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U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Command Sgt. Maj. Tod L. Glidewell cheers on Soldiers as they finish the post run early Oct. 27. The USAACE command group led hundreds of Soldiers on a 3.2-mile post run where Soldiers from USAACE units, and also Aviators attending the Aviation Synchronization Conference, ran in formation with the run ending in front of the headquarters building.

Army Aviation community synchs efforts

By Kelly Pate
Fort Rucker Public Affairs Office

Members of the Army Aviation community from around the world gathered at Fort Rucker Oct. 24 to Friday to tackle issues together and chart the future of the

Aviation Branch. The Aviation Synchronization Conference, run by Headquarters Department of the Army, G3/5/7, Department of the Army Military Operations - Aviation, provides a biannual forum where representatives across the Army Aviation En-

terprise can collaborate and present their findings for general officer-level decisions. Aviation issues include training and equipment, unmanned aircraft systems and medical evacuation.

What comes out of the conference are synchronized efforts and a unified mes-

sage to support the warfighter, said CW5 Jon Larue, action officer for HQDA, G3/5/7, DAMO-AV Aircraft Survivability and Equipment.

"We had roughly 600 people in

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Post thanks retirees with appreciation day, health fair

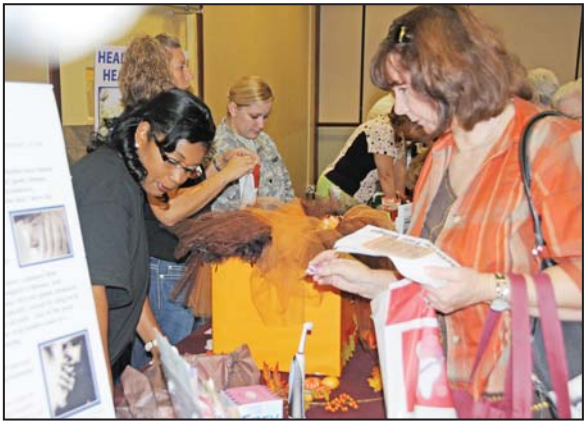


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Hundreds of retirees from across the southeast visited The Landing for the 37th annual Fort Rucker Retiree Appreciation Day health fair on Friday.

By Erin Murray
Army Flier Staff Writer

Hundreds of retirees from across the southeast visited The Landing for the 37th annual Fort Rucker Retiree Appreciation Day health fair on Friday, where they were able to find out about living healthy lifestyles with the help of many benefits afforded to retirees.

"It brings awareness to [the retirees] about all the programs available to help with the aging process. There are programs out there are geared specifically to retirees, a lot of which are free to them," said Brittany Bost, an aerobics instructor at the Fort Rucker physical fitness facility, who was at the event to encourage retirees to maintain an active lifestyle.

One of the highlights of the fair was the retiree bingo game, which required attendants to visit more than 50 vendors and information booths that

were each assigned a corresponding bingo number. Winners of retiree bingo took home prizes provided by Fort Rucker programs and local retailers.

"People are enjoying the retiree bingo. I think it's a really good thing, because it's also encouraging them to walk around and get exercise," said Bost.

Retirees were also able to receive flu and pneumonia vaccines from Lyster Army Health Clinic, something that drew many of them to the event.

Tony Jones, a retired Soldier, was one of the many who visited and got vaccines and health information at the fair. Jones and his wife, Ann, stopped by Fort Rucker on their way from Manchester, Tenn., to vacation at the beach. They were both very impressed by the size of the health fair. It was their first time visiting Fort Rucker since they were stationed here as newlyweds nearly 30 years ago.

"This is a nice retiree fair. We've been to other

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1-58th AOB dinner helps spouses deal with deployment

By Erin Murray
Army Flier Staff Writer

Families of deployed Soldiers were able to enjoy a meal and company at 1-58th Airfield Operations Battalion's monthly dinner at the Fort Rucker dining facility.

