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## Homecoming: K-9 teams return from deployment

By Jenny Stripling  
*Fort Rucker Public Affairs*

Two Soldiers from the 6th Military Police Detachment received warm welcomes home recently after one-year tours in Iraq.

Fellow unit members, friends and Families applauded as Sgt. Adam Kusnerick and Sgt. Sean Dearden were welcomed back to Fort Rucker during two different ceremonies.

Sgt. Kusnerick returned back to U.S. soil last week while Dearden was welcomed back Monday.

Kusnerick, from Pennsylvania, was happy to reunite with friends and Family.

"This was my second deployment, so I kind of knew what was coming upon return. It's a little weird at first [coming home], but you get used to it," he said.

While deployed, Kusnerick was the han-

dler of working dog Staff Sgt. Miky, and kennel master of military working dogs while deployed in Iraq. Mainly used for patrols, drug and explosives detection and specialized mission functions, the K-9s are considered Soldiers and deploy just like the human variety. They are all active duty and belong to the installation where they came from.

Dearden and his working dog, Rocky, are also glad to be home.

"Being there is busy. You still remain busy once you return, but there's also a time to relax," said Dearden.

While on rest and relaxation leave during deployment last year, Dearden and his wife, Jamie, were married. Jamie was in attendance during the welcome home ceremony and



PHOTO BY JENNY STRIPLING

Sgt. Adam Kusnerick, left, welcomes home his fellow unit member, Sgt. Sean Dearden, during Dearden's welcome home ceremony Monday at Fort Rucker.

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PHOTO BY KELLY PATE

### Getting in synch

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, opens the Aviation Synchronization Conference Monday at the Fort Rucker Seneff Building with a call to the Branch to "take an appetite suppressant" – to separate wants from needs, in light of the resource-constrained defense environment. He challenged participants to focus the conference more on decision making, and less on talking about and studying the problems. The Branch chief emphasized the need for Army Aviation to work as an enterprise, not as separate Army entities, to continue to speak with one voice, and to actively drive requirements and capabilities, and network integration. The results from the week-long event will help Army Aviation leadership make decisions about the future of the Branch. For more on the conference, see next week's *Army Flier*.

## That's entertainment! U.S. Army Soldier Show hits Wiregrass

By Jim Hughes  
*Command Information Officer*

The Wiregrass community will get to experience firsthand that Soldiers in the U.S. Army have talents beyond making them the finest fighting force in the world as the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to town.

The show will take place Nov. 5 at the Enterprise High School Auditorium from 7-8:30 p.m. and again Nov. 6 in the same location from 2:30-4 p.m., said Janice Erdlitz, Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director.

The event is free and open to the public, and no tickets are required, she added of the events sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, and the Army's G-1 Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention program.

"The U.S. Army Soldier Show is a Broadway musical-style program that can entertain the entire Family, regardless of age," said Erdlitz. "With the high energy performances by Soldiers that will be sure to please, the show is one of our many



PHOTO BY EVAN DYSON

Cast members of the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show strike a pose at the end of a song. The theme for this year's production is "Carnival – A Traveling Thank You."

free events that we're proud to offer to our Soldiers, Families and community.

"It is one of the must-see events we tell people they should experience during their visit to a military installation," she added. "And this year, we're bringing it off post, which should be a wonderful experience to local community members

who have never come on post to experience a Soldier Show."

The carnival concept of the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show will take audiences on a globe-spanning journey to more fun-filled venues in 90 minutes than some folks experience in a lifetime, said Tim Hipps,

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## Fort Rucker email enters the clouds

By David C. Agan Jr.  
*Fort Rucker Public Affairs*

Big changes are coming to Fort Rucker's email system.

Next week, Fort Rucker email users will begin transitioning to Army Enterprise Email, a centralized, cloud-based service managed by the Defense Information Systems Agency. Once migrated, users will notice some significantly improved capabilities, including an online mailbox with a minimum size of four gigabytes – 40 times the current size limit of 100 megabytes, according to Tom Barrett, director, Fort Rucker Network Enterprise.

"The Department of the Army decided to migrate all email accounts to the enterprise email system so that everyone in the Army can be on one email system to better communicate with each other, both generating and operating forces," said Barrett.

Some other benefits of the new email system include the ability to access email from anywhere and at any time when using an authorized device, the ability to share calendars across the entire Army and, ultimately, a global address book containing email addresses from across the armed services.

"Yes, a true global address book," said Barrett. "Besides the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are migrating to enterprise email as well."

"This [move] is DOD-wide, not just Army. But the Army is taking the lead," said CW2 Keith Vinson, Network Enterprise Support Team, 93rd Signal Brigade.

To prepare for migration to the new system, Fort Rucker email users should follow the guidance provided by Network Enterprise Center, according to David Bachelder, IT operations manager, Fort Rucker Network Enterprise Center.

"Instructional videos have been posted to the Fort Rucker Intranet for quite some time now and they will guide you through the steps of reducing your email box size and backing up

your personal folders," said Bachelder.

"The biggest things users can do prepare are to watch the videos and decrease your inbox to below 50 megabytes," said Barrett. "The enterprise email migration tool runs best when users are at 50 MB and below, so that's why we stress getting below that 50 MB mark. We're migrating 1,000 users a night to the DISA cloud, and you won't get migrated unless you're below 50 MB."

The Fort Rucker Network Enterprise Center successfully moved their email accounts to the new system earlier this year and experienced very few problems, according to Bachelder.

Once migrated to the new system, users will notice some changes to their email.

"You'll have a new email address," said Barrett.

And although users' email addresses will change, they will continue to receive email addressed to their old address for a period of time. It is recommended, though, that users advise friends and coworkers to use their new email addresses once they have been migrated.

"One thing that users will notice is a secondary common access card login. You login with your CAC to your computer and when you open up your email, it's going to ask for your CAC again," said Barrett.

The Army's transition to the enterprise email system began earlier this year. Since then, other installations have migrated successfully, but overall, less than 50 percent Armywide have converted to enterprise email, according to Barrett.

During the summer, the migration effort paused for a period of about three months in order to evaluate progress but has since restarted with successful results, said Vinson.

"Fort Lee (Va.) was the showcase installation as far as us coming out of the enterprise email pause. With the success at Fort Lee, the

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# PERSPECTIVE

## Early detection critical in fight against cancer

By Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Press Release

In 2007, the latest year for which statistics are available, 202,964 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 40,598 women died from the disease.

Many doctors feel that early detection tests for breast cancer save many thousands of lives each year, and that many more lives could be saved if even more women and their health care providers took advantage of these tests.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, three main tests are used to screen the breasts for cancer:

### Mammogram

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. Mammograms are the best method to detect breast cancer early when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer.

If you are age 50 to 74 years, be sure to have a screening mammogram every two years. If you are age 40–49 years, talk to your doctor about when and how often you should have a screening mammogram.

### Clinical breast exam

A clinical breast exam is an examination by a doctor or nurse, who uses his or her hands to feel for lumps or other changes.

### Breast self-exam

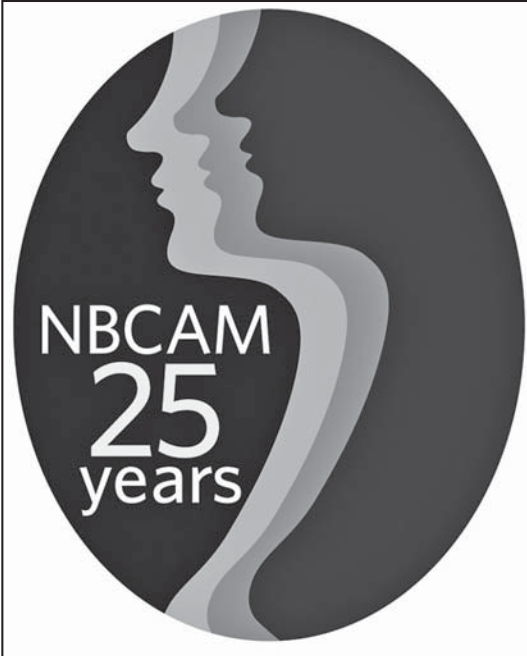
A breast self-exam is when you check your own breasts for lumps, changes in size or shape of the breast, or any other changes in the breasts or underarm (armpit).

Clinical breast exams and breast self-exams have not been found to decrease risk of dying from breast cancer. At this time, the best way to find breast cancer is with a mammogram.

The following are answers to common questions about breast cancer and mammograms.

**Q: What are the symptoms of breast cancer?**

A: When breast cancer starts out, it is too small to feel and does not cause signs



## National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

and symptoms. As it grows, however, breast cancer can cause changes in how the breast looks or feels. Symptoms may include:

- New lump in the breast or underarm.
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast.
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin.
- Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area or the breast.
- Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area.
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood.
- Any change in the size or the shape of the breast.
- Pain in any area of the breast.

**Q: What should I expect during a mammogram?**

A: The mammography machine is a special X-ray machine. One of your breasts will be placed on a plate. Another plate will press down on your breast from above. The plates will hold your breast still while the X-ray is being taken. These steps are repeated to get a view of the other breast. The plates are then turned to get side views of each breast.

Although getting a mammogram only takes a few minutes, you will feel some pressure while the plates are pressing on

your breast. Most women find it uncomfortable, and a few find it painful. What you feel depends on the size of your breasts, how much your breasts need to be pressed to get a good view, the skill of the technologist, and where you are in your monthly menstrual cycle, if you are still having periods.

After getting your mammogram, the technologist will check to make sure your X-rays are of good quality. They cannot read the X-ray or tell you the results. A radiologist will read your mammogram.

You may receive results immediately, or they will be sent to you and your doctor within a few weeks.

**Q: What happens if my mammogram is abnormal?**

A: If your mammogram is abnormal or more tests are required, do not panic. Many women need additional tests, and most are not diagnosed with cancer.

An abnormal mammogram does not always mean you have cancer. It does mean that you will need to have some additional X-rays or other tests before your doctor can be sure.

Other tests may include an ultrasound (picture taken of the breast using sound waves) or a biopsy (removing tissue samples to be looked at closely under a

microscope). You may be referred to a breast specialist or a surgeon, because these doctors are experts in diagnosing breast problems.

**Q: How can I lower my risk of breast cancer?**

A: Control your weight and exercise. Know your Family history of breast cancer. If you have a mother, sister, or daughter with breast cancer, ask your doctor what is your risk of getting breast cancer and how you can lower your risk.

Learn the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy. Limit the amount of alcohol you drink.

**Q: Can men get breast cancer?**

A: Men can also get breast cancer, but it is not very common. For every 100 cases of breast cancer, less than one is in men.

**Q: Where can I find more information about breast cancer?**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: 1-800-CDC-INFO or [www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast).

National Cancer Institute: 1-800-4-CANCER or [www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/breast](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/breast).

American Cancer Society: 1-800-ACS-2345 or [www.cancer.org/Cancer/BreastCancer](http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/BreastCancer).

## Rotor Wash

“What is your favorite fall treat?”



**Deshanda Greenwood,**  
military spouse

“Sweet potato pie.”



**Staff Sgt. Troy Torres,**  
3rd Battalion, 140th  
Aviation Regiment

“Anything pumpkin spice  
flavored.”



**Joe Tolar,**  
technical contractor

“Rice crispy squares.”



**Caroline Gebhart,**  
military spouse

“Pumpkin cheesecake.”



**Jennifer Hurry,**  
military spouse

“Butterscotch.”

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# Winterizing homes not so difficult

By Russell Sellers  
Army Flier Staff Writer

As cold air has seeps into the area, it's time to look at making sure homes and Families are prepared for what's coming, according to Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works officials.

But where does one start when "winterizing" a home?

The first place, according to Buddy Coleman, Fort Rucker energy engineer, is insulation.

"There are some very inexpensive products out there that can help weather-strip windows and doors," he said. "People should also run their hands around their windows, as they should be able to feel the cool spots."

Some electric companies also offer online checklists for those who want to conduct individual energy audits on their homes to help save money during the colder months, said Tony King, DPW Engineering Division resource efficiency manager.

"You want at least 12 inches of insulation in your attic," he said. "(Some power companies) will finance the insulation if you get a more efficient heat pump through them."

Watching heat settings is also important during this time because some central heaters use a lot of electricity and can cause higher utility bills, King added.

"It's a good idea to keep the thermostat between 68 and 70 degrees," he said. "Having a digital thermostat can really help you be accurate and save money on energy costs, too."

After a long spring and summer of not running an electric heater, dust can collect inside the vents and it can burn off as the heater starts up, King and Coleman said. It can produce a smell, but isn't usually dangerous.

"Unlike gas heat, electric heat won't produce carbon monoxide," King said. "When you turn on electric heat, you'll get that burn off of dust. If it goes on for more than 20 minutes, then you should get it checked out."

People who use gas heat in their homes should have their units checked periodically, usually about once a year, King added.

"If you have gas heat, it's a good idea to have a carbon monoxide detector and to keep fresh batteries in it," he said. "When you go to turn on your gas heating unit and it doesn't fire or you have trouble keeping the pilot light on, it's best to call out a professional technician to check on it."



PHOTO BY ERIN MURRAY

Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works brought many alterative energy options on post for their first annual Energy Expo, the most popular of which was the all-electric Tesla Roadster. Attendants of the expo were able to sit inside the roadster and find out more about how it works.

## Expo offers ways to reduce carbon footprint at home, on post

By Erin Murray  
Army Flier Staff Writer

October is Energy Awareness Month, but Fort Rucker's Directorate of Public Works gave residents a chance to learn more about conserving energy and saving money every day at the first annual Energy Expo Oct. 20.

