsors its third annual cruise Dec. 12-17. The cruise will be to the eastern Caribbean and set sail from Sea Port Miami. Single Soldiers can sign up in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Payment plans are available, but people are strongly encouraged to pay in full at the time of booking. Deadline for full payment is Oct. 1.

Cost includes transportation to and from the port of call, lodging and food. Soldiers will be responsible for gratuities and any other expenses incurred while on the cruise. The cruise is reserved only for single Soldiers and geographical bachelors. There are only 18 slots available. For more information, call 379-4594.

### Wanted: Outstanding Families

Army Community Service accepts nominations for the Month of the Military Family Outstanding Military Family now through Oct. 14. People who know a military family that they would like to honor can submit a nomination in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 390. Nominations must describe specific contributions the Military Family has made to improve the quality of life for the Soldiers and Families in units, organizations and the Fort Rucker community. For the specific criteria and requirements

for nomination applications, call Tom Jenkins at 255-3817 or email him at [Tom.C.Jenkins@us.army.mil](mailto:Tom.C.Jenkins@us.army.mil).

### Youth art, essay contests

Fort Rucker children are invited to put their artistic and literary talents on display for the community in two separate contests in October, with the winners being announced in November.

The art contest, titled "My Military Family," invites children ages 4-11 to submit their work depicting their military Families in color drawings - pencils, Crayons or paints - on 8 1/2 by 11 paper in vertical format. Family members should not be mentioned by name in the drawings.

The essay contest, titled "What being in a Military Family Means to Me," is open to all military children ages 7-12. Essays should be between 100 and 200 words, and may be hand written or typed.

All entries should include the child's name, grade, name of parents, phone number and email address on the back of the drawing or essay. Deadline for submission is Oct. 20 to Fort Rucker Primary or Elementary School counselors. The deadline for off-post students is Oct. 21 and should be turned in at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 390 in Army Community Service.

Winners will be recognized during the chili cook-off and ACS' "Salute to Military Families" event Nov. 5 at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields.

For more on the contests, call Tom Jenkins at 255-9888 or send an email to [Tom.C.Jenkins@us.army.mil](mailto:Tom.C.Jenkins@us.army.mil).

### Oktoberfest

Fort Rucker's ninth annual Oktoberfest features live German music by Sonnenschein Express, traditional German food including bratwurst and schnitzel, beverages, a keg toss competition, photo opportunities and more

Friday from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at the festival fields. The family-friendly event also features inflatables for children, a pumpkin patch, craft activities, pony rides and more.

For more information, call 255-1749.

### Ladies Night

The Landing Zone hosts Ladies Night from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, featuring dance mix by DJ Dave. The Landing Zone's courtesy van offers patrons a free ride home to anywhere on Fort Rucker. For more, call 598-8025. The event is open to the public.

### Character Dining at The Landing Zone

The Landing Zone hosts Character Dining Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m., and this Tuesday the event features a magician.

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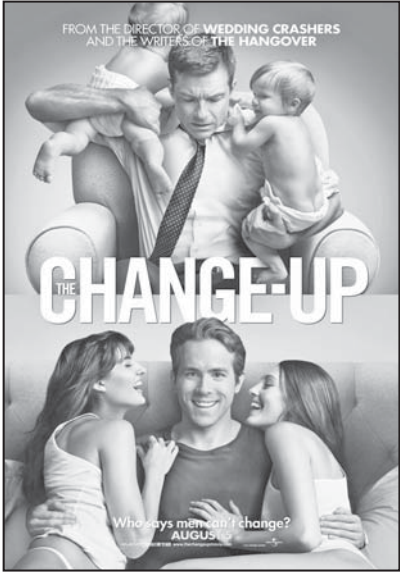
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## FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for September 22 - 25

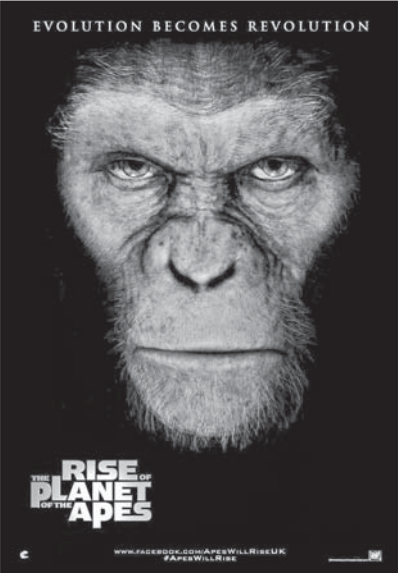


# See you at the movies



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SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

Final Destination 5 (R) ..... 7 p.m.