According to 1-58th AOB representatives, the monthly event is hosted by the unit and funded by the Fort Rucker Thrift Shop in order to provide spouses and their children with a night of enjoyment during the difficult months of deployment. Along with the meal, Military Family Life Consultants attend the dinner to provide childcare, counseling and company to the Families of deployed Soldiers.

Jennifer Brumfield, whose husband,

Staff Sgt. Jason Brumfield is deployed with the Office of Military Cooperation in Kuwait, said the dinners are a great way to get her and her two children through the remaining months of his deployment.

"The [MFLCs] have some really great ideas about how the kids can deal with their daddy being gone. I really like [the dinner]. It's a place for me to relax, because they take care of the kids. It's also nice to not have to cook or clean," she said.

Brumfield explained that Survivor Outreach Support and the unit Family Readiness Group send out reminder emails for the dinner, which gives her something to look forward to as she reaches the halfway point in the deployment.

Lakeesha Williams, whose husband, Sgt. Jerome Williams, is also in Kuwait with the 1-58th AOB, said that she enjoys the company and her son getting a night to play with other children.

"I think it's pretty great. It's something to get us out of the house and something different to do. That's the biggest reason why I do it, because he wants to get out. I look forward to it,"

Williams added that the dinners allow her to form a connection with other spouses, the MFLCs and dining hall staff. Both Williams and Brumfield agreed that the night off from cooking allows the spouses to recharge.

"It's nice that they do this for the Families. They know we're spouses of deployed Soldiers, so they treat us really good," Williams said.



PHOTO BY ERIN MURRAY

Families of deployed Soldiers enjoyed a meal together at the 1-58th Airfield Operations Battalion's monthly dinner at the Fort Rucker dining facility. Children at the dinner were also able to sign and decorate a tablecloth, which will be displayed at the facility.

PERSPECTIVE

Keeping military marriages strong

By Elaine Sanchez
American Forces Press Service

I spoke to a spouse last year about dealing with deployments and keeping military marriages strong.

Her husband had just returned from a yearlong deployment in Iraq. She cited an example of the types of issues that can arise when communication falls to the wayside.

As the primary disciplinarian while her husband was gone, she adopted a “three strikes and you’re out” rule for their 3-year-old son. Her husband, however, was more of a “one strike” kind of guy, and reinstated his stricter ways upon his return.

Upset at being usurped from her disciplinarian role so quickly, his wife got angry.

“At first I yelled at him a lot,” she said. “I’d correct him more than I’d correct my child.”

In time, she learned to bite her tongue and to discuss the situation with her husband behind closed doors.

Marriage is tough enough without tossing in the additional stressors of military life — frequent deployments, reintegrations, separations and moves, to name a few. But even the toughest military challenges can be weathered with some advance planning and healthy communication skills. And in the process, marriages can grow even stronger.

Military OneSource has some great tips for keeping military marriages strong. Here are just a few:

Planning ahead for when you’re apart

– Before your spouse leaves, sit down together to discuss your upcoming separation and how it makes you feel.

– Create a Family plan outlining how each of you will manage during your time

apart. It’s important to be flexible about your roles since the at-home spouse may be handling chores that have always been the other spouse’s responsibility.

– Talk about emergencies and whom to turn to in the event of an emergency.

– Discuss responsibilities and staying connected as a Family. Work out with your spouse how parenting issues will be resolved, including discipline, illness, and matters involving school performance.

Plan ways to help the parent who is away stay connected with children — and vice versa. For example, you might record dad reading a bedtime story for your child to listen to at night. Agree to keep a journal or blog and take pictures and videos of your child’s milestones so that the spouse who is away doesn’t miss out on these cherished Family times.

– Talk about finances. This will help you avoid misunderstandings or disagreements about money. Designate one spouse to manage the household expenses. Consider keeping two checking accounts, one for each of you, to avoid confusion. Keep one another informed of large expenditures.