While the event was small, it was well received by those who stopped by to see the displays, collect information and sit behind the wheel of several electric and hybrid vehicles, said Tony King, DPW Engineering Division resource efficiency manager. King explained that response from the community will help DPW expand next year's expo to appeal to a greater part of the community.

"We had a good cross-section of vendors including cars, energy efficient lighting and companies that help with saving energy. We hope that next year to have more exhibitors and to focus on renew-

able products like solar energy," he said.

Representatives from local and national companies such as Siemens, South Alabama Electric, Alabama Power, Mayer Electric and Bondy's Toyota were on site to give attendants information about saving energy.

"This is our first expo, so we're trying to get the ball rolling and learn how to make it better. We've been picking up ideas throughout the day. A lot of people have told us they received a lot of information about saving energy and reducing their electrical bill," said Pam Smith, DPW utilities specialist.

The biggest draw for crowds, according to King and Smith, was the all-electric Tesla Roadster and Chevrolet Volt at the entrance of the expo.

Randy Hoofman, who visited the expo primarily for the cars, enjoyed getting to compare the small roadster with the more familiar-looking Chevy.

"I have never seen (and electric) car before, and it's something I want to eventually own. Eventually prices will come down, and it will be a practical purchase," he said.

Along with getting a hands-on look at the cars, Hoofman appreciated the ability to see new gadgets and learn energy-saving tips

"I like to see what's new and learn how to get away from fossil fuels," he said.

Those who attended the expo weren't the only ones who got to scope out the electric cars, however. King said that DPW test drove the Tesla Roadster with the members of Fort Rucker command before putting them on display.

King said that promoting energy conservation is an important aspect of DPW's work, this month and every month.

"We want to show people ways to save money and stretch their income further and teach them to be good stewards of the earth" he said.

## News Briefs

### Retiree Health Fair

The annual Retiree Health Fair takes place Friday from 8 a.m. to noon at The Landing on post. Lyster Army Health Clinic staff will be on hand to provide influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations, blood pressure checks, health and disease management information, and classes on nutrition, exercise, tobacco cessation and depression.

Fort Rucker will also have representatives providing information on legal matters, Army Community Service, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and other agencies.

There will also be vendors with educational material at the fair.

### Retiree ceremony

Fort Rucker hosts its quarterly retirement ceremony Friday at 3 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony to thank the retirees for their service, commitment and sacrifice to their country.

### CFC update

The Fort Rucker Combined Federal Campaign has raised \$605,771 as of Monday, which is 54 percent of the drive's goal of \$1,125,000, report local CFC officials.

To contribute to CFC, visit <http://www.heartofalabamacfc.org/> or visit Bldg 5700 Rm. 280. For more information on the CFC, call 255-9261.

### Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop willingly accepts people's unwanted items as donations. People can drop items

off at the shed behind the thrift shop, which is located in the former bank building next the post theater. Donations are tax deductible. The shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more, call 255-9595.

### Overseas mailing deadlines

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (ARNEWS) — The United States Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency have released deadlines to ensure packages arrive to military and State Department post offices overseas by Dec. 25.

Deadlines to ensure arrival by Dec. 25 are Nov. 12 for parcel post mail; Nov. 26 for space-available mail; Dec. 3 for parcel airlift mail; Dec. 10 for priority mail and first-class mail, letters and cards; and Dec. 17 for express mail military service.

The Military Postal Service Agency highly encourages customers to mail packages on or before the dates for the specific mail category in order to avoid unplanned transportation delays. Not all military or State Department post offices are eligible for Express Mail Military Service, therefore, customers should plan accordingly.

"Express Mail Military Service is not available for holiday packages and mail going to Iraq and Afghanistan," said Faye Slater, the deputy director of the Military Postal Service Agency.

For information on mailing deadlines and restrictions, email the Military Postal Service at: [MPSA-TR@conus.army.mil](mailto:MPSA-TR@conus.army.mil).



# Initiative encourages Soldiers to ‘take back’ old medicines

**From Staff Reports**  
*Fort Rucker Public Affairs Office*

Cleaning out the medicine cabinet and disposing of prescription medication is not a high priority for most individuals who work steady jobs and have children, said Fort Rucker health officials.

As part of Red Ribbon Week, Saturday is the National Take Back Initiative, and Fort Rucker military police will be at the post exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — and people can also visit the Dothan Police Station and other locations off post — to collect prescription medication from anyone willing to drop it off, said Jesse Hunt, Fort Rucker Army Substance Abuse Program prevention coordinator.

More off-post locations and more information on the initiative can be found by visiting the website [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html).

Taking a day to clean out the medicine cabinet and dispose of all old and outdated medicine should be a priority on everyone’s list, Hunt said.

“Get rid of the stuff, so it doesn’t become an item you could take by mistake,” he added “If children are in the house they may want to experiment with whatever is in the medicine cabinet, so there is another good reason for not keeping it around.

“Get them out so someone will not go in there and grab a bottle when they are impaired, such as being sick or sleepy,” said Hunt. “They could grab the wrong bottle by mistake or take medicine that is outdated, which could make their condition worse.”

Individuals bringing in medication remain anonymous. It can be dropped off, with no information or names taken, he said.

“This is for old and outdated

prescription medication,” Hunt added. “Medications change their properties over time and after about a year, you need to clean them out.”

After medications have been dropped off, Drug Enforcement Agency officials will pick them up and dispose of the medication, he said.

“We are trying to cut back on drug abuse by getting rid of all the old medications,” Hunt said. “Keep them like you keep your guns, ‘under lock and key.’”

Additionally, officials remind Soldiers of Army policy concerning prescription medications. In February, the Army established a six-month expiration date for the use of controlled substance prescriptions dispensed to Soldiers. The six-month period begins on the date the last prescription was dispensed by the pharmacy to the Soldier, he said.

Soldiers need to know the authorized use expiration date for their controlled substance prescriptions and know that a positive urinalysis after this expiration date may result in a “no legitimate use” finding and Uniform Code of Military Justice action, according to the policy.

“This policy has to do with the problem we have with illegal drugs,” Hunt said.

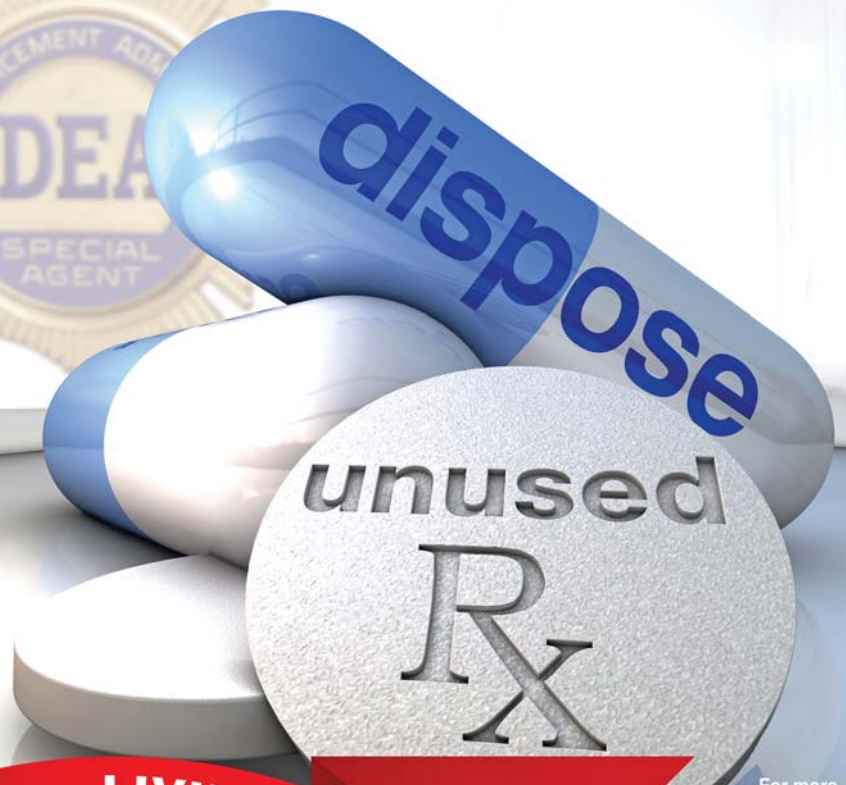
Individuals who fear they may have an addiction to prescription or pain medication and are interested in seeking help, a program is available at Fort Rucker ASAP.

Substance abuse is a national problem but also faces individuals at Fort Rucker. While alcohol may be the leading problem, pain medication is not far behind, said Hunt.

For more information, call Donald L. Schuman, Army Substance Abuse program manager, at 255-7509 or visit ASAP at Lyster Army Health Clinic, Rm. T-100.

# Got Drugs?

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# Obama: All U.S. troops out of Iraq by year's end

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — All U.S. servicemembers will leave Iraq by the end of the year, President Barack Obama announced Friday.

About 40,000 U.S. servicemembers are in the country, and all will be "home for the holidays," Obama said.

The president made the announcement after speaking with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki this morning.

Since American forces went into Iraq in March 2003, more than 1 million Americans have deployed to the Middle Eastern country — many multiple times. More than 32,200 U.S. servicemembers and civilians have been wounded in the country, and 4,482 were killed.

"Today, I can report that as promised, the rest of our troops in Iraq will come home by the end of the year. After nearly nine years, America's war in Iraq will be over," the president said. "The last American Soldiers will cross the border out of Iraq with their heads held high, proud of their success and knowing that the American people stand united in our support for our troops. That is how America's military efforts in Iraq will end."

The United States will maintain a close alliance with Iraq, the president said, and the withdrawal means the relationship between the countries will be just like that between the United States with any other country. Obama said it will be "an equal partnership based on mutual interests and mutual respect."

Obama said he and Maliki agreed that a meeting of the Higher Coordinating Committee of the Strategic Framework Agreement will convene in the coming weeks, and that he invited the Iraqi leader to Washington to plan the future relationship.

"This will be a strong and enduring partnership, with our diplomats and civilian advisers in the lead; will help Iraqis strengthen institutions that are just, representa-

tive and accountable; will build new ties of trade and of commerce, culture and education, that unleash the potential of the Iraqi people; will partner with an Iraq that contributes to regional security and peace, just as we insist that other nations respect Iraq's sovereignty," Obama said.

The United States will offer to help Iraq train and equip its forces, just as the United States offers assistance to countries around the world.

"There will be some difficult days ahead for Iraq, and the United States will continue to have an interest in an Iraq that is stable, secure and self-reliant," the president said. "Just as Iraqis have persevered through war, I'm confident that they can build a future worthy of their history as the cradle of civilization."

The end of war in Iraq reflects a larger transition in world affairs, Obama said. "The tide of war is receding," he said. "The drawdown in Iraq allowed us to refocus our fight against al-Qaida and achieve major victories against its leadership, including Osama bin Laden."

The United States also is reducing the number of troops deployed to Afghanistan. He noted that when he took office in January 2009, more than 180,000 U.S. servicemembers were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"By the end of this year, that number will be cut in half. And make no mistake: It will continue to go down," the president said.

The president said the United States is moving forward from a position of strength. The war in Iraq will end in December. The number of Americans in Afghanistan will continue to go down. As these actions continue, there will be fewer deployments and more time for training, Obama said.

The nation still has the responsibility and duty to provide America's newest veterans and their families "the care, the benefits and the opportunities that they have earned," the president said.

"This includes enlist-

ing our veterans in the greatest challenge that we now face as a nation — creating opportunity and jobs in this country," he added. "After a decade of war, the nation that we need to build and the nation that we will build is our own, an America that sees its economic strength restored, just as we've restored our leadership around the globe."

Preparations to withdraw continue. The United States closed its U.S. Division North at Camp Speicher yesterday. Only one divisional level U.S. unit now remains in the country.



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President Barack Obama announced during a press conference at the White House that all U.S. servicemembers will leave Iraq by Dec. 31.

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# Online language training now earns promotion points

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers can now earn up to 16 promotion points for completing language instruction with the Headstart2 language training program.

The Headstart2 software uses digitally animated characters involved in military scenarios to teach reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in any of 16 target languages. Soldiers must register for an Army Training Requirements and Resources System account, known as ATTRS, to earn points in any of those target languages.

“It gives a Soldier, a Marine, an Airman, a Sailor or a civilian — who doesn’t have background in the language, a fairly decent understanding of the culture, a basic understanding of the sound and script, and what we would describe as survival-level language,” said Col. Danial Pick, commandant of the Defense Language Institute.

The HeadStart2 program was developed at the Defense Language Institute.

Pick said the program teaches a “military-focused vocabulary,” designed with requirements from both the Army and the Marine Corps, to help Soldiers and Marines complete the types of missions they will be engaged in during deployments.

He said specifically there is a focus on conducting patrols, cordon and search, medical treatment, as well as “interrogatives and vocabulary that allow squads of Soldiers and Marines to ask critical survival-type questions in local populations, as well as have an understanding of culture.”

Being able to engage effectively with local populations, Pick said, enables Soldiers and Marines to “identify and isolate enemy elements in a population and more effectively deliver aid and development to friendly forces in the countryside



PHOTO BY DONNA MILES

New software applications for mobile devices, such as this iPad, are helping students at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. In addition, Soldiers worldwide can now earn promotion points by taking the online Headstart2 program developed by DLI.

and the cities.”

For an average user, the language program takes between 80 and 100 hours of self-directed study. The language programs can be accessed online through the DLI website or through service-specific portals, like Army Knowledge Online. The software can either be downloaded and installed on a computer or used online. Soldiers in a remote location, without access to a high-speed network, can also order the disks directly from DLI.