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News Release

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Co-payments for some medications provided through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery are being reduced to zero.

As of Oct. 1, Home Delivery beneficiaries may fill generic prescriptions at no cost to themselves.

Generic formulary drugs purchased through Home Delivery currently cost \$3 for a 90-day supply, but Oct. 1 the copayment drops to zero.

“These new co-pays make using TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery more affordable than ever,” said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, TRICARE Management Activity deputy director. “Home Delivery offers a great value for patients taking maintenance medications for chronic conditions.”

The following changes to the TRICARE pharmacy co-payments are scheduled to go into effect Oct. 1:

- Generic formulary drugs purchased at retail pharmacies will go from \$3 to \$5.
- Brand name formulary drugs from retail pharmacies will go from \$9 to \$12.
- Non-formulary medications will go from \$22 to \$25 in both retail and Home Delivery.

Brand name formulary drugs purchased through Home Delivery will have the same \$9 co-payment. Co-payments for prescriptions filled through Home Delivery cover a 90-day

supply, but only a 30-day supply when purchased at a retail pharmacy.

“This is the first change to TRICARE pharmacy co-pays since 2002,” Hunter

said. “Our goal is to keep costs as low as possible for our beneficiaries and DOD.”

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ingly using Home Delivery to get their maintenance medications conveniently delivered through U.S. mail — saving TRICARE about \$30 million in 2010.

Use of Home Delivery has grown in 2011 by nearly 10 percent over 2010. More than 1 million prescriptions per month are filled through the service.

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# Pentagon holds suicide prevention health fair

BY J.D. LEIPOLD  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In observance of National Suicide Prevention Month, the Army set up a health fair in the Pentagon courtyard Sept. 14-15 for the military branches to bring to the forefront the services they offer to help servicemembers and veterans who are contemplating suicide.

Though suicide prevention is a year-round issue, Jan Morgan, with the Army Suicide Prevention Program, said the objective to hosting the fair was to get suicide prevention out and up front because many service members at the Pentagon are not fully aware of the resources available to them in helping to prevent suicides.

Based on Army news releases, CNN reported that as of July 31, the Army had 151 Soldiers take their lives since the beginning of the year. The number could be as high as 163, but 12 deaths were not confirmed to be suicides at the time of the report. In the same six-month period, the Air Force reported 28 suicides, the Marine Corps 21 and the Navy 33.

"We're trying to showcase, educate and inform people about the myriad of resources available to people for behavioral health," said Morgan, who added that the Department of Defense, the sister services and non-federal entities such as the Suicide Prevention Resources Centers, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors were represented.

Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, the Real Warriors Campaign, the American Association of Suicidology and the Yellow Ribbon program among others were also represented.

"We've got people who saw the tents and signs while walking down the halls of the Pentagon who came out here and started picking up material because they're interested in what they need to know to inform and educate themselves on suicide prevention and awareness," Morgan said. "Soldiers are transient, so they're taking this knowledge and taking it with them to other places."

Part of the Army's suicide prevention efforts is the ACE program — Ask, Care, Escort.

"We would expect a Soldier to recognize the signs, or symptoms of someone who is suicidal and talk with them, care for them, then escort them to help, whether that's the chaplain, behavioral health re-



PHOTO BY J.D. LEIPOLD

A Soldier checks out available resources at the Suicide Prevention Health Fair, which ran Sept. 14-15 at the Pentagon.

sources or chain of command," Morgan said.

Jane Shea, director of the Pentagon Employee Assistance Program, a counseling service for federal civilian employees, said her clinic aims to address an employee's personal problems, from stress to serious mental health issues

like continued depression and suicidal ideation, then get that employee the right services as early as possible.

She said all bases, except for very small posts, have some kind of counseling program to help civilian employees. In those locations where there are

a small number of civilians, there should be a toll-free number provided by the command where civilians can get a referral to a counselor.

Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Flamm represents the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program that was created in 2008 in support of the Army National Guard.