– Discuss how you will stay in touch. It’s comforting to know beforehand how often you will be in contact. This also helps you to factor the cost of telephone calls into your budget. Discuss ways you will communicate with one another and how frequently you will be in touch. Explore options that may be available to the servicemember, such as email, video conferencing, phone calls or regular mail.

– Keep in mind that servicemembers may not know in advance how often they will be able to be in touch, or by what means. Discuss this before the deployment so you’ll worry less during periods when

communication is limited by factors neither of you can control. Learn about the options available for sending and receiving care packages as well. It’s also very important to discuss how the at-home spouse can get a message to the deployed service member in the event of an emergency at home.

– Discuss whom the at-home spouse can rely on for help and support — for everything from emergencies to child care to emotional support. This network may include friends, Family, military spouses, and military counseling and support services.

– Keep busy and stay active if you are the at-home spouse. Consider taking a class or pursuing a career interest or activity that gives you an identity outside of being a military spouse. The more fulfilled you feel, the better you will handle separations and difficult times, and the more you will enjoy your marriage.

Communicating with one another

– Share daily happenings from home. Describe the events of your day even if they seem boring to you. Hearing about your life will help your spouse feel closer to you.

– Be honest about your feelings. Let your spouse know how much you miss him, but try to do this in a way that reassures your spouse that you are handling things well despite his absence. Talk about feelings of frustration you may have, such as not being able to control where your Family goes or when you will next be together as a Family.

– Try to keep letters and emails positive. If you write about something unpleasant, let your spouse know how you dealt with the situation. Otherwise, he may feel helpless to support you from so many miles away.

– Express yourself clearly. If your letter or email is vague, your spouse may be confused and wonder what it is you’re not

saying.

– Acknowledge that you may change when you are apart. The spouse at home may become more self-reliant. The servicemember may discover inner resources that had been hidden to him. These are positive changes that probably will add to your relationship. Reassure one another that regardless of any changes to you individually, your marriage will stay as strong as ever.

– Send care packages. Your spouse will be happy to receive care packages in the mail. Include items that have special meaning to the two of you. If you have children, ask them to draw pictures or write notes to tuck into the package. Consider sending an audio or video recording of you and your Family if your spouse is likely to be able to listen to or view them.

If the stress becomes too much

If you are having trouble coping or are starting to feel overwhelmed, you may benefit from speaking with a professional counselor.

Each branch of the military has its own spouse and family support organizations where you can turn for practical and emotional support. Additionally, installations have chaplains available for support and assistance. Most also have counseling services as well as on-site support groups where you can meet others who share your circumstances. You can seek assistance through Military OneSource, also online at www.MilitaryOneSource.com or by phone at 1-800-342-9647.

For more great tips on keeping military marriages strong, visit Military OneSource.

And if you have a tried-and-true tip of your own, don’t hesitate to share it at the Family Matters Blog at <http://afps.dodlive.mil/>.

This month in Army Aviation history

This month we’re spotlighting the November 1980 issue of the *U.S. Army Aviation Digest*. This issue features:

The Mohawk Came To The Mountain

When Washington’s Mount St. Helens erupted May 18, 1980, the Grumman OV-1 Mohawk surveillance aircraft belonging to the Oregon Army National Guard provided a means for scientists to study and record explosions.

The Aviation Commander – New Challenges During the 1980s

Aviation Commanders at all levels will soon begin facing an exciting and

new challenge. During the 1980s a “new breed” of commissioned officer Aviators will join the ranks, and present-day commanders, unlike their counterparts from the past, will be faced with giving these new Aviators “officer training.”

SAM May Become An International Messenger

A means of communication between aircrews when the use of radios would lead to detection of their aircraft by the enemy is a vital necessity for the armies of the United States and its NATO allies. The author discusses a proposed way to fill that need.