The Headstart2 program, first introduced in 2006 with Iraqi Arabic, is available now in 16 languages. Iraqi Arabic, Pashto, and Dari are available through the Army Learning Management System. Urdu, Persian Farsi, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese European, Russian, French, German, Spanish, Uzbek, Kurmanji, Swahili and Portuguese Brazilian are available through the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, though those are in the process of

being moved to ALMS.

An additional 11 languages are under development for HeadStart2, Pick said.

Soldiers who complete the Headstart2 program in any language can get up to 16 promotion points in ATTRS. For those languages hosted on ALMS, those points are automatically posted to ATTRS. For those languages hosted on DLIFLC, Soldiers will need to print out the certificate of training to apply for the credit.

“When a Soldier completes Headstart2, he or she gets credit in ATTRRS, which not only tells the unit commander at a glance who has or has not completed pre-deployment language and culture training, but it also gives that young Soldier credit in terms of promotion points.”

The most popular of the language training programs are Dari, Iraqi Arabic and Pashto. Between June 2010 and June 2011, for instance, some 33,000 individuals used the Dari language program to train for deployment to Afghanistan. But Pick

said others may use the program for non-deployment purposes. His own son, he said, used the program to augment his high school Spanish language training.

The Defense Language Institute developed the Headstart2 program completely in-house, Pick said. There’s also another program available online through DLI called the Global Language Online Support System, or GLOSS, that includes training modules to help users achieve “level three” ability in a target language. And within the next year, Pick said, DLI will release a follow-on training program for Headstart2, called “Gateway.” The first target language for Gateway will

be Swahili.

While HeadStart2 provides Soldiers with a good starting point for language training, the Army has a much more robust option available to prepare Soldiers for deployment: the General Purpose Force Language Training Detachment.

The first of those detachments stood up at Fort Carson, Colo., in 2010, and was the result of a partnership between the operational Army and the Defense Language Institute. There are now seven detachments, as well as mobile training detachments that bring the training to Soldiers.

Right now, only Dari and Pashtu are being taught in language training detach-

ments, and the training time for those languages is 16 weeks. The goal for training in the detachments is to bring students to a “0+” spoken proficiency in either of those languages, depending upon a deploying unit’s area of operations and forecasted mission, said Maj. Gregory R. Mitchell, with the Army’s Language and Culture Office, G-3/5/7.

“Face-to-face, instructor-based training is the only proven methodology for training spoken proficiency to any level on the Interagency Language Roundtable Scale,” he said. “This fact alone is the reason why the Language Training Detachment is the Army’s method of choice for training the one language-enabled Soldier per deploying platoon.”

Mitchell said other languages could be taught in the GPF LTD, and depending on the difficulty of the language, the time for training to reach a 0+ could differ. French or Portuguese, for instance, could be taught to that level in a third of the time, he said.

“The LTD concept is very flexible and can be tailored, resources permitting, contract teachers in most languages can be hired within weeks to adapt to arising contingency missions,” Mitchell said.

For Soldiers able to successfully complete language training at a GPF LTD, 48 points are available toward promotion. The Army is also awarding 10 promotion points to Soldiers who achieve an elementary proficiency rating on the Defense Language Proficiency Test.

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# Home: Soldiers remember value of Family

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said she made it through the tough times while being apart from her husband with the support of friends and Family.

“I was in Colorado up until a month ago, so having friends and Family around made it easier to handle him being away,” she said.  
Jamie said she hasn’t had a chance to spend much time with Dearden yet, but they have plans to go

visit Family and take a small vacation.  
For both Kusnerick and Dearden, the time apart from friends and Family was hard, and both said they’ll never forget the value of being back together with the ones they care about.

# Migration: 153,000 users successfully moved

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commanding general decided to move forward with enterprise email. So, Fort Lee was a success. Fort Benning (Ga.) was a success. We’re moving down the right path and, from my point of view, the Army is ready for enterprise email,” said Vinson.  
“As of Oct. 20, we have successfully mi-

grated over 153,000 to enterprise email,” said Lt. Col. Anthony Funchess, Network Enterprise Support Team Leader, 93rd Signal Brigade. “At Fort Lee, there was a 97 percent success rate. At Fort Benning, there was a 96 percent success rate and they have migrated over 10,000,” said Funchess.  
As with any major upgrade to information technology systems, some technical

issues are expected during the process. Should users experience trouble, they are urged to contact their information management officer who will be prepared to deal with any issues that arise.  
“It’s something new, and a lot of people don’t like change. Migration to enterprise email will be a smooth process, but users need to be patient,” says Vinson. “Some-

thing might look a little different to the user, but enterprise email is definitely a good thing.”  
Fort Rucker email users will be migrated to the Army enterprise email system between Wednesday and Nov. 9. Users can contact their IMO to learn what specific dates their organization will be migrating.

# Entertainment: Show features talented Soldiers

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FMWR Command public affairs specialist. From a boardwalk to a fun house to a circus to a county fair to a time machine, Soldier-entertainers will take their guests on a song and dance tour of carnivals across America and beyond.

“It’s an opportunity to actually take the audience on a journey with us,” Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado said. “And not just to the continental United States – we have a great international scene.”

Africa, Samoa, Latin America, Nepal, with influences from India, Thailand and China are represented in the song-and-dance extravaganza that plays to the strengths of cast members from several countries. Each international scene will feature authentic music from that locale, Hipps added.

This Soldier Show cast features strong instrumentalists on the violin, drums, guitar, keyboards and bass who will keep the performers on the move as they dance from scene to scene. One central character will help keep the show moving by introducing each scene, he said.

“There are a lot of dancers, a lot of movement in the show,” Hurtado



said. “But there some great voices as well. And some great stage presence. We have some great rapper and spoken-word guys, so we have quite a bit of that driving the show.”

Patriotism is woven throughout the show that does not so much resemble a military production.

“With MWR, we’re in the business of taking Families and Soldiers away from the trials and tribulations of what they’re going through, so I think this will definitely inspire the patriotism, but really help you escape and take you to places you wouldn’t go all in one day,” Hurtado said. “You wouldn’t

go to the circus, a boardwalk, a country fair, a fun house – in four different areas of the world –all in one day. You could never physically do that, but you’re going to be able to do that at this show.”

And it doesn’t matter which show people attend, Erdlitz added.

“The Saturday night show will be the command performance show; however, both shows will be the same outstanding performance,” she said. “And, believe it or not, we have a lot of people come to both shows. There is always so much going on that people love to come back and watch it again.”

Food and drinks are not allowed

in the auditorium, Erdlitz said.

“The U.S. Army Soldier Show is just an amazing show. We have such talented members of our armed forces,” she said. “I think bringing the show to Enterprise this year is such a powerful message of our community partnerships. I truly hope our local community takes part in this wonderful performance.”

“Bring the Family and enjoy the show. With the show (taking place at) the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center, there should be plenty of room. It almost doubles the amount of space we have on post at the theater where we

normally host the show,” she said.

“The Enterprise School has amazing acoustics, so the sound is just amazing.”

“Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier” is the working motto of the Army Entertainment Division, which launched its 2011 campaign of 106-performance Soldier Show tours from Fort Belvoir, Va., in April to eventually encompass 61 installations, garrisons and other venues around the United States, Germany and Korea.

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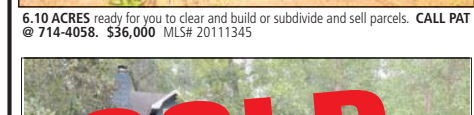
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## Battalion prepares for battlefield

By Dustin Senger  
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FORT CARSON, Colo. — “We have troops in contact. We’re taking fire from a black truck 500 meters northwest; moving eastbound, can’t reposition due to an injured Soldier and we’re pinned down.”

That’s one scenario out of 13 that Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment had to master during AH-64D Apache helicopter gunnery exercises Sept. 27.

The qualification tables marked their final live-fire events before deploying to Afghanistan. More than 400 Soldiers from 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Reg. are scheduled to depart in January with 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, from Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

The attack battalion has three companies, which are each assigned 10 Apaches, said Capt. Mark Handloff, 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Reg. operations officer. The pilots are trained for air-to-ground assaults, aerial escorts and reconnaissance missions, using aircraft designed to destroy armored forces with precision strikes.

The Soldiers were graded on day and night operations during their qualification tables, said Handloff. They were also completing two months of high-altitude mountain environment combat maneuver training.

Apaches are the most advanced armed helicopter in the world, according to the Federation of American Scientists, an independent, nonpartisan think tank of scientists and engineers. The nonprofit membership organization was founded in 1945 by scientists involved in the first atomic bombs.

The Army considers Apaches “the workhorse of attack helicopter operations,” according to an AH-64D Apache informational paper filed March 22, 2010 by the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker. The aircraft has received various software and hardware enhancements since 9/11.

“Apaches have the same flight controls as any other helicopter,” said Capt. Jesse Wagnon, Company B, 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Reg. “The biggest difference is the night vision system, and that’s the hardest thing to learn.

“The weapon systems are about crew coordination,” said Wagnon, one of several pilots reading scripts during the qualification tables. “One person is focused on flying while

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## Chinook flight engineers fly ‘All Night Long’

By Spc. Darriel Swatts  
40th Combat Aviation Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Flight engineers play an integral role during CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopter flights. They are the eyes in the rear of the aircraft providing vital information to the pilots, the muscle that handles cargo, and they ensure the safety of passengers that are strapped in for the ride.

“I am a Chinook pilot and when we’re in the seat, we can’t see behind us,” said Capt. Benjamin Winborn, of the 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, an Army National Guard unit from Minnesota and Iowa. Winborn is the commander of B Company. “The flight engineers provide us with aircraft clearance when we’re flying. They load the passengers and cargo and are in charge of how the aircraft is loaded.”

B Co. is currently deployed to

Camp Taji, Iraq, with the 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, a Georgia Army National Guard unit attached to the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade from the California Army National Guard. B Company is the only Chinook unit left in Iraq.

Chinooks are typically flown during the nighttime hours to capitalize on the additional protection offered by darkness. As a result, the unit adopted the motto “All Night Long” from the title of a popular Lionel Richie tune.

The Chinook is a large tandem rotor helicopter with a rotor diameter of 60 feet. At more than 98 feet long, the pilots rely heavily on the flight engineers to keep them informed on what is happening around the aircraft at all times. The Chinook is the Army’s go-to heavy lift helicopter and equipment transporter. It is able to transport 33

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PHOTO BY SPC. DARRIEL SWATTS

A flight engineer, with B Co., 2nd GSAB, 211th Avn. Regt., keeps a vigilant eye out for trouble while flying a mission in Iraq the night of Oct. 6.

## Task Force Nightmares execute downed aircraft recovery operations



PHOTO BY SGT. KEVEN PARRY

Members of the air DART disembark a UH-60 Black Hawk at the range landing field to assess maintenance issues on an Apache during a training exercise Oct 12.

By Sgt. Keven Parry  
CAB Public Affairs

Soldiers from Task Force Nightmares, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, conducted Downed Aircraft Recovery Team training at the range landing strip on Fort Riley, Kan., Oct. 12-13.

Two DART missions were carried out, one using an air recovery team, the other using a ground recovery team.

The air DART involved an AH-64 Apache helicopter landing at the range landing strip and shutting down in order to simulate a minor maintenance issue. A UH-60 Black Hawk flight crew was flying with the Apache. They relayed information to Marshall Army Airfield, where the recovery team waited to carry out their mission.

Once the DART received notification of

a problem with the aircraft, they gathered the equipment needed to analyze the problem and recover the crew and aircraft.

“We grab the necessary parts, people, tools and come out here and try and fix it on site so they can fly back home,” said Sgt. John Koonen, a St. Cloud, Fla., native and a technical inspector with 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, CAB.

After ensuring that all necessary equipment and personnel were ready, the group of maintainers that formed the DART boarded two Black Hawks and flew to the Apache. Once on the ground, the DART members met with the Apache pilot and simulated correction of the maintenance issue.

The next day the ground DART

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# Battalion: Training goes beyond weaponry

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the other person is focused on the weaponry.”

Two-person teams, a pilot-in-command and a co-pilot gunner, reported to a forward arming and refueling point at Range 115, where they received one of six available aircraft. A heavy expanded mobility tactical truck, hauling a 2,500 gallon fuel tank, was refueling each of the Apaches’ twin-turbine engines.

While the pilots performed pre-flight inspections, an armament crew inserted belts of 30 mm bullets, packed launchers with folding-fin aerial rockets and connected Hellfire missiles. With a “thumbs up” from the ground crew, the Aviators lifted into the air and traveled to Range 109 for nearly an hour of combat drills.

They rehearsed tight turns and rolls, while listening to a script reader. When necessary, they determined the most appropriate weapon system: an M230 chain gun, Hydra 70 rockets or Hellfire missiles. On impact, the training rockets flashed with a burst of smoke. The missiles only required a target lock.

Before leaving Range 109, each team touched down near

the tower to receive a written record of their accuracy with their rockets and bullets. Judging Hellfire success would depend on the infrared video and audio footage recorded by the Modernized Target Acquisition Designation Sight system.

CW2 Nathon Woelke, an instructor pilot and one of six master gunners assigned to 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Reg., said the Aviators traversed several training tables before attempting a formal qualification round. Woelke was reviewing in-flight performances inside a tent at Range 115.

“I give them a detailed after-action review,” said Woelke, while seated with an Apache team in front of a projection screen. They handed him their range report and M-TADS system hard drive. He focused on each crews’ ability to discover, acquire, identify and verify targets.