"The program provides services, resources and community outreach to Soldiers who are deploying, their Family members and suicide prevention is part of that," he said. During deployments counselors are available to speak with spouses about what

to expect when their Soldiers return and how they might have been affected by the deployment.

Psychologist Caitlin Thompson oversees the clinical work for Veterans Administration's crisis line and chat service whereby veterans and active servicemembers can write in and talk with any one of their 150 responders.

"All our responders are have some level of mental health background — masters' degrees in social work, mental health counseling," she said. "We have registered nurses and about 30 percent of the staff (members) are veterans themselves."

The responders take phone calls and makes assessments of what the crisis is and how the individual is doing presently. She said the crisis center is taking about 600 calls a day.

"One of the beautiful pieces of our service is we have connections to every local VA center across the country through what are called suicide prevention coordinators or SPCs," Thompson said. "What we do when somebody calls is ask if they'd like a consult done with their local SPC. If they do, we guarantee a local SPC will call them back within 24 hours."

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# Temple invites Fort Rucker Jewish community to Rosh Hashanah

BY RABBI LYNNE GOLDSMITH  
*Temple Emanuel*

Rosh Hashanah is the first day in the Jewish New Year and is celebrated on the first day of Tishrei.

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Temple Emanuel is located at 188

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Staff members discuss the upcoming week in NFL, NCAA  
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SPORTS SHORTS

GERMAN PROFICIENCY BADGE

The German Liaison Staff and 6th Military Police Detachment host the training and testing of the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge for the fall cycle. Training will be conducted daily from 6 to 7 a.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility track from Oct. 3-Nov. 4. The deadline for submission is Tuesday. The cutoff is 40 participants and all must be cleared by their chain of command. For more information or to reserve a slot, call 255-2120 or email jamie.osmon@conus.army.mil.

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A hunter education class will be held in Adams Hall Bldg. 5419, Rm. 120 at Fort Rucker beginning Oct. 13 at 5:30 p.m. The class accepts a maximum of 60 students. Attendance of this class requires completion of Internet or CD course prior to class. Participants must bring printed report to class (report does not need to be notarized). Online registration for this class is ongoing. For more information, call 255-4305.



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Team Biscuits quarterback Chris Simpkins pushed the ball over the goal line during the team's game against the 164th TAOG in the opening game of Fort Rucker's Intramural Football preseason Monday. The Biscuits won, 22-0.

'Biscuits' too hot to handle for TAOG

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Intramural Football preseason is under way and things didn't start off so well for the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group team. TAOG dropped its opening game to Team Biscuits, a non-Commander's Cup team made up of flight and Basic Officer Leadership Course students, 22-0. This was definitely not how TAOG quarterback Michael Webber saw things starting out this season. Still, he's got time to work on things before the regular season begins Oct. 3. "We've got a lot of work to do in practice, especially on receivers running their routes," he said. "But, it's not all on one person. I made a lot of mistakes out there, too. I'm going to have to work on a lot of timing issues in the next week."

Neither teams' offense looked

all that great at the beginning. Several miscues and missed routes allowed both the TAOG and Biscuits defenses to run the field for the entire first quarter. It wasn't until near the end of the second quarter that Biscuits QB Chris Simpkins began to find his rhythm. The Biscuits offense pushed its way deep into TAOG territory with about five minutes to play in the second quarter. After several dropped passes, Simpkins decided to run the ball in himself for the TD. Unfortunately for the Biscuits, its attempt at a 2-point conversion fell short. Still, after stopping a TAOG drive cold, the Biscuits were right back in the red zone and a quick pass from Simpkins to wide receiver Bynum Jaeger put another TD on the board. This time the 2-point conversion worked and the Biscuits took a 14-0 lead. At the beginning of the third quarter, it looked like TAOG

might just get its act together and put some points up. Webber found a solid combination of throws and running plays thanks to receiver Brad Larson, who had three solid catches in the third quarter, all for significant gains. Larson's ability to run the ball also helped to get the TAOG deep into Biscuits territory, but an interception by Dave Geib, Biscuits defender and coach, followed by a subsequent half-field run ended any scoring hopes. In the fourth quarter, the TAOG decided to change things up by putting Webber at wide receiver and subbing in Leken-drick Lee at quarterback. While Webber had the speed to keep up with the receiver routes, his hands weren't as swift as his feet. Double coverage coming from a relentless Biscuits defense didn't help matters. TAOG tried one more time

to get into the endzone, but it wasn't to be. After drawing an offensive pass interference penalty, TAOG just had too much ground to make up for the first down that could have kept its drive alive. Geib attributed the team's win to effective on-field communication and that it was an early-season game. "I think they had us beat a couple of times with their offense," he said. "The core of our guys played together last season and their ability to communicate on the field really helped." He added that this first game gave him a better idea of who should be playing at what position during the rest of the season. "Sometimes I think we rush a little too much, but we should be able to work that out in practice," he said. "We rotated three different people at the quarterback position and I think we're ironing out some issues."