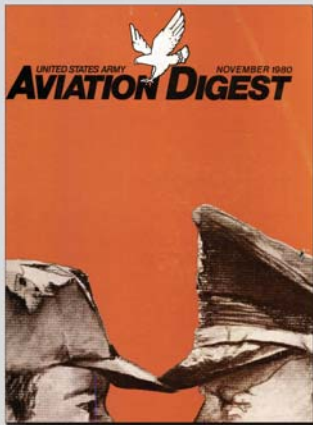
UH-60 Training at the U.S. Army Aviation Center

So you’ve been told that you are going to receive a UH-60A Black Hawk transition. Great! But now you’re wondering what you can expect when you come to the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., for your transition. This article will give you some insight into the program.

PEARL

... and more!

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Rotor Wash

“With Daylight Savings Time ending this Sunday, what will you do with your extra hour?”



Tony Harvey, contractor with Engineering Solution Products
“Play twilight golf.”



Junior Patton, contractor
“Go hunting.”



Lisa Cross, military spouse
“Sleep!”



Christine Cox, military spouse
“Get some extra rest.”



Nicole Otto, military spouse
“Get some extra housework done.”

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Hundreds honor post's retirees

By Jim Hughes
Command Information Officer

More than 200 people, including many veterans attending the post's Retiree Appreciation Day, turned out to honor Fort Rucker's latest retirees during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

Col. Kevin J. Christensen, 110th Aviation Brigade commander, hosted the ceremony to celebrate the careers, accomplishments and sacrifices of the seven retirees and their families.

"Thank you for attending today as we honor those who faithfully served the Army and our nation," he said. "Our six Soldiers and one Department of the Army civilian employee we are honoring today have a combined 199 years of service to Army and nation in a timeframe that spans from 1969 to present."

The colonel then spoke about each retiree.



CW5 Robert L. Morriss with his Family, children Taylor and Rob, and wife, Nancy, shortly before he retired during a ceremony Friday.

CW5 Robert L. Morriss

Morriss served honorably for 27 years, culminating as cargo branch chief for the directorate of evaluations and standardization. He has been an instructor pilot, a maintenance examiner and is a Master Army Aviator. He began his career in 1977 as a supply clerk, and his Aviation career in 1985 when he graduated with honors as a CH-47C pilot.

He served with distinction in Desert Storm as a maintenance test pilot. "While in Alaska, he is credited with having saved the lives of four mountain climbers while assigned to the elite high-altitude rescue team during a rescue on Mount McKinley at 19,600 feet – which still stands as a record for the highest altitude rescue by helicopter in the U.S.," Christensen said.

He has earned the Bronze Star and the Air Medal. He and his wife, Nancy, plan to remain at Fort Rucker where he will continue to contribute to the success of Army Aviation by working with the new CH-47F simulator, the colonel said.

CW4 Caley J. Stewart

Stewart served 24 years of military service from 1982 to present, where he served as the training developer and subject matter expert at the Directorate of Training and Doctrine. During his service he took part in operations during Desert Storm, and in Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea and Germany.

He first enlisted as a medic, then became an AH-1 Cobra pilot and armament officer, and later transitioned to AH-64 Apache and served as a maintenance test pilot.

"Not only did he learn the art of aircraft maintenance as a test pilot, his leadership skills were honed as an armament platoon leader," Christensen said.

He earned awards such as the Bronze Star medal, 10 Air Medals and an Air Medal with V device. He plans to live in Freeport, Fla.

CW 4 James D. McDaniel

McDaniel served 22 years from 1989 to present, culminating in his position as executive officer for C Co., 1st

Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment. He also served as a scout pilot, maintenance test pilot, maintenance examiner and instructor pilot.