Woelke also explained unsafe situations, such as starting rocket dives too close to the ground, or flying at altitudes that left them vulnerable to enemy forces.

“We’re looking for improvement, especially with the narration,” said Woelke. “Should I even pull the trigger in the first place? The ground guy, if he’s under a lot of distress, he may be calling for engagement. It’s our job to determine if there’s hostile intent. I can be a deterrent by just being

there.”

“What techniques do you use and weapon systems to minimize collateral damage? How do I engage an enemy on top of a house without destroying the house?” he explained.

“We’re trying to get the crews to think about more than how to successfully engage a target,” he said. “Did they discuss the rules of engagement? Did they positively identify the target and did they discuss the potential for collateral damage and did they use the appropriate weapon system?”

“Did they conduct a damage assessment? We want them to think about everything that’s around the target, too. We want to minimize collateral damage and civilian deaths — the goal is zero,” Woelke said.

“It’s about the mission,” said Wagnon, discussing his decision to become an Apache pilot after almost a year of Aviator school at Fort Rucker in 2009. The upcoming deployment with 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Reg. begins his first battlefield experience in an Apache.

“That’s what they ask you all during flight school: What mission do you want?” he said. “Our mission is air-ground integration and close combat attacks. Our main job is to support the guys on the ground and keep them safe.”

# Chinook: CH-47 provides vital service during Army’s drawdown

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troops and their gear, or three pallets of cargo, or a sling load (cargo suspended below the aircraft), or a combination of the three up to 26,000 pounds.

“The flight engineers in the Chinooks are really valuable. The amount of crew coordination that takes place between the pilots and the flight engineers is through the roof,” said Capt. John Allen, 40th CAB, a brigade staff officer and Chinook pilot from Sutter Creek, Calif. “They have instruments in the back that we can’t see, so we depend on them to know what they’re looking at, then be able to

articulate it to us up in the front.”

“Some of the biggest challenges we face here are loading the cargo and people into the aircraft. Things are not always the same shape and size that we’d like,” said Sgt. Joe Loscheider, flight engineer with the 2nd GSAB, 211th Avn. Regt. and a Little Falls, Minn. native. “It can easily be compared to playing Tetris at times.”

“We are kind of like a moving company,” said Sgt. Andrew Anderson, flight engineer with the 211th Avn. Regt. and a Princeton, Minn. native. “The pilots are the drivers and we are the muscle in the back getting it all done.”

The Chinooks are out flying every night, moving personnel and cargo all around Iraq.

“Last month we flew more than 1,100 hours, which is a record for our airframe according to AMCOM (U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command),” said Winborn.

With so many flights going out, the crews are hardly the same for each mission and they often find themselves flying and working with different people on each flight. Every now and then, the flight engineers may find themselves flying with the 40th CAB’s commander, Col. Mitch Medigovich, who is a Chinook pilot.

“It’s fun to be able to fly around with the

brigade commander,” said Loscheider. “He treats us like one of the guys. It’s very informal; plus, it’s nice to be able to just talk and have fun with the colonel.”

The Chinooks are providing a vital service during the Army’s drawdown in Iraq.

“The Chinooks have been important any time we’ve had any drawdowns, repostures, or closing of bases. We move anything and everything we can to help expedite the whole process,” said Allen. “Plus, we help take a load off the C-130s (cargo planes) and other fixed-wing assets, and oftentimes we are the sole provider of aerial assets to the bases that can’t support fixed-wing aircraft.”



## HOME OF THE BRAVE

Two CH-47 Chinooks, belonging to the Texas Army National Guard, perform a two-ship flyover during Game 4 of the Major League Baseball World Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Texas Rangers Oct. 23 in Arlington, Texas. Other Game 4 participation from the Texas Military Forces included the singing of the national anthem during the seventh-inning stretch by CW3 Darby Ledbetter.

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ERIC WILSON

## Recovery: Training focuses on teamwork

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operation was executed and combined with a FAT COW refueling operation involving CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

As the Chinook crews conducted their refuel mission, a DART was dispatched to analyze a simulated maintenance issue with one of the aircraft. This team responded using a ground convoy consisting of various recovery and transportation vehicles.

“This definitely helps us out with convoys and convoy operations,” said Sgt. Joseph Dube, a Milford, N.H., native and an Apache team chief with 1-1 ARB.

The DART training was part of the multi-functional Aviation task force training in preparation for a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

“It helps us come together and train as a task force in order to help us better prepare for contingencies around the world,” said Capt. Wilford Rose, an assistant S-3 with 1-1 and an AH-64 Apache pilot.

Task Force Nightmares is made up of aircraft and Soldiers from the 1-1, 2-1 General Support Aviation Battalion, 3-1 Assault Helicopter Battalion, and the 601st Aviation Support Battalion.





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# CHILI COOK OFF



First Sgt. Daryle Pilkinton, 110th Avn. Bde. HHC, stirs a fresh batch of chili during the 19th annual Chili 5K and Cook-off at the Festival Fields last year.

PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

## Post event offers food, fun for Families, community

By Erin Murray  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Families and community members will get to enjoy a day of fun, food and recognition Nov. 5 at the 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment's annual Chili 5k and cook-off benefitting the Army Aviation Association of America scholarship foundation, along with the Army Community Service Salute to Military Families.

The all-day event will be held at Fort Rucker Festival Fields and promises to have something for everyone, no matter their age or interests, said Capt. Smith Griggs, coordinator of the event.

"It's a good time that supports the local community. There's food, running and activities for children. Plus, the AAAA scholarship reinvests in those in the community who show the most promise. Last year we had over 2,000 people attend and gave around \$10,000. We're hoping to have that same success this year," he said.

The day kicks off with run registration and set up starting at 6 a.m. After the chili teams start cooking at 8 a.m., those looking to get some exercise can participate in the 5k at 9 a.m. or the 1-mile fun run at 10 a.m. After the runs conclude at 10:30 a.m., attendants can begin sampling the chili by purchasing tickets for \$1. Teams will be awarded for best in show, best tasting and crowd favorite at 2 p.m.

ACS, Child, Youth and School Services and Fort Rucker Directorate of Fam-

ily Morale, Welfare and Recreation will also provide aircraft displays, information booths, inflatables and other children's activities. Griggs was also excited to have local musicians performing and an emcee that doubles as a magician and mentalist.

"This is a great way to spend a Saturday and participate in the community. It's an opportunity to relax and hang out in an informal environment with colleagues and coworkers," said Griggs.

Along with the 5k and chili events, Army Community Service will acknowledge several exceptional children and Families during the Salute to Military Families at 10:45 a.m. The children will be recognized for their participation in an ACS sponsored essay and art contest. Two Families will be commended for their "contributions and support for the Fort Rucker community", said Tom Jenkins, ACS program manager.

"The chili cook-off is the biggest event on post in November, so it's a great place to kick off the Month of the Military family. Families are very important. If we take care of Families, then we're going to keep the Soldiers happy. We also want to recognize Families' sacrifice and support as well," Jenkins said.

All of the events are open to the public, and admission is free. There are still spots available in the cook-off, and the \$15 registration fee includes five T-shirts. Teams can register by calling 255-5496 by 4 p.m. Friday.

## Post celebrates Native American history, contributions

By Erin Murray  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Fort Rucker Equal Opportunity Office are partnering with members of the MaChis Lower Creek, Dakota, Cherokee and members of other local tribes to showcase Native American culture at the Native American History Month kick-off Nov. 4-5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the post exchange.

"Our culture is so influenced by Native Americans. History shows us that we were not very kind to them, but our ancestors would have never survived without their help. We are certainly in their debt," said Sgt. 1st Class David Cofer, Fort Rucker Equal Opportunity tenant activity EO adviser.

There will be several displays of regalia and historical information, along with vendors of Native American made items. Children will be able to participate in the "Candy Dance" and arts and crafts projects based on Native American culture.

One addition to this year's events will be that visitors on Nov. 4 will be able to sample authentic Native American foods, said Susie Antonello, visual merchandise manager for AAFES, who also described last year's kickoff as a "spiritually uplifting event."

One popular event from last year is the traditional dancing and drum circle, something both Cofer and Antonello anticipated for this year's events as well.

Antonello said that AAFES and EO want to encourage people to learn and appreciate Native American culture and have a little fun.

"The event provides an authentic learning experience of the Native American culture, with traditional dance, music, foods and exhibits. We will also honor the contributions of Native Americans to the U.S. military," she said.

In addition to the on-post kick-off events, Antonello noted two other Native American History Month events in the area, the Fifth Annual Honor of Armed



PHOTO BY JAY MANN

Richard Greybull and Donald Miller post the colors at the Native American Heritage Celebration last year. This year's event is Nov. 4-5 at the post exchange.

Forces Pow Wow in Daleville Nov. 11-13 and Dothan's Native American Festival at the Dothan Civic Center Nov. 19.

"It is important to celebrate

the heritage, history, art and traditions of those who shaped the history of our country. Native Americans throughout history fought for their country. They

continue to serve their country with courage and honor," said Antonello.

For more information, call (334) 806-7576.



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## Fall festival

Victoria McGuire, 7, visited the Fort Rucker Riding Stables Fall Festival with her family Saturday. They participated in fall-themed events, including pumpkin bowling.



# ON POST

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON THURSDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S EDITION.

### On post trick or treating

Fort Rucker's on-post tricking or treating will be held Monday from 6-8 p.m. For Halloween safety tips, or to report a concern, call 255-2222.

### Peanut Festival tickets

Leisure travel is selling National Peanut Festival tickets now through Monday for the Nov. 4-13 event in Dothan. Tickets cost \$6. For more, call 255-9517.

### Lo Cash Cowboys live

The Lo Cash Cowboys, from Nashville, Tenn., will perform Saturday at The Landing starting at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale now at The Landing Zone for \$15. Tickets cost \$20 at the door. There will also be a country-style buffet from 6-8:30 p.m. in Legends for \$10 per person. This event is for people 18 years old and older, and is open to the public.

For more, call 598-8025.

### Monster Ball

The Landing Zone hosts the annual Monster Ball Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event is for ages 18 and older. DJ Dave will provide the tunes and the event also features a costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for best overall costume, most original costume and best couples costume. The event is open to the public. There is a \$5 cover charge.

For more, call 598-8025.

### DFMWR ornament contest

Fort Rucker's Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts a Christmas ornament contest Tuesday through Nov. 25. Prizes will be awarded to first-place entries in the following categories: 3-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-11 years. An overall winner will also be chosen and will help light the post Christmas tree at the Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 1. Ornaments may be turned in to the youth services center, child development center, or central registration in Bldg. 5700. All entries will be displayed on the post Christmas tree. Entries should be labeled with the child's name and age, and the guardian's name and contact information.

For more, call 255-1749.

### Character Dining

The Landing Zone hosts Character Dining Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. This Tuesday, the event features face painting. Children can also enjoy free balloons and a children's buffet. Children 12 and under eat free from the Kid's Buffet with the purchase of an adult entrée (limit two per adult). The event is open to the public.

For more, call 598-8025.

### Family Resilience Training

Army Community Service hosts Family Resilience Training Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Commons on 7th Avenue, Bldg. 8950.

To register or get more information about this Family-strengthening class, call 255-3643.

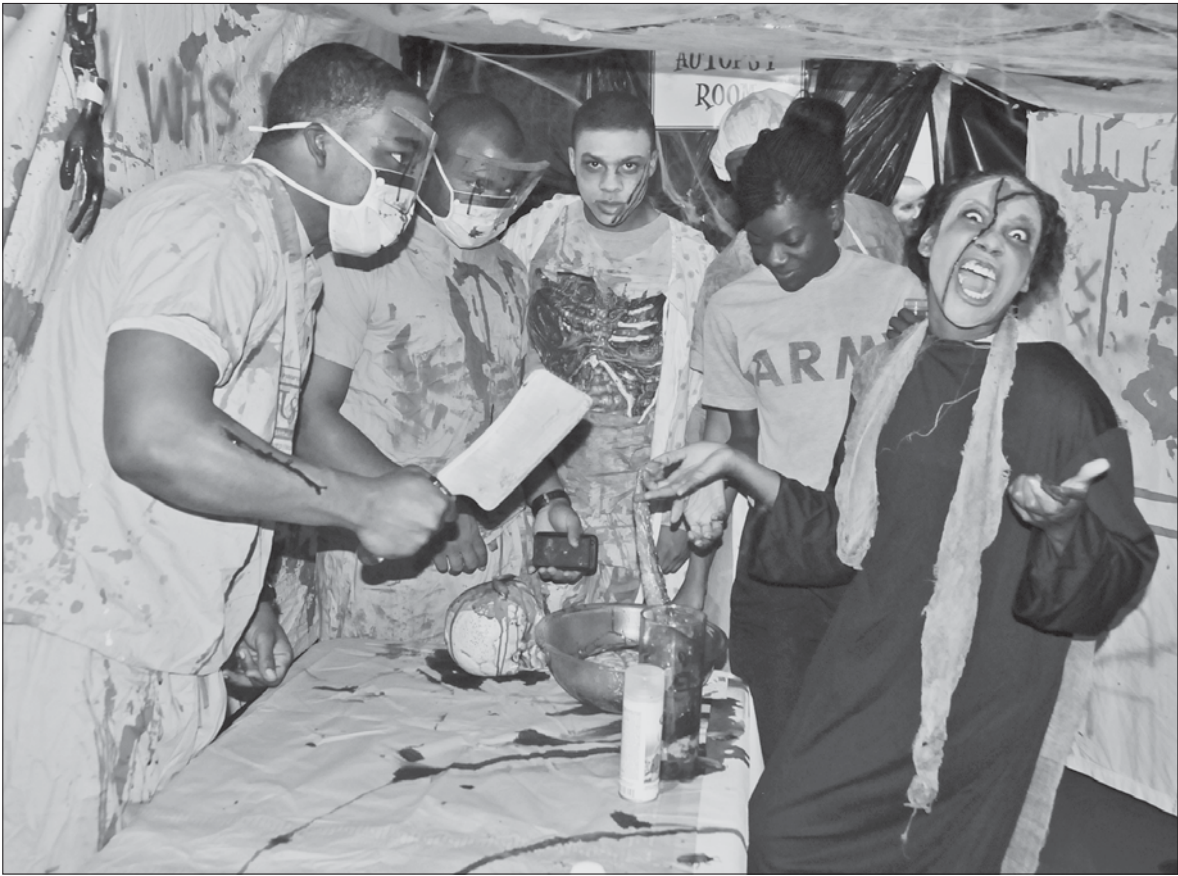


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## Fright Night

BOSS members frightened hundreds of community members Saturday during the organization's annual haunted house, with proceeds benefitting the post food locker. This week, it is the Fort Rucker Riding Stables' turn as it hosts Fright Night Thursday and Friday from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$8 per person. The event features "The Purgatory Trail," and the "Barn of Terror." Guests can also go for a hayride through the woods and hear the story of Edmond Rucker and his 16 children, who were cursed by his wife, the witch Connie Bloodheart. Guests can finish their evening at the cemetery by taking a short walk through the maze of trails and the haunted barn. The event is recommended for ages 13 and older. For more, call 598-3384.