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

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2. HISTORY: Which World War II battle was fought entirely by air?  
3. FAMOUS PEOPLE: Martha Jane Burke was better known by what name?  
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was known as the Maid of Orleans?  
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"?  
6. LANGUAGE: What is something that is mordant?  
7. RELIGION: Who was the first canonized saint of the New World?  
8. TELEVISION: Who is the voice of Moe in the animated comedy "The Simpsons"?  
9. GEOLOGY: What is coal made of originally?  
10. POETRY: Who wrote the line, "But only God can make a tree."

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

**Super Crossword** TITLED TITLES

**ACROSS**

1 Actor Postlethwaite  
5 Amonasro's daughter  
9 Tracking tool  
14 Looked like Lothario?  
19 Sore  
20 Hose problem  
21 Lissome  
22 Uccello or Veronese  
23 Eugene O'Neill drama  
26 Hangs tinsel  
27 British astronomer  
28 Cipher  
29 Baby shark  
31 Manumit  
32 Ike's domain  
34 Nom de crime?  
38 More delicate  
40 "Rawhide" and "Gunsmoke"  
45 — Flynn Boyle  
46 Hoffmann creation  
47 "Ab —" (from the start)  
48 Sock spot  
50 Bar supply  
51 George Hamilton's ex

55 Roger Miller tune  
59 Joseph Conrad novel  
61 Steep slope  
62 With 25 Down, successful author  
63 Steep part  
65 "Stroker" — ('83 film)  
66 Musical chords  
69 Skip Rock's — Leppard  
72 Spouses no more  
74 C.S. Forester book  
78 Certain orchestra  
81 Baseball stat  
82 Ward of "Sisters"  
83 Rang  
86 Castilian cry  
87 Actress Burke  
89 Item in a lock  
91 Exodus figure  
93 Stevie Wonder song  
95 Hal Foster comic strip  
100 Ponchielli's "Dance of the —"  
101 Hightailed it

102 Belfry sound  
103 Hog's honey  
104 "How sweet —!"  
107 React to an allergen  
109 "Madame Bovary" author  
112 Pepsin or lipase  
114 Operetta composer  
116 Vane dir.  
117 Schwarzenegger's birthplace  
118 Dino, to the Flintstones  
120 Catherine — Jones  
123 Damocles' dangle  
127 — "Gay"  
129 Phoebe Cates film  
134 Microwave feature  
135 Chilling  
136 Tombstone lawman  
137 Harvest  
138 Earthquake speakeasy  
139 Patriot Silas  
140 Tare's relative  
141 Rochester's missis

**DOWN**

1 Walkway  
2 Resound  
3 He and she  
4 A hole near the sole  
5 Bit part in "Cleopatra"?  
6 Singer Foxx  
7 Venture  
8 Where Athenians assembled  
9 Scott's "The — Quartet"  
10 Past  
11 Clamor  
12 Evelyn's brother  
13 Upshot  
14 Select, with "for"  
15 20th President  
16 Chateau valley  
17 Glue guy  
18 Health measure?  
24 Oole (out)  
25 See 62 Across  
30 Ram's remark  
33 "Carmina Burana" composer  
35 Shake-spearean villain  
36 Schipa solo  
37 Tuneful Tommy  
39 Irish county  
40 Yan's pans  
41 Dislodge  
42 Submarine finder  
43 "— again!"  
44 Manhattan district  
49 High-toned guy?  
52 Sophoclean tragedy  
53 Pleasant Mingo's portrayer  
54 Mingo's subordinate  
56 Southern staple  
57 Colorful fish  
58 Harold of "Ghost-busters"  
59 Capt.'s song  
60 Gluck's "ed Euridice"  
64 Bogus Bach  
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68 Black  
70 Cola cooler  
71 Raptor feature  
73 Chou —  
75 In good shape  
76 Civil Rights org.  
77 Israeli airline  
78 Ritz  
79 Hodgepodge  
80 Lima's land  
84 Work on a crossword?  
85 Patron  
87 Fresh from the trail  
88 Taxing time?  
90 Seuba site  
92 Package abbr.  
94 Pours gently  
96 Figure of interest?  
97 Move like molasses  
98 Kilmer or Bisoglio  
99 Word of woe  
105 Mischief-maker  
106 Tricked  
108 Mist  
110 "Back in the —" ('68 song)  
111 "Watch out!"  
112 Cartoonist Bushmiller  
113 Campbell or Judd  
115 Alarm button  
117 Understands  
119 "Lemon —"  
121 Obsolete title  
122 Lot size  
124 Carry out orders  
125 Circus sound  
126 Water-proofing material  
128 Shrug part  
130 Private pension  
131 Palindromic diarist  
132 Artichoke heart?  
133 Intelligent