"As you can see, McDaniel is one of the Army's foremost experts on the Kiowa Warrior and has served in nearly every capacity possible. Not only did he make his mark as a Kiowa pilot, his leadership contribution as a production control officer and platoon leader and executive officer of Charlie Troop is very much a tremendous accomplishment that few officers will achieve in their careers. The Army is a better, more capable service as a result of his actions. His Bronze Star and Air Medals speak of an officer who knows not only how to fix the Kiowa Warrior, but also knows how to fight it. While here at Fort Rucker, he helped pass his knowledge and experience on to the next generation of aero scout pilots that will stand as a living legacy and achievement well into the future," Christensen said.

CW4 Michael P. Boyle

Boyle entered service in 1985 and served 26 years in the military, culminating as an AH-64D instructor pilot course platoon leader with the 1st Bn., 14th AV Rgt. During his career, he served at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., Moody AFB, Ga., Fort Bragg, N.C., Bosnia, Korea, Netherlands and Afghanistan. His enlisted service began as an F-4E armament mechanic and then KC-135 crew chief before transferring to the Army and attending flight school.

"As an instructor pilot in the AH-64 Apache, he trained numerous pilots into successful combat Aviators," the colonel said. "As a standardization instructor pilot, he achieved a level of technical and tactical proficiency few combat Aviators will ever achieve. This training and mentoring of future instructor pilots serves as an example to those who follow in his footsteps. He is a Master Army Aviator who has proven his skills in combat, earning both the Combat Action Badge and the Dutch Combat Action Badge. As a testament to his contribution to the Army Aviation Branch, Mr. Boyle has earned the prestigious Army Aviation Association of America Order of St. Michael Award."

He and his wife, Martha, and their two children will reside in Georgia.



CW4 James D. McDaniel



CW4 Michael P. Boyle

into the exceptional tactician and leader he is today," Christensen said. "He has been the officer in charge of electronic maintenance sections, automation procurement officer, G6 automation maintenance officer and also the maintenance readiness division chief at Air Traffic Services Command. He has earned the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and Combat Action Badge. The Army recently made good use of his tactical and leadership skills as an instructor at the WOCC. He has made a significant impact in the professional development of many junior warrant officers who will use his example and professionalism as their benchmark throughout their careers."

Nickens and wife, Dawn, will take up residence in San Antonio.



Staff Sgt. Gerald W. Burroughs with his Family, children (front) Rachel, Gerald and Sigourney (holding his granddaughter, Roxanne), and wife, Roxanne (back), before the retirement ceremony Friday.

Staff Sgt. Gerald W. Burroughs

Burroughs entered service in 1984 when he enlisted in the Marine Corps as an aircraft ordnance technician. He later transferred to the Army Reserve as a heavy equipment operator, and entered active duty in 1998 as a petroleum specialist. His overseas assignments include time in Bosnia and three tours in Iraq.

"He has served in key leadership positions such as section sergeant, squad leader, platoon sergeant and rear detachment noncommissioned officer in charge. He has culminated his 23 years of service with the 1-58th Aviation Operations Battalion," Christensen said.

He and his wife, Roxanne, will take up residence in El Reno, Okla.



Don M. Franks with his wife, Jo, before the retirement ceremony.

Don M. Franks

Franks' 41 years of government service began in 1969 in the Army as infantry officer and helicopter pilot. He served in Vietnam as a UH-1 Huey and AH-1 Cobra pilot, where he earned the Bronze Star and Air Medal with Valor. He ended his military service as a major in the Army Reserve.

In 1986, he began civil service at Fort Rucker and served as a UH-1 instructor pilot with the 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment, an academic instructor and culminating his career as a training specialist in the 110th Aviation Brigade flight literature section.

"In his 30 years of service at Fort Rucker, he witnessed the transformation from the Directorate of Flight Training to Aviation Training Brigade to the 110th," he said. "He is rated in the H-23, TH-55, UH-1, OH-58 and AH-1 aircraft. As a night vision goggle instructor, he has accumulated over 4,000 NVG hours as an instructor pilot. Don proudly states he enjoyed every minute of those 4,000 hours. He is the model of selfless service to his nation and the U.S. Army."