### Parent Support Program

Army Community Service's Promotion Points is holding a new Parent Support Program Nov. 4 from 9-11 a.m. at the early childhood activity center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street. These monthly parenting education classes are designed for Soldiers and will be held the first Friday of every month.

For more information or to register, call 255-3898.

### Ladies Night

The Landing Zone hosts Ladies Night Nov. 4 with the Mutt Brothers performing live from 8 p.m. to midnight. The event features specials going on from 7-11 p.m. The Landing Zone courtesy van offers free rides home to anywhere on post. The event is open to the public.

For more, call 598-8025.

### Salute to Military Families

As part of Military Family Appreciation month in November, Army Community Service hosts a "Salute to Military Families" event in conjunction with the 5k run and Chili Cook-off Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields. The event is free and open to the public.

For more, call 255-9888 or email Tom.c.Jenkins@us.army.mil.

### Alabama vs. LSU at The LZ

The Landing Zone is ready for some football and welcomes people to come out Nov. 5 to watch the Alabama Crimson Tide take on Louisiana State University at 2:30 p.m. The LZ will be doing a shrimp bowl, which will include boiled shrimp,

roasted potatoes and corn on the cob for \$12 per person. There will also be other specials and giveaways. The event is open to the public.

For more, call 598-8025.

### Divorce/Separation Co-Parenting Workshop

The Family advocacy program holds its Divorce/Separation Co-Parenting Workshop Nov. 7 and 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the early childhood activity center. Topics include: commitment to staying child focused, effective communication and negotiation skills, reducing parental conflict, and understanding children's needs during and following divorce. The workshop is a two part series and participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty, retirees, government employees and their Family members.

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

### Stress Management Workshop

The Family advocacy program hosts a Stress Management Workshop Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the early childhood activity center. Topics include: identifying causes of stress, symptoms of stress, techniques on how to manage stress and developing a stress management plan. Registration is required. This workshop is open to active duty, retirees, government employees and their Family members.

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# Food locker provides for holidays, year round

By Erin Murray  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The holiday season is not always a joyous time for those who are struggling financially, but the Fort Rucker Food Locker and the post Holiday Food Program seek to provide meals to those in need.

The program is receiving nominations from units and organizations for Thanksgiving food recipients through Tuesday. Units and organizations can nominate Soldiers, Family members and Department of Defense civilians, and the nominations will be reviewed by garrison command, and then directed to the Holiday Food Program and Food Locker.

“The program is for the Fort Rucker workforce. We have Families on Fort Rucker who are definitely in financial need. We want them to be able to have a good holiday meal,” said Mimi Brooks, project officer for the program.

Those selected to receive assistance will receive a food basket from the Fort Rucker Food Locker and a gift certificate to the commissary or Daleville Food Giant, according to whether they are civilian or active duty, according to Brooks. Families selected for Thanksgiving baskets will also receive assistance at Christmas. Nominations received after Tuesday but before Nov. 30 will only be eligible for food donations at Christmas time.

Much of the food given by the Holiday Food Program comes directly from the Fort Rucker Food Locker, which is maintained by 1st Aviation Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. In addition to providing food during the holidays, the Food Locker is available to Soldiers and civilians in need all year long.

“If they ask for help, we’ll never turn them away,” said Sgt. 1st Class Argelio Rodriguez, 1st Aviation Brigade HHC, while stocking shelves at the Food Locker.

For both the Holiday Food Program and Food Locker, donations of food, money and time are very important, according to Brooks.

“This program is based 100 percent on donations. The more donations, the more help we can provide,” she said.

The Food Locker is also

seeking volunteers to help manage the donations, said Sgt. Laura Hodiwala, 1st Aviation Brigade HHC, who oversees Food Locker operations.

“We highly encourage units to volunteer and help with upkeep. We’ll welcome anyone. It’s very fulfilling to help out a lot of people, not just during the holiday season,” she said.

Many community organizations including the Wiregrass Sergeant Major Association, local Boy Scouts of America troops and Fort Rucker Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, have recently helped fill the shelves at the food locker with monetary and food support.

“Year round, we get a lot of support from the community. Most of the donations we receive are canned goods and nonperishable items. We have received so much, but I think that the biggest thing we need is (to be able to) purchase the turkeys,” said Hodiwala.

Any contribution helps, according to Brooks, especially in light of the increase in food prices and economic climate.

“Economic times are tough. This is an opportunity to help out our own,” she said.

For information on the Holiday Food Program and to donate money, call 255-2341. For more information on the Food Locker, or to volunteer or donate food, call 255-2901.



PHOTO BY ERIN MURRAY

Spec. Greg Dye, Sgt. Laura Hodiwala and Sgt. 1st Class Argelio Rodriguez, all of 1st Aviation Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, sort through canned goods that have been donated to the Fort Rucker Food Locker. Nonperishable items donated to the Food Locker are used in baskets given to members of the Holiday Food Program.



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Meet Pugsley, a 13-week-old male domestic short hair available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. He is calm and friendly with everyone he meets. It costs \$81 to adopt Pugsley and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, microchip and neutering. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's **Facebook** page at [http:// www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/](http://www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/) for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.



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# Army CID officials warn against romance scams

Army CID Public Affairs  
Press Release

QUANTICO, Va. — Special agents from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command are once again warning the American public, as well as citizens from other nations, to be extra vigilant and not to fall prey to Internet scams or impersonation fraud — especially scams that promise true love, but only end up breaking hearts and bank accounts.

CID continues to receive hundreds of reports of various scams involving persons pretending to be U.S. Soldiers serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, according to Army CID special agents.

The victims are most often unsuspecting women, 30 to 55 years old, who think they are romantically involved on the Internet with an American Soldier, when in fact they are being cyber-robbed by perpetrators thousands of miles away.

“We cannot stress enough that people need to stop sending money to persons they meet on the Internet and claim to be in the U.S. military,” said Chris Grey, Army CID’s spokesman. “It is heartbreaking to hear these stories over and again of people who have sent thousands of dollars to someone they have never met and sometimes have never even spoken to on the phone.”

The majority of the “romance scams” as they have been dubbed, are being perpetrated on social media dating-type websites where unsuspecting females are the main target.

The criminals are pretending to be U.S. servicemen, routinely serving in a combat zone. The perpetrators will often take the true rank and name of a U.S. Soldier who is honorably serving his country somewhere in the world, marry that up with some photographs of a Soldier off the Internet, and then build a false identity to begin prowling the Internet for victims.

“We have even seen instances where the Soldier was killed in action and the crooks have used that hero’s identity to perpetrate their twisted scam,” said CID Special Agent Russel Graves, who has been fielding the hundreds of calls and emails from victims for months.

The scams often involve carefully worded romantic requests for money from the victim to purchase special laptop computers, international telephones, military leave papers and transportation fees to be used by the fictitious “deployed Soldier” so their false relationship can continue. The scams include asking the victim to send money, often thousands of dollars at a time, to a third party address.

Once victims are hooked, the criminals continue their ruse.

“We’ve even seen instances where the perpetrators are asking the victims for money to “purchase leave papers” from the Army, help pay for medical expenses from combat wounds received, or help pay for their flight home so they can leave the war zone,” said Grey.

These scams are outright theft and are a grave misrepresentation of the U.S. Army and the tremendous amount of support programs and mechanisms that exist for Soldiers today, especially those serving overseas, said

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Exercise caution when participating in social media. Scammers are increasingly creating fake profiles on social media and dating websites, pretending to be Soldiers.

Grey.

Army CID is warning people once again to be very suspicious if they begin a relationship on the Internet with someone claiming to be an American Soldier and within a matter of weeks, the alleged Soldier is asking for money, as well as their hand in marriage.

Many of these cases have a distinct pattern to them, explained Grey.

“These are not Soldiers. They are thieves. If someone asked you out on a first date and before they picked you up they asked you for \$3,000 to fix their car to come get you, many people would find that very suspicious and certainly would not give them the money. This is the same thing, except over the Internet,” said Grey.

The perpetrators often tell the victims that their units do not have telephones or they are not allowed to make calls or they need money to “help keep the Army Internet running.” They often say they are widowers and raising a young child on their own to pull on the heartstrings of their victims.

“We’ve even seen where the crooks said that the Army won’t allow the Soldier to access their personal bank accounts or credit cards,”

said Grey.

All lies, according to CID officials.

“These perpetrators, often from other countries, most notably from West African countries, are good at what they do and quite familiar with American culture, but the claims about the Army and its regulations are ridiculous,” said Grey.

The Army reports that numerous very senior officers and enlisted Soldiers throughout the Army have had their identities stolen to be used in these scams.

To date, there have been no reports to Army CID indicating any U.S. service members have suffered any financial loss as a result of these attacks. Photographs and actual names of U.S. service members have been the only thing used. On the contrary, the victims have lost thousands.

“The criminals are preying on the emotions and patriotism of their victims,” added Grey.

The U.S. has established numerous task force organizations to deal with this and other growing issues; however, the personnel committing these scams are often using untraceable email addresses on “Gmail, Yahoo!, AOL,” etc., routing accounts

through numerous locations around the world, and using pay-per-hour Internet cyber cafes, which often times maintain no accountability of use.

The ability of law enforcement to identify these perpetrators is very limited, so CID officials said individuals must stay on the alert and be personally responsible to protect themselves.

“Another critical issue is we don’t want victims who do not report this crime walking away and thinking that a U.S. serviceman has ripped them off when in fact that serviceman is honorably serving his country and often not aware that his pictures or identity have been stolen,” said Grey.

#### What to look for

- Don’t ever send money. Be extremely suspicious if you are asked for money for transportation costs, communication fees or marriage processing and medical fees.
- If you do start an Internet-based relationship with

someone, check them out, research what they are telling you with someone who would know, such as a current or former service member.

- Be very suspicious if you never get to actually speak with the person on the phone or are told you cannot write or receive letters in the mail. Servicemen and women serving overseas will often have an APO or FPO mailing address. Internet or not, servicemembers always appreciate a letter in the mail.
- Many of the negative claims made about the military and the supposed lack of support and services provided to troops overseas are far from reality — check the facts.
- Be very suspicious if you are asked to send money or ship property to a third party or company. Often times the company exists, but has no idea or is not a part of the scam.
- Be aware of common spelling, grammatical

or language errors in the emails.

#### Where to go for help

- Report the theft to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (FBI-NW3C Partnership) at <http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>.
- Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>.
- Your report helps law enforcement officials across the United States in their investigations.
- You can report scams by phone at 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338) or TTY, 1-866-653-4261.
- You can report scams by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.
- Report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission on Nigerian Scams via email at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov).

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- Catholic Adult Fellowship meets regularly throughout the year. For more information, call 255-9894.

# U.S. Army chefs learn from Culinary Institute of America

Army CID Public Affairs  
Press Release

SAN ANTONIO — Army chefs from around the world are learning master-level secrets and techniques from instructors at the Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio campus.

The Chef Development Program was created to improve the quality of the menus at Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation food and beverage operations and improve the level of satisfaction enjoyed by their Soldier customers.

The first Army students attended the Culinary Institute of America, or CIA, in April.

“When we conceived this program in 2008, we wanted to include recognized culinary schools, such as the Culinary Institute of America, to train our Army employees,” said Harper Dickson, senior program analyst with the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Family and MWR Directorate. “When IMCOM relocated to San Antonio we were fortunate to award a contract with the CIA in San Antonio.”

The chefs come from garrison facilities such as quick service restaurants, officer, community and enlisted clubs and MWR-branded restaurants.

“I always dreamed about coming here (to the Culinary Institute of America), but it was too expensive for me,” said Ryan Nakagawa, business manager at the



PHOTO BY ROBERT DOZIER

Army Chefs learn top chef secrets and techniques during classroom and kitchen training session at the Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio campus. This one week course is specially designed for Army students selected from food and beverage operations around the world. The goal of the Chef Development Program is to increase the quality and level of service for MWR facilities, restaurants and clubs.