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

# Kid's Corner

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**FORGET THOSE TWO!**

**DON'T RUN A "FOWL" OF THIS ONE!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

**A SHORT MATH TEST!** See if you can arrange the digits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 so that when two of the digits are multiplied by one of the digits, the product will contain the remaining two digits.

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**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Fads, fade, fare, farm, fire, firm, fit.

**Junior Whirl**

by Charles Barry Townsend

FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the frame-work pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

**DEFINITION:**

1. Where outlaws hide out.  
2. Famous Carnegie Deli sandwich, aims + trap  
3. Invented by Ben Franklin.  
4. Where bats hang out.  
5. Night criminals.  
6. What waiters expect.  
7. Ancient mythical horses.  
8. What young actors are.

**ANAGRAM:**

sand + bald  
fail + coals  
ribs + flee  
slag + burr  
yurt + gait  
coin + runs  
pigs + rain

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H	S	A	G	T	H	I	E	G	A	U	R	C
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



# GRIDIRON CORNER

## Injuries, close calls make NFL Week 2 entertaining

BY RUSSELL SELLERS  
Army Flier Staff Writer

What happens when dreams become nightmares? Let's all ask the Philadelphia Eagles, they found out the hard way Sunday night in Atlanta.

For Michael Vick, it's apparently not always sunny in Philadelphia. After suffering a concussion that will most likely keep him out of the game against the New York Giants this Sunday, it seems that the Eagles are going to be relying on backup QB Mike Kafka to carry the load.

Don't worry too much about the Eagles, though. If you saw the Giants win over the St. Louis Rams Monday night, you know that the offensive weaponry is still firmly in Philly.

Eli Manning truly pales in comparison to his brother, Peyton, even with the latter in a hospital bed. His game looks outrageously sloppy, especially in the red zone.

Over on defense, Giants cornerback Aaron Ross better be on his A-game because Eagles wide receiver Jeremy Maclin is definitely going to be looking to put up some more big numbers this week just like he did against Atlanta, Vick or no Vick.

Let's not forget about the Eagles' defense, which did make Atlanta work for every point all the way to the end Sunday.

Defensive end Trent Cole and defensive tackle Cullen Jenkins looked great and they will again this Sunday, too.

Speaking of missing quarterbacks, Tony Romo is definitely out after suffer-



ing broken ribs and a punctured lung during Dallas' game against San Francisco last week.

Dallas did pull off the win in overtime and should be commended for playing with something it hasn't demonstrated in a long time: heart.

But, all the heart in the world won't save the Cowboys from what will ultimately be a loss to rival Washington.

There's no doubt this game is going to be one to watch. Neither team is as good as they would like to believe they are, but Dallas is going to be missing one of the major keys to its offensive scheme, and that spells T-R-O-U-B-L-E, or, if you like, R-O-M-O.

Enough bad news, let's talk about a team that's probably going to get its first win this weekend.

Cam Newton fans rejoice! Carolina finally gets a home game and it's against

Jacksonville.

Now, when he puts up those 400+ passing yards and runs a couple of touchdowns in, it might actually mean something, other than another record broken.

I'll give old Cam some credit: he looked really great against Green Bay, the defending Super Bowl champion. His team, however, looked like they always do: sloppy.

Oh, but Steve Smith had over 150 yards receiving, too. Too bad the Green Bay defense decided to show up in the second half and render that point moot.