CW4 Caley J. Stewart



CW4 James D. Nickens with his wife, Dawn, and father, James, shortly before the retirement ceremony Friday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

CW4 James D. Nickens

Nickens entered service in 1987 and served honorably for 24 years, culminating as an instructor at the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College. During his service, he spent two tours in Korea, two in Germany and two combat tours in Iraq.

"Over his career, the Army has continued to increase his level of responsibility as he developed

News Briefs

Fall back

Daylight savings time comes to an end this weekend, as people should turn their clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Emergency Alert System test

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System. The nationwide test will occur on Wednesday at 1 p.m. local time and may last up to three and a half minutes.

The EAS is a national alert and warning system established to enable the President of the United States to address the American public during emergencies. NOAA's National Weather Service, governors and state and local emergency authorities also use parts of the system to issue more localized emergency alerts.

Similar to local EAS tests that are already conducted frequently, the nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline video service providers across all states

and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

On November 9, the public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for both radio and television. Under the FCC's rules, radio and television broadcasters, cable operators, satellite digital audio radio service providers, direct broadcast satellite service providers and wireline video service providers are required to receive and transmit presidential EAS messages to the public. A national test will help the federal partners and EAS participants determine the reliability of the system and its effectiveness in notifying the public of emergencies and potential dangers nationally and regionally.

Military transition lecture

The Fort Rucker Army Career and Alumni Program sponsors a once-a-year lecture regarding transition by the Military Officers Association of America entitled Marketing Yourself for a Second Career.

The event will take place Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 282.

The presentation, given annually at over 150

military installations of all services worldwide, is universally praised by audiences as, "up-to-date, hard-hitting, and sharply focused – a must see," according to ACAP officials. It includes comprehensive information on the retirement decision itself, employer perceptions, the competition, resumé, cover letters, job search, networking, career fairs, interview techniques, salary negotiation, benefits packages, the current job market, and other relevant and important transition topics.

The presentation is geared toward officers and senior enlisted, but those of all ranks are welcome. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend as well. All who attend will receive a free copy of the lecture's companion book, also titled *Marketing Yourself for a Second Career*. It is an in-depth, all-in-one resource for the transition process.

For more information, call 255-3932.

Veterans Day ceremony

Fort Rucker hosts its Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. at Veterans Park between the Daleville Gate and the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will

be moved into the museum.

Thanksgiving at DFAC

The Warrant Officer Career College Dining Facility hosts a Thanksgiving meal Nov. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soldiers, retirees, Family members and guests are invited to take part in the meal.

The meal costs \$7, with discount rates for Family members of Soldiers E-4 and below and small children.

The menu includes turkey, ham, prime rib au jus, baked stuffed fish, sweet potatoes with maple glaze, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes and more.

For more information, call 255-3017.

CFC update

The Fort Rucker Combined Federal Campaign has raised \$764,565 as of Monday, which is 68 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.

Aviation: Fort Rucker thanked for world-class conference

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attendance supporting 12 working group discussions, which led to a number of topics being resolved and general direction given to the Army Aviation community in support of the Aviation Campaign Plan and the Army Campaign Plan,” Larue said.

Army Aviation efforts that are ongoing throughout the year develop the issues that culminate in the conference, Larue said.

The conference brings issues for all the flying platforms, training issues, and funding issues and helps develop a long-term strategy for the Aviation Branch in areas such as acquisition and training, said Joe Back, a senior program manager who handles Army Aviation training and force structure issues at HQDA’s Aviation

directorate.

The conference marked Back’s 10th conference where he has participated in the week-long synchronization effort.

“Aviation has a great tool here to continue to move in a specific direction and look beyond. No other branch does this as well as Aviation,” Back said.

He said it all boils down to supporting the Soldier in harm’s way.