Strike Zone, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. “I appreciate the opportunity the Army has given me and I can’t wait to get back for the intermediate and advanced courses. It’s for our Soldiers and they deserve it.”

“We’re trying to make good cooks into chefs,” said Chef Michael Katz, CIA instructor.

Instruction starts in the classroom with overhead presentations, whiteboard diagrams and discussions. The students are eager to get into the kitchen and put

academics into practice on griddles, saucapans and chopping blocks.

“I didn’t expect it to be so hands-on,” said Ashaleen Kennedy, operations assistant at the Custer Hill Golf Course, Fort Riley, Kansas. “We’re in the kitchen five to six hours a day.”

“Today we’re being trained on breakfast, but I’m looking forward to the soups: beef barley or potato chowder,” said Michael Lewis, assistant cook at the Java Café, Presidio of

Monterey, Calif. “I like to make it fresh so the Soldiers will enjoy it better. This is my passion – cooking, and cooking is my ticket.”

“At the Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio,

we don’t cook soups, we build them,” said Katz. “We want our Army students to leave here better prepared for their jobs and to be ready as future leaders of tomorrow.”



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# State tourism website features fall color map

## Alabama Tourism Department

Press Release

MONTGOMERY — An interactive map on the Alabama Tourism Department’s website allows visitors to see the predicted fall color change for each weekend this fall.

The map, a list of recommended viewing sites and a Circle of Color driving route are all available on the state tourism website at [www.alabama.travel](http://www.alabama.travel).

Large concentrations of hardwoods make Alabama State Parks some of the best places to enjoy the fall color change.

- Joe Wheeler has an excellent viewing spot next to the dam and near the cabin area on the Lawrence County side.
- Autumn scenery can be found at DeSoto State Park at Little River Canyon and DeSoto Falls.
- Monte Sano has views of the Tennessee Valley along the Warpath Ridge Trail and its overlook.
- Cheaha’s Bald Rock and Pulpit Rock trails both have excellent views. Cheaha is the highest point in the state at 2,407 feet above sea level.

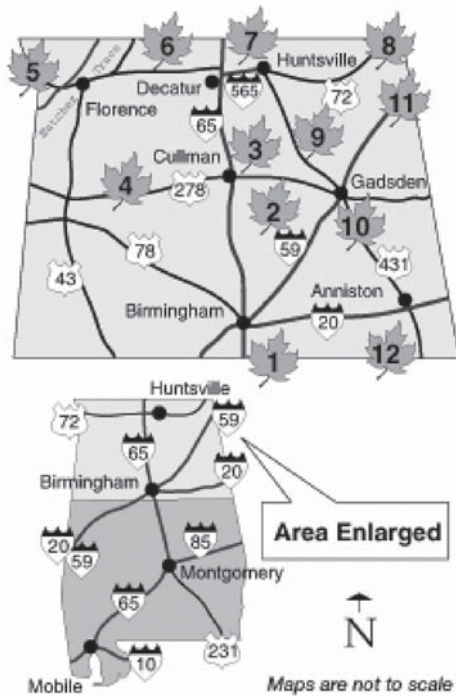
### A circle of colors

Follow every curve of the highway to scenic adventures in Alabama.

Begin at Oak Mountain State Park (1) on Ala. 119 near Birmingham. Take I-65N to I-459N, then join I-59N. Exit at Ashville onto US 231N; see unusual rock formations at nearby Horse Pens 40. Travel to Oneonta and covered bridge country (2), then take US 278W to Cullman and Ave Maria Grotto (3). Continue to Double Springs, Bankhead National Forest (4) and Natural Bridge of Alabama.

At Hamilton, take US 43N. See Dismals Canyon, Phil Campbell, and Rock Bridge Canyon, Hodges. At Tusculumbia, take US 72W to the Natchez Trace Parkway (5). Explore the Trace, then return to US 72 and cross the Tennessee River into Florence. Continue to Joe Wheeler State Park (6).

Follow US 72E to Huntsville; take US 431S to Monte Sano State Park (7). Return to US 72E for Scottsboro and nearby Russell Cave (8), then take AL 35S to Rains-



ville. Take AL 75S to Geraldine, then AL 227N toward Lake Guntersville State Park (9). In Guntersville, take US 431S to Gadsden and Nockalula Falls (10). Get on I-59N to Hammondville; exit at AL 117S for quaint Mentone, with log cabins and antiques.

Take Lookout Mountain Parkway (CO 89 & AL 176) to DeSoto State Park (11). Detour at AL 35S to the AL 176 section that weaves along the rim of Little River Canyon (11). Stay on AL 176W, then take AL 68E to Leesburg and Cherokee Rock Village, then US 411N to Centre. Get on AL 9S to Lineville. Take AL 49N, then AL 281S to Cheaha State Park (12). Follow AL 281N to US 78W, picking up I-20W in Oxford. Get on I-459S, then I-65S. Return by AL 119N to Oak Mountain State Park.

### The science of fall

Several different factors go into producing Alabama’s wonderful fall colors. During the summer, leaves are given their green color by the chemical chlorophyll that the tree sends its leaves in order to conduct photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is the process by which trees take in sunlight and convert it into chemical energy while releasing oxygen.

The shorter days and cooler temperatures of fall reduce the amount of chlorophyll the tree sends to its leaves. Since the chlorophyll is less and less in the leaves, the leaves begin turning from green to hues of yellow and orange color.

The vibrancy and variation of leaf color is determined by how much sugar is “trapped” in the leaf. The tree produces sugar during the warm afternoon, but it becomes trapped in the leaf when the night turns cool. The more sugar a leaf has trapped in it, the brighter its color will be and the more variations you will see of reds, bright oranges, and purples. The best colors result when there are sunny fall days, cool nights, and enough rainfall to keep the leaves from falling too soon.

### Other fall events

With cooler days and lower humidity, autumn is a wonderful time to enjoy Alabama’s many fall festivals and events. Lee Sentell, director of the Alabama Tourism Department, recommends several events designed around being outdoors and enjoying the beautiful fall weather.

Outdoor events scheduled for this fall include:

- Original German Sausage Festival in Elberta Saturday.
- Alabama Frontier Days in Wetumpka Wednesday through Nov. 6.
- Pike Road Arts and Crafts Festival in Pike Road Nov. 5
- Cayne Syrup Makin’ Day in Beatrice Nov. 5
- Native American Heritage Weekend in Fort Payne Nov. 18-21
- Galaxy of Lights in Huntsville Nov. 24 to Dec. 31
- Christmas on the River in Demopolis Dec. 1-4

A complete list of fall events is available at [www.alabama.travel](http://www.alabama.travel).

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Patrons may select to take a test and receive immediate scoring. Test results are stored in personalized individual accounts, accessible only to patrons. Call 222-6612 for more information.

## DALEVILLE

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

## DOTHAN

**FRIDAY** — The Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts a free Night at the Museum from 6-8:30 p.m. This is a free outdoor harvest costume party with food, movies, demonstrations and art activities for kids.

For more information, visit <http://wiregrassmuseum.com>

## ENTERPRISE

**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 7 p.m.

For more information, call Bob Cooper at 347-7076 or visit the VFW Post 6683 on Facebook.

**ONGOING** — The City of Enterprise is partnering with the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 9 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6683 to honor Korean War veterans at this year’s Veterans Day parade and ceremony.

If you are a Korean War veteran or know someone who is, please contact Tara Leigh Emmett, special projects coordinator 348-2603 or email [tarael@cityofenterprise.net](mailto:tarael@cityofenterprise.net) no later than Tuesday.

## 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.

**FRIDAY** — The Wiregrass Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 99 meets at 6 p.m. inside city hall. A meal and refreshments is served.

For more information, call 347-9574 or 389-7050. DAV will also establish an auxiliary consisting of male and female spouses of Chapter No. 99 members. For more information, call Ruth Wonders at 684-3328.

## OZARK

**SATURDAY** — The Coalition for a Drug Free Dale County hosts its third annual Red Ribbon community block party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ozark square parking lot across from the city of Ozark municipal building. The party’s purpose is to unite all members of the community in order to send a unified message to our youth to live drug free lives.

**ONGOING** — Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities is sponsoring an art show featuring works by Beverly West Leach at the Ann Rudd Art Center, 144 East Broad Street in downtown Ozark from Nov. 19 to Jan. 7. DCCA will sponsor

an opening reception for the show, titled “Shaping My Thoughts,” on Nov. 19 starting at 6 p.m. featuring singing duo Holly and Brantely at 7 p.m., and dancing from 8 to 10 p.m. with music by DJ ED. A \$5 donation to DCCA will be accepted at the door.

## PINCKARD

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

For more information, call 983-3064.

## SAMSON

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

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

## TROY

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

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

## Beyond Briefs

### Corndodgers Farm

The Corndodgers Farm in Headland will be open through Sunday. Attractions available at the farm include a corn maze, hayrides, a cow train and jumping pillow. Admission to the farm is \$9 for adults and children. Senior citizens receive a \$1 discount and children under two are admitted free. Hour are Fridays 5-10 p.m., Saturdays noon to 10 p.m., and Sundays 1-6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.corndodgersfarm.com](http://www.corndodgersfarm.com).

### Eclectic Trade Days Second Saturday

Local vendors 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. Throughout the day, activities such as music, contests, educational displays and Family activities will accompany the trading. For more information, call 541-2148.

### Elberta Festival

Elberta Town Park hosts the bi-annual German Sausage Festival Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. This fundraiser benefits the Elberta Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department sells nearly 7,000 pounds of sausage and boasts

nearly 30,000 visitors each festival. For more information, call (251) 974-1510 or visit <http://sausagefest.elbertafire.com>.

### Birmingham Christmas Village

The Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex will host more than 700 vendors of arts, crafts and gifts at the annual Christmas Village Wednesday to Nov. 6. Along with shopping, there will be food court, children’s activities and a visit from Santa Clause. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 6. For more information, visit <http://www.christmasvillagefestival.com>.

### Magnolia Springs Market Days

St. Paul’s Church hosts the seventh annual Market Days Nov. 4-5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The two days include an all-day bake sale, indoor and outdoor and live music. Admission is free, but all additional proceeds benefit church programs. For more information, call (251) 626-2214 or visit [www.stpaulsms.org](http://www.stpaulsms.org).

### Pike Road Arts and Crafts Fair

Hundreds of local arts and crafts vendors will showcase and sell their art at the Pike Road Arts and Crafts Fair Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m at the Marks House in Pike Road. Food vendors and children’s activities will also be offered, including face painting, a tour of the Pike Road Fire Depart-

ment’s fire safety house and make and take crafts. For more information, visit <http://www.pikeroadartsandcraftsfair.com>.

### Green and Gray Saturday

The National Park Service hosts a free green living program on the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at Little River Canyon National Preserve in Fort Payne. Dates through the rest of the year are Nov. 11 and Dec. 10. For more information, call (256) 845-9605 or visit [www.nps.gov/liri](http://www.nps.gov/liri).

### Peanut Butter Festival

The city of Brundidge hosts the annual Peanut Butter Festival Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. This harvest and heritage celebration honors the town’s proud heritage in the peanut butter industry. The festival is and features a 5K Peanut Butter Run, entertainment, contests, games, exhibits, a recipe contest, Peanut Butter Kids Contest and the Nutter Butter Parade. For more information, call 670-6302 or visit [www.piddle.org](http://www.piddle.org).

### A Day in the Park Benefit

Friends of local man Steven Benton, who is waiting for a liver transplant, will host a benefit concert and day of activities Nov. 19 at John Hutto park in Newton starting at 11 a.m. For more information, call 362-0432 or 714-7849.



# Comic tells Pentagon troops to ‘Git ‘er Done’

By Lisa Daniel  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In his signature baseball cap and wearing a shirt with the sleeves cut off, the comedian known as Larry the Cable Guy gave a shout-out to the troops Friday while on location at the Pentagon to shoot an upcoming segment of his History Channel show, “Only in America.”

“This is Larry the Cable Guy, and you’re gittin’ ‘er done watchin’ the Pentagon Channel,” the Nebraska pig farmer-turned-standup-comedian said. “And if you’re not, you’re a dag-gum communist!”

Larry, whose real name is Daniel Lawrence Whitney, brought his brand of rural, blue-collar humor to official Washington. Combing the Pentagon hallways in his “We Proudly Support the 2nd Amendment” sweatshirt and camouflage cap, he intertwined serious respect for the military and its members with the zany antics of his brand.

“I love ya!” he told servicemembers in the Pentagon Channel taping. “Stay safe out there. We’re behind ya 110 percent, and always do this: Git ‘er done!”

And, he added, “Come see me when I got a show and, by golly, I’ll buy ya a beer.”

For military kids, Larry became Mater, his animated tow truck character from Disney-Pixar’s “Cars” movie.

“Whew-hoo! Boy, I’m happier than a tornader in a trailer park!” he shouted. “One of these days, we’re goin’ back down there with McQueen to Radiator Springs, and we’re gonna go backward drivin’, then



PHOTO BY ERIN A. KIRK-CUOMO

Bryan G. Whitman, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, presents an official Pentagon photo to comedian Daniel Lawrence Whitney – known as Larry the Cable Guy – during Whitney’s visit to the Pentagon to film a segment of his History Channel show, “Only in America,” Friday.

we’re gonna do some tractor tippin.’”

The History Channel shoot was important to show viewers the inside workings of U.S. military headquarters, the comedian said.

“It shows you how your tax dollars are being spent, and it makes you real proud,” he added. “A lot of people don’t know what they do here, and 24,000 people work here, and they’re all regular Americans just like you and me.”