Still, there's no reason whatsoever that Carolina shouldn't just destroy the Jags.

Jacksonville starting QB Luke McCown just looked awful against the New York Jets this past weekend. He passed 6 for 19 for 59 yards and had to play without injured tight end Mercedes Lewis. No word yet on if Lewis will return, but it's highly doubtful as he's listed as inactive on the team's ESPN page. Hold on to your seats folks! Cam Newton is about to explode on Jacksonville.

Speaking of explosions, I wonder if we'll be able to hear the one coming from New Orleans when the Saints show Houston how a real championship team is supposed to play.

The Saints are coming off a big win against the Chicago Bears, and Drew Brees looks more determined than ever to prove his team wasn't just a flash in the pan a few years back. I wonder if Reggie Bush has any regrets yet. I'm sure standing on the sideline hasn't gotten old, yet.

Brees went 26 for 37 passes and 270 yards against Da'Bears. It was truly some-

thing to see as the Saints managed to beat one of the best defenses in the league.

Things aren't going to get much better for poor Chicago this weekend either, despite the fact that it gets a home game. Green Bay is looking to continue winning, and Aaron Rogers has turned into one of the best quarterbacks the Packers have ever seen. Combine that with a beastly defense and you've got one perfect mixture for an old-school beat down in Chi-town.

Green Bay star linebacker Clay Matthews is still hungry after struggling early against Carolina, but should have a slightly easier time getting to Jay Cutler, especially if he decides that sitting in the pocket is still a good idea.

Despite losing and losing bad to the Tennessee Titans a week after it trounced long-time rival Pittsburgh, Baltimore looks to be more than ready for St. Louis this weekend.

The Titans appeared more than a little frustrated after opening their season with a loss to Jacksonville, of all teams. Those frustrations were more than taken out on Baltimore. Don't expect that intensity to last, though. If fan chants for Tim Tebow keep up with Denver fans, it might just happen. Then we'll see if the Titans really can have a season to remember.

The Ravens are 1-1 on the season and I fully expect it to be 2-1 after this Sunday. Look for Joe Flacco to have a similar day to what he had against the Steelers in Week 1. Somewhere in the neighborhood of about 250-300 yards passing and a more-than-100-yard rushing day for Ray Rice. St. Louis is about to get a whole lot flatter.

## 'Road Test Weekend' bumpy for some

BY DAVID C. AGAN JR.  
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Week 3 of this college football season saw several teams ranked in the Top 25 packing their bags to see if they could maintain their early success on the road.

Some blew through town taking with them statement wins and impressive statistical victories as souvenirs, leaving the home teams standing on the side of the road wheezing in a cloud of dust. Others were left to face the long road home scratching their heads and wondering about the rest of the season.

The Oklahoma Sooners remain at the top of the polls after taking their show on the road to Tallahassee, Fla., and beating the No. 5-ranked Florida State Seminoles, 23-13, in what was easily the biggest game of the season thus far. Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones did not have a great night against the

Noles, but linebacker Travis Lewis returned sooner than expected from his toe injury and racked up eight tackles, seven of which were solos.

There is little time, though, for the Sooners to bask in victory's glow: they begin their Big 12 schedule this weekend against the Missouri Tigers, fresh off a 69-0 shellacking of I-AA Western Illinois. Oklahoma is looking for redemption against the Tigers, who beat the Sooners last season and knocked them out of the top of the Bowl Championship Series standings. Oklahoma displayed some vulnerability against Florida State, but it's unlikely that Missouri will be able to exploit them enough to come away from Norman, Okla., with a win.

Boise State, Stanford, and Wisconsin all managed to post double-digit victories on the road this weekend. Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore continued his Heisman campaign by

racking up gaudy numbers against the Toledo Rockets, throwing for 455 yards with five touchdowns. Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck bolstered his own Heisman resume by going 20-of-31 passing for 325 yards and two touchdowns against the Arizona

Wildcats. Also winning on the road this weekend, albeit by smaller margins, were West Virginia, Texas and Louisiana State.

But a few teams didn't fare quite so well.

The Auburn Tigers ran into a buzz saw this weekend in Clemson, S.C.,

where the Clemson Tigers snapped the nation's longest winning streak by defeating Auburn, 38-24. Auburn jumped ahead of Clemson with a pair of touchdowns in the first five minutes of the game, but Clemson, led by quarterback Tajh Boyd, had a different ending in

mind. Clemson's offense exploded for 624 yards, more than any Clemson team has ever put up against an opponent from the Southeastern Conference. Clemson hosts Florida State this weekend. Auburn returns

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

**Answers**

1. Nebraska
2. Battle of Britain
3. Calamity Jane
4. Joan of Arc
5. L. Frank Baum
6. Caustic
7. Rose of Lima
8. Hank Azaria
9. Coal is formed from the remains of trees and plants
10. Joyce Kilmer

**PUZZLE  
ANSWERS**

**Super Crossword  
Answers**

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# PIGSKIN PICKS

	Houston vs. New Orleans	New York Giants vs. Philadelphia	Jacksonville vs. Carolina	Baltimore vs. St. Louis	Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay	Green Bay vs. Chicago	Washington vs. Dallas
 <b>Jim Hughes</b> Fort Rucker Public Affairs (13-1)							
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 <b>Russell Sellers</b> Army Flier Staff Writer (11-3)							
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 <b>Sharon Storti</b> Network Enterprise Center (9-5)							

## Test: Games this week could help determine season

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home to face the Florida Atlantic Owls before heading into a brutal stretch of SEC games: South Carolina, Arkansas and LSU, all on the road, and the Florida Gators at home.

The Ohio State Buckeyes also ran into some trouble down in Miami, losing to the Hurricanes, 24-6, in what was dubbed by many as the "Ineligibowl." After losing to the 'Canes, the Ohio State Buckeyes are out of the Top 25 for the first time since 2004.

If last week's storyline was "Road Test Weekend," this week's has to be "Battle of the Undefeateds."

The No. 2 LSU Tigers will be a long way from Death Valley this weekend when they travel to Morgantown, W.Va., to face the No. 16 West Virginia Mountaineers. The Mountaineers are led by one of the most productive offenses in the country with over 1,000 yards gained over the last two games. But just last week, LSU's intimidating defense held the Mississippi State Bulldogs, who had racked up nearly 1,200 yards of offense against Memphis and Auburn, to less than 200 yards and two field goals. On offense, LSU isn't nearly as impressive. But the Mountaineer defense has recorded only a single sack this season and if Jarett Lee is given time to throw he could pick West Virginia apart.

A little bit closer to home, the No. 14 Arkansas Razorbacks are coming to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to square off against the No. 3-ranked University of Alabama Crimson Tide in what should be the most entertaining game of the day. Head Coach Bobby Petrino has the Razorback offense firing on all cylinders, averaging 47 points per game. The Crimson Tide defense, though, is only allowing 6 points per game, making it the stingiest in the SEC. Alabama is looking like a legitimate BCS contender and a victory Saturday will go a long way towards proving it.

In yet another clash of unbeaten teams, the No. 7-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys are headed to College Station, Texas, to face the No. 8 Texas A&M Aggies. This has been a great rivalry over the last few years, with Oklahoma State winning the last three meetings. The Cowboys blew out the Aggies in 2008, 56-28, but remove that outlier and what is left is four games decided by a total of 10 points. This is the best Texas A&M team

in years, winning eight out of their last nine games. Oklahoma State's offense is a well-oiled machine that leads the nation in passing and is second in total yards. The Cowboys will probably win if this game turns into a shootout. But if the Aggies' defensive front can keep the battle in the trenches rather than through the air, Texas A&M

could pull out a big win at home.

But this potentially great matchup of Top 10-ranked teams has been slightly overshadowed by the conference realignment mayhem that has engulfed the world of college football for the majority of this young season. It now seems as though the Pacific Conference-12 has de-

cided to remain a 12-team conference rather than expanding to become the first 16-team conference or, to use the term du jour, super conference. Texas, Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State all seemed to be heading in that direction, but late Tuesday the PAC-12 announced it would not be taking on those four teams.

So where does that leave us? The Big 12 conference would have been in shambles had those four schools left to create the PAC-16, so to say things are looking better for them is an understatement. There are nine remaining schools in the Big 12 and if they can manage to get make a more equitable deal with Texas then the confer-

ence will be saved for now. Texas A&M will most likely be allowed to move on to the SEC, leaving the Big 12 with eight teams. All of this talk of moving from conference to conference has made other schools wake up and explore their own options, so the potential for the Big 12 to actually get back to 12 teams is possible.

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