That perspective is what he’s trying to provide in bringing his show to the Pentagon, he said.

“I consider myself about as regular as anybody else,” he explained. “So, to actually get in and be able to ask questions – and some of them are stupid questions — but they’re questions that I want to know, and hopefully other people will want to know.”

The servicemembers who work in the Pentagon are no different from other Americans, he noted.

“You know, when they’re not in there with their uniforms on, they’re just like you and me,” he said. “They’re just regular folks making a living and trying to live the American

dream. It’s cool seeing them in there at their best. It makes you proud as an American to know we have the greatest military in the world. And to get in there and see behind it and see the guts of it, and watch ‘em work, makes you even prouder.”

Never out of character for long, the comedian gave his uncensored impressions of the Pentagon’s most critical areas, including the National Military Command Center.

“I have learned that you don’t pick stuff up in the war room and press buttons without the main man telling you to do it,”

he said, “because when I hit some button and the windows fogged up, they made some announcement and I got shuffled out. I don’t know what happened, but I think I might have declared war on Canada.”

In the Pentagon press briefing room, Larry stepped up to the podium with cameras rolling.

“And this is why we went into Canada,” he said. “They don’t clean up after themselves.”

“That’s probably not useful,” a Pentagon official commented.

The comedian said he was impressed with the dedication displayed by the Pentagon’s military and civilian workforce.

“I could see how focused they are,” he said.

The “Only in America” segment was taped as part of the show’s second season, which will begin in January, a History Channel crew member said.

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Above: CW2 Nicholas Missler, B Company, 1st Bn., 223rd Avn. Regt., CW2 Anddrea Postma, C Company, 1st Bn., 168th Avn. Regt., and 1st Lt. Muriel Mendoza, HHC 3rd Bn., 140th Avn. Bde., cross the finish line during the Spooky 5K last year.

Left: First Lt. Matthew Cox, B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regit., pushes his daughter, Alaura, across the finish line during the fun run portion of the Spooky 5K last year. Cox dressed as the Headless Horseman from The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, but didn't participate in the costume contest.

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# Motorcycle training changes aim to make safer riders

By Art Powell  
Strategic Communication Directorate  
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

New training requirements for Army motorcyclists went into effect in fiscal year 2012, and failure to comply could lead to the loss of on-post riding privileges.

The Progressive Training Model is now mandatory for all Soldiers who ride motorcycles on or off post. The new requirements include completion of the Military Sport Bike Rider Course or Experienced Rider Course within 12 months of graduation from the Basic Rider Course, followed by sustainment training every three years and refresher training after every 180 days or greater deployed.

“Getting into training like this gives me the opportunity to learn more about safe riding, and how to get out of various situations I might find on the road,” said Maj. Henry Washington, accident investigator, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. “We need to complete motorcycle training to get our state drivers license, as well as complete the military training requirements.

“Working at the Safety Center, we see too many reports of deadly motorcycle accidents, and it’s the job of all leaders to make sure our Soldiers get this motorcycle training and understand how important it is,” he added.

Army safety officials urged leaders to ensure Soldiers are aware of updated requirements in Army Regulation 385-10 and enforce the new standard with their riders.

In addition to the progressive motorcycle



PHOTO BY ART POWELL

Motorcyclists perform required safety training on a training track at Fort Rucker Oct. 6. Recent changes to Army Regulation 385-10 affect all Army motorcyclists and failure to comply could lead to the loss of on-post riding privileges.

training, the Army also has instituted a new Remedial Driver Training program that takes the best in the civilian community and utilizes it to try and change Soldier behavior before it results in an accident or worse.

“I began riding when I was young, then stopped riding for about 20 years,” said Bruce Dinoff, lead instructor, Cape Fox Government Services, which provides the Army traffic safety training program. “When I started riding again, I learned I needed training.”

Dinoff, a certified instructor, provides various motorcycle training courses to Soldiers at Fort Rucker.

“I want these riders to get comfortable

out riding sport bikes, now I’m on an Ultra-Classic Harley, so, every time I switch bikes, and don’t ride that much, my skill level drops.”

Collins felt when he completed the on-the-course training, following a safety check of his bike, and a briefing on what he and other riders would accomplish on the course, he would feel ‘a lot more comfortable.’

For one member of the Driving Task Force at the USACR/Safety Center, “getting rusty” can happen to both a bike and the rider.

“Being more confident comes with re-exercising what we know, but we have let it get rusty. Riders must understand to ensure that regardless of being a rider or rider coach, we all develop bad habits over time,” said Earnest Eakins, off-duty safety manager, Driving Task Force. “The goal of progressive training is to keep that in mind. None of us like a test, but progressive training will force us to take another course, including a test to keep riding.”

Progressive Motorcycle Training is similar to the Army physical training test, he added.

“If we keep our skills fresh rather than fire once and forget, the butterflies will be fewer, we will think about our training more often, and as a result, be safer.”

Thousands of Soldiers receive motorcycle training annually and approximately 400 students attend Fort Rucker motorcycle training each year.

For additional information on the Fort Rucker motorcycle training program, visit <http://www.rucker.army.mil/newcomers/motorcycles.html> or call 255-0779.

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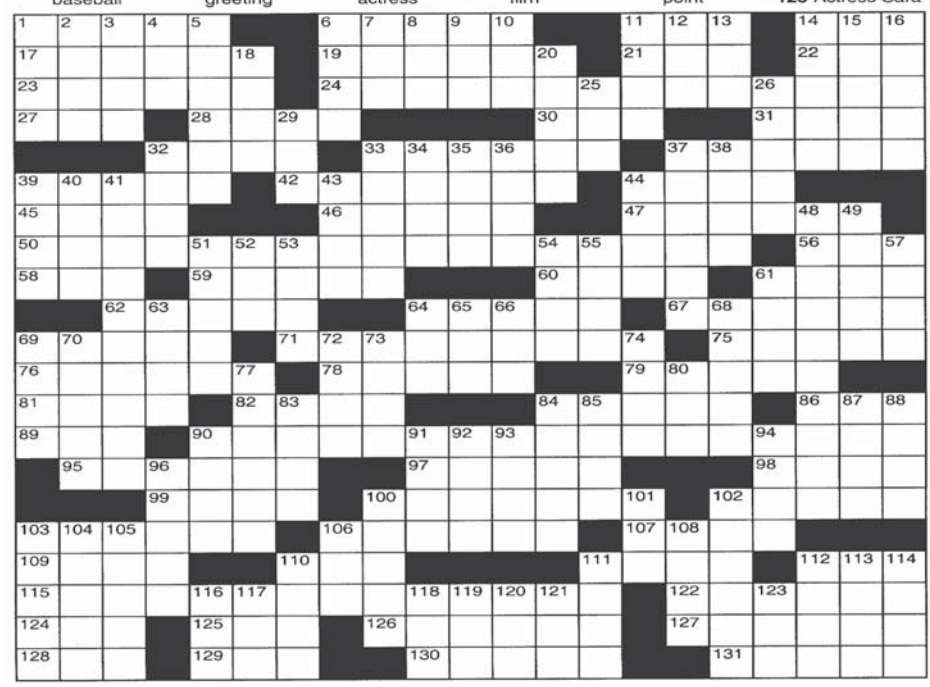


# DOWN TIME



## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Instinct" ('92 film)
  - 6 Biblical region
  - 11 Dryden's "for Love"
  - 14 — Zedong
  - 17 Hercule's creator
  - 19 Schedule
  - 21 "Dizzy" singer
  - 22 Oklahoma city
  - 23 Wood-working tool
  - 24 Riddle: Part 1
  - 27 Auxiliary verb
  - 28 Skates
  - 30 Ornamental vine
  - 31 See 35 Down
  - 32 French cheese region
  - 33 Sports-shoe features
  - 37 Is it?
  - 39 Lamb product
  - 42 High-flying Wally
  - 44 Utah city
  - 45 Help with the dishes
  - 46 Skater Sonja
  - 47 Exile
  - 50 Riddle: Part 2
  - 51 Perfect
  - 58 Bando of baseball
  - 59 Brooks or Schreiber
  - 60 Foil kin
  - 61 Brindisi
  - 62 Stickpin locale
  - 64 Claude of "The Invisible Man"
  - 67 Gaunt
  - 69 Nautical rope
  - 71 Trick-or-treater, perhaps
  - 75 Bank statistics
  - 76 On the QE II
  - 78 Pass into law
  - 79 Seize
  - 81 It may be common
  - 82 Competent
  - 84 Famed fabulist
  - 86 "Sea Hunt" shocker
  - 89 Actress Dvorak
  - 90 Answer to riddle: Part 1
  - 95 Fit to feast on
  - 97 Panatella kin
  - 98 Itches
  - 99 Trusting sort
  - 100 Dismal
  - 102 Herring
  - 103 Dee or Bullock
  - 106 Islamic greeting
  - 107 Little lake
  - 109 Wells creatures
  - 110 Vixen's offspring
  - 111 Emilia's husband
  - 112 Shopping ctr.
  - 115 Answer to riddle: Part 2
  - 122 Parmesan alternative
  - 124 Spare tire
  - 125 Inflatable item?
  - 126 Herman or Reese
  - 127 Afterword
  - 128 Summer abroad
  - 129 Morning moisture
  - 130 Dwelling
  - 131 Black Sea city
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Big name in Baroque
  - 2 Eastern leader
  - 3 "You — it!"
  - 4 "My Party" ('63 hit)
  - 5 Word with bomb or tomato
  - 6 Biting film?
  - 7 "Gross!"
  - 8 Partridge Family actress
  - 9 Remnant
  - 10 Bustle
  - 11 Bunch of battalions
  - 12 Christie or Costello
  - 13 Moon crawler
  - 14 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
  - 15 Simpson of fashion
  - 16 Desert refugees
  - 18 Jai —
  - 20 Singer O'Day
  - 25 Family-room features
  - 26 Orange Bowl site
  - 29 "By all means!"
  - 32 Boxer Max
  - 33 First name in comedy
  - 34 Director
  - 35 With 31 Across, Monty Python member
  - 36 Bailiwick
  - 37 Sticks one's neck out
  - 38 Layers
  - 39 Lambs' dams
  - 40 Hindu deity
  - 41 '45 Hitchcock film
  - 43 "Bang Bang" singer
  - 44 Hautboy
  - 48 Head Apostle
  - 49 Mezzo
  - 51 Marilyn
  - 52 Come to a point
  - 53 Broad st.
  - 54 Iodine source
  - 54 "Circus Boy" prop
  - 55 "dixit"
  - 57 Harpsichord features
  - 61 Leg-puller
  - 63 Rachins or Thicke
  - 64 Genetic info
  - 65 Canine grp.
  - 66 Adherent: suffix
  - 68 Legendary drummer
  - 69 Town in Galilee
  - 70 "... her poor dog —"
  - 72 Depend (on)
  - 73 Once again
  - 74 Autumn color
  - 77 Showy flower
  - 80 Boar's beloved
  - 83 Fast-food favorite
  - 84 Pertinent
  - 85 Seth's son
  - 87 Sicily's highest point
  - 88 Like some sheep
  - 90 It'll give you a lift
  - 91 Word form for "eye"
  - 92 Forearm bone
  - 93 Tra —
  - 94 TV's "Blue"
  - 96 Where to eat biryani
  - 100 Took in the late show
  - 101 Bath, e.g.
  - 102 "Peanuts" pooch
  - 103 It suits many
  - 104 Indigenous Alaskan
  - 105 Nick of "The Prince of Tides"
  - 106 Silly Caesar
  - 108 Grimm creature
  - 110 Feel certain
  - 111 "fixe"
  - 112 Shopper's paradise
  - 113 Clove hitch, for one
  - 114 Forum wear
  - 116 Made one's mark
  - 117 Season firewood
  - 118 Teachers' org.
  - 119 — page
  - 120 — Jimma
  - 121 Beatty or Brooks
  - 123 Actress Sara



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

- ALL WRAPPED UP**
- TRIVIA**
1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only food that koalas will eat?
  2. CARTOONS: What was the name of Fred and Wilma Flintstone's daughter?
  3. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens"?
  4. U.S. STATES: What is the motto of West Virginia?
  5. MOVIES: Who wrote the screenplay for "Mean Girls" and co-starred in the movie?
  6. GAMES: How many dots are on a pair of dice?
  7. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Channel Islands located?
  8. HISTORY: What was the name of the motel where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot?
  9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did Staten Island residents vote to secede from New York City?
  10. MEASUREMENTS: How many teaspoons are in a tablespoon?

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

### Riddle Card

1. What's the best way to turn people's heads?  
2. Why is a mousetrap like the measles?  
3. What's the cheapest feature of the face?  
4. Why are cowardly soldiers like butter?  
5. What animal keeps the best time?

Answers: 1. Go to church late. 2. Because it is catching. 3. Nostrils; they are two for a scent. 4. Because, when exposed to heat, they run. 5. A watchdog.

### WHAT EUROPEAN CITY is hidden in the following sentence?

AT HARVEST TIME THERE WAS SO MUCH CORN WE HAD TO WEIGH THE BUSHES IN KILOTON BATCHES!

Answer: Helsinki (Helsinki).

### THE "HELLO" AND "GOODBYE" PUZZLE!

Can you find the four five-letter words to complete the word square on the right by using the definitions below? All words used must read the same across and down.

1. Covers a "tidy" area.
2. Member of violin family.
3. To shove aside.
4. A greeting or farewell (given).
5. An emphatic denial.

Answers: 1. Ocean. 2. Cello. 3. Elbow. 4. Aloha (Hawaiian). 5. No way.

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

GET OUT YOUR PUZZLER'S PASSPORT!

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See if you can tour 22 countries in less than five minutes. Hidden in the diagram above are the names of various countries around the world. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally, going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the countries you're looking for.

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### Wishing Well

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy's hat is gone. 2. Knapsack is different. 3. Tree has leaves. 4. Man's hat is different. 5. Tree is black. 6. Balloon is gone.



# GRIDIRON CORNER

## Ready, set, bring in the backup, hut, hut!

By **Jim Hughes**  
*Command Information Officer*

How appropriate that in a week that saw six NFL teams throw replacement quarterbacks at problems that most assuredly run way deeper than that lone position, the *Army Flier* throws me back into the mix to replace a departed Russell Sellers in doing the NFL column.

And with Russell's departure coming as quite a shock to the newspaper system, I'm about as prepared to do this column as the Indianapolis Colts were to lose Peyton Manning for the season – check out the highlights of the Saints' 62-7 one-sided track meet against the once-mighty Colts to see just how prepared I am.

Yes, my NFL preparation this year consisted mainly of alternately cheering, screaming, sobbing and occasionally balling up in the fetal position trembling on the floor at the play of my beloved Dallas Cowboys. Hey, at least they beat the Rams this past week.

I must admit it is a tad troubling that NFL replacement quarterbacks are 1-18 this year. And one of them had to win this past week during the Tim Tebow Bowl that featured the much-chanted-for Broncos starter against the Miami Dolphins and once-backup, now-starter Matt Moore.

While I've never met Tebow, and thus am not a better person for it, let's see if I can at least emulate him and pull one out at the last minute – Tebow and Company scored 15 points in the last 2:44 of regulation and eventually won in overtime against the, um, not-so-mighty Fins.

Week 7 in the NFL had its share of excitement, but even more than a fair share of ho-hums and huh-whats.

Since it's exciting and all, let's discuss the excitement side. Cam Newton continues to amaze as QB for Carolina, and this week he got a win for his efforts with a 33-20 victory over the Redskins – not the usual outcome for the 2-5 Panthers.

While Newton is known for his running ability, and he did do plenty of that, even more encouraging for Carolina fans was his accuracy in the passing game. Newton lit up Washington for 256 yards and a touchdown. Even more impressive, he was 18 of 23 with 11.1 yards per attempt and no turnovers. Just about any quarterback will gladly take those numbers.

One of those replacements, Vikings rookie QB Christian Ponder, is probably one of them. While starting the game with a 71-yard pass and helping his team to a 17-16 halftime lead over the defending champs, Ponder and the fans in purple thought they might have a shot at beating their hated rivals.



But then that whole third quarter thing happened. Ponder got picked off two times by Charles Woodson, who probably should've had another couple of picks, and then Aaron Rodgers went all Aaron Rodgers and the Pack took one in Minnesota 33-27.

Vikings fans must be encouraged by Ponder's play – it's a tough task to get your first NFL start against the defending champs. He looked poised throughout and kept his team in the game with a big assist from running back Adrian Peterson. If he keeps it up, the Vikings might find themselves out of the Andrew Luck sweepstakes – look for an epic battle between Miami and Indianapolis for the draft rights to the Stanford QB.

For a while, it sure seemed like replacement QBs were on order for both the Falcons and Lions in Detroit, but not due to bad play. The Falcons won a close one, trading two for two with the Lions – the Falcons have now won two straight for the first time this year while the Lions have now dropped two in a row.

Lions QB Matthew Stafford hurt his foot, but finished the game and is expected to play this coming week. Matt Ryan of the Falcons got hit by his own lineman and his leg twisted in gruesome fashion. He missed two plays. Having rubber legs is a strength in the NFL.

About the only other game that wasn't painful to watch

was Da' Bears beating divisional rival Tampa Bay, 24-18. Matt Forte broke loose for 145 yards rushing to make up for two Jay Cutler interceptions. But the big news is Cutler was only sacked two times – an amazing feat for the Chicago offense.

The Jaguars-Ravens Monday night matchup was quite possibly one of the ugliest games ever played, and must have done wonders for the World Series ratings – it was even too horrible to bother switching over to during commercial breaks, or even those tiny pauses in the action during baseball games.

Week 8 certainly has its share of ho-hum games and "well, someone has to win this" matchups, but there are several intriguing games to watch.

First, of course, is the Patriots taking a trip to Pittsburgh. I can see this being a Patriots blowout if the Steel Curtain has as many holes as it's looked like it has at times this year. I suspect it will be more of a close Patriots win, but then, Ben Roethlisberger and Co. have a habit of coming up big when they need to. And they do need to. I'll still take the Patriots.

The Cowboys take a little trip up to the City of Brotherly Love where they have the chance to really stick the fork in the Eagles and officially declare them done. That said, they will probably lose by 35 since they perform much better when there is nothing on the line of late.

I'll still take the Cowboys and just plead insanity if they lose. I have faith DeMarco Murray is going to be the finisher at running back the Boys have needed for a while now. But then, that kind of faith hasn't really paid off in recent years.

Another good matchup, despite the records, is the Vikings heading to Carolina. Both teams have rookie QBs now, and it will be interesting to see who comes out on top. Initially, it looks like the Vikings have the edge, but they have been notorious for underperforming this year – except for Peterson.

But I think Newton and the Panthers got a nice, long taste of winning last week, and I think Newton will make it two in a row for the Panthers with the home crowd behind him. The Vikings love to hand the ball off to Peterson, then try to do something else and self destruct, and I think that trend keeps going this week despite Ponder looking OK last week.

Well, I made it through the article and overall I feel it went OK out there. I fumbled and finished well past deadline, but I think there were positives to my performance. I want to thank the coach and the organization for giving me the opportunity to show what I can do out there. I look forward to next week,

## Boom 'r Bust: overdue upsets finally arrive

By **David C. Agan Jr.**  
*Fort Rucker Public Affairs*

There were plenty of obstacles in Oklahoma's path to the national championship game, but no one would've guessed the road would end at home in Norman, Okla., at the hands of the unranked Texas Tech Red Raiders, 41-38.

Based on what I said last week about the degree of challenge left on the Sooners' schedule, it looks like I wasn't the only one over-looking Texas Tech.

A four touchdown underdog, the Red Raiders came into this game fresh off of a two game losing skid. No. 3-ranked Oklahoma hadn't lost at home since their 2005 season opener. The Sooner defense, which was the real question mark for this team, had been proving their detractors wrong over the past few weeks but came up short last Saturday, only managing to get to Texas Tech quarterback Seth Doege once the entire night.

Oklahoma's offense looked sluggish early and

played catch-up all night. While Tech was busy scoring 17 points in the second quarter, the Sooners couldn't manage a first down. By the end of the game, Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones had racked up stats comparable to just about every other game he's played this year but couldn't manage to overcome the 31-7 deficit the Sooners faced at halftime.

Short of a miracle, Oklahoma's chances of playing for the national championship are over.

The shocker in Norman wasn't the only upset over the weekend. A few hours earlier, Michigan State quarterback Kurt Cousins heaved a last second Hail Mary that was deflected by a Wisconsin defender into the hands of Spartans wide receiver Keith Nichol. Nichol pushed forward against the Badger defense towards the end zone but, with time expiring, it didn't look like he'd made it across the goal line. After a review, though, the officials ruled it a touchdown. No. 16 Michigan

State had just upset the No. 6-ranked Wisconsin Badgers, 37-31, and the celebration in Spartan Stadium began.

With that, the No. 16-ranked Michigan State defeated a second unbeaten team in as many weeks and they are now poised to crack the Top 10 of the Bowl Championship Series rankings. That is, of course, if they can beat the No. 14-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers on the road this weekend in Lincoln, Neb.

The race for the BCS is about to get interesting.

The LSU Tigers and Ala-

bama Crimson Tide, ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively, both handled their opposition with seemingly little effort. Even with three starters suspended for violating the team's drug policy, LSU managed to dispatch the No. 20-ranked Auburn Tigers 45-10, the most lopsided victory in the history of the series. LSU has beaten each of their eight opponents this season by double digits, five of which were ranked teams. They're off to their best start

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**B****R****I****E****F****S****WOUNDED WARRIOR HUNT**

The 2011 Fort Rucker Fall Wounded Warrior Hunt is scheduled daily Saturday from 3 a.m. to 6 p.m. The registration cost is \$25 per hunter. Registration begins daily during the week long hunt at 3 a.m. at Bldg. 24209 (the screened in pavilion) at West Beach, Lake Tholocco. Participants must have an Alabama State Hunting License and a Hunter Safety Education Course Completion Card. The event will not require the Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and will be open to the public.

For more, call 255-4305.

**MONSTER BOWL**

Rucker Lanes hosts Monster Bowl Friday from 7:30 p.m. to midnight for people to come out and bowl in their Halloween costumes. There are two sessions, with the first taking place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and the second from 10 p.m. to midnight. The event features "all-you-can-bowl" for \$10 per person with a minimum of four

bowlers for two hours of bowling -- shoe rental included in the price.

The costume contest takes place during intermission from 9:30-10 p.m., with a bowling ball being awarded to the best adult costume and best child's costume.

For more information or to register for the event, call 255-9503.

**GLOW BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Silver Wings "Glow Ball" night golf event is Nov. 4 beginning at 2 p.m. for the 18-hole option, or 5:30 p.m. for the 9-hole option, at the Silver Wings Golf Course. Participants can sign up individually or by foursome.

The course is limited to 72 players. Entry fee is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Entry fee includes cart and green fees, glow balls, range balls, tournament meal and prizes. Deadline to enter is Nov. 3 by 5 p.m.

For more information, call 598-2449.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

Youth basketball registration for boys and girls ages 6 to 18 takes place now through Monday at the Youth Service Gymnasium. Children must have met the age requirements by Sept. 1. Players must also present a current sports physical, and a valid child, youth and schools services registration to participate.

The cost is \$25. There will be a parent meeting for Families new to Fort Rucker Youth Sports Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Service Gymnasium.

The teams will be broken down into the following age groups: Training League (6-8 years old), Pee Wee League (9-10 years old), Minor League (11-12 years old), Juniors League (13-14 years old), and Senior League (15-18 years old). In-house basketball season begins Dec. 12-15. Regular basketball season begins Jan. 9.

For more, call 255-9105 or 255-9638.

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

**Super Crossword**

Answers

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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**Answers**

- Eucalyptus leaves
- Pebbles
- Woody Allen
- Mountaineers are always free (Montani semper liberi)
- Tina Fey
- 6, 42
- Between England and France
- The Lorraine Motel
- 1993
- Three

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## College: Alabama, LSU prepare for ‘Game of the Century’

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in school history and they aren't showing any signs of slowing down in their race to the national championship game.

The No. 2-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide might have something to say about that, though. Alabama faced the unranked Tennessee Volunteers, as they do on every third weekend in October. The Tide played uninspired football in the first-half, going into halftime tied 6-6. But they rolled over the Vols in the second-half, scoring 31 unanswered points to close out the game, 37-6.

And, so, the buildup to what most are calling the "Game of the Year" is about to reach a fever pitch. Some have gone so far as to call it the "Game of the Century," but we'll have to wait until Nov. 5 to see if the contest between LSU and Alabama can live up to the hype. For this week, though, both of these Southeastern Conference titans will enjoy an off-week to prepare for the showdown in Tuscaloosa.

While most of the country is looking ahead to next week's "Game of the Millennium," let's take a look at a few games that are definitely worth watching this weekend.

It's the last weekend in October, which means it's time once again for the Florida vs. Georgia Football Classic, a.k.a. the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party," held annually in Jacksonville, Fla. After a miserable 0-2 start, the Georgia Bulldogs are tied for first in the Southeastern Conference's rather weak Eastern division. They haven't exactly faced the stiffest competition on the way to their 5-2 record, but the stakes are pretty high for Georgia this weekend.

The Florida Gators are getting a much-needed shot in the arm with the return of quarterback John Brantley, who makes his way back into the starting lineup after being sidelined with an ankle injury earlier this month. Brantley's stats weren't

record breaking before his injury but they are head and shoulders above what his backups have done in his absence.

Neither Florida nor Georgia played last weekend, and both teams are ready to make a statement in one of the greatest rivalries in college football.

Elsewhere, the No. 3-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys face Robert Grif-

fin III and the Baylor Bears. Here's my understatement of the week: There will be a ton of offense in this game. Oklahoma State checked in at No. 4 in the initial BCS standings this year but, thanks to the stunning failure of the Oklahoma Sooners, they find themselves poised to slide into the No. 2 spot after one of the top two teams in the nation lose in Tuscaloosa next weekend.

If the Cowboys can get past Baylor this week, they've got three more ranked teams left on their schedule, including the small matter of the Bedlam Series with cross-state rival Oklahoma before earn a chance to play for the national championship.

We've got another offensive showcase on tap when the No. 5-ranked Clemson Tigers travel to Atlanta to face Atlantic Coast Confer-

ence rivals Georgia Tech. Clemson, led by quarterback Tahj Boyd and freshman phenom Sammy Watkins, have one of the most electric offenses in the country. They run more plays per game than any other team in college football. The Tigers are having their best season since 2000, and if they can manage to win this weekend against the Yellow Jackets, they'll be 9-0 for

the first time since winning the national championship in 1981.

But Georgia Tech is no slouch, either. Before losing to Virginia and Miami, the Ramblin' Wreck led the ACC in scoring and total offense. And they've beaten Clemson four out of their last five meetings. If recent history is any indicator (admittedly, it usually isn't), this one should be close.

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