“Aviation is one of the most demanded branches and requirements for the warfight. We are able to address current issues to help the pilots and Soldiers in the field to execute their mission safely and more effectively,” Back said. “Also, this conference accelerates the requirements to meet the needs of Soldiers that are fighting in theaters of war. Where the usual acquisition process takes three to five years, we’ve been able to get things done in six

months. So, it’s really a good forum.”

Earlier in the week, Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, thanked members of the Aviation community for coming to Fort Rucker and working together as a team on issues that impact the future of the Branch. That future includes Army Aviation taking an “appetite suppressant,” in light of the current economic situation.

“Realistically, with this Army of ours now moving from roughly 567,000 to 520,000, and possibly to 490,000 active (component) Army Soldiers, there are a whole lot of ideas that without resources are just a dream,” the general said. “We need to actively drive Aviation requirements and capabilities and network integration. We need to do this while we think

about resource constraints in an Army that’s getting smaller in both manning and resources. We have to continue to build what we need for the Branch, and at the end of the day, we have to speak with one voice. I’m asking you to continue to do that as an enterprise.”

For some issues, decisions that came out of the conference will go immediately into effect. Others will have to be studied and refined further, or will be presented to senior Army leadership, said Col. William McGarrity, HQDA, G3/5/7, DAMO-AV.

McGarrity closed the conference with thanks to Fort Rucker for hosting the event.

“I’d like to thank the Fort Rucker support personnel and the Fort Rucker command structure for allowing this conference to happen and for executing it in world-class fashion,” he said.

Retirees: “Once you’re in the Army Family, you’re always in the Army Family”

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ones, but they’re not as nice. It’s changed drastically from when I was last here – for the better,” he said.

Ann was equally impressed with the fair, explaining that she received a bone density test at the fair that empowered her to take steps to improve her health.

“We’ve never been to it before. It’s even better than what I expected. It’s been great. If we’re in the area, we’d love to come again,” she said.

Vendors and attendants alike were glad to show how the Army supports Soldiers, even after their time as active duty servicemembers has passed.

As an Army spouse and as a vendor, Bost was also glad that she could attend to provide services to retired servicemembers.

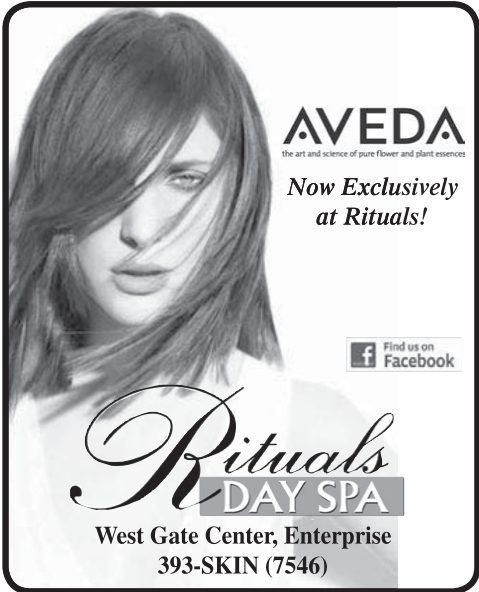
“Once you’re in the Army Family, you’re always in the Army Family. We embrace our retirees just as much as we embrace active duty,” she said.

“There’s an overwhelming amount of people. It’s great

to see retirees that come from other states. You see how Fort Rucker has extended to other communities,” said Kelly Bright, registered sleep technician, who attended the fair representing Southern Sleep Clinics.

According to Chris Moore, retirement services officer, he received many positive comments about the fair.

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Army sees cyber threats as imminent

By Rob McIlvaine
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — “I think the threat [of cyber-attacks] is very real and could potentially be very near-term,” said Brig. Gen. John Davis, U.S. Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Md.

The nation, he said, will demand the military be engaged in cyber defense of the nation, because the military has the greatest capacity and capabilities to do so.

Davis said that today, it’s not in the “authority lane” of the military to play that role. Instead, he said, the responsibility lies with the Department of Justice and the FBI, though he said the military is responsible for its own military networks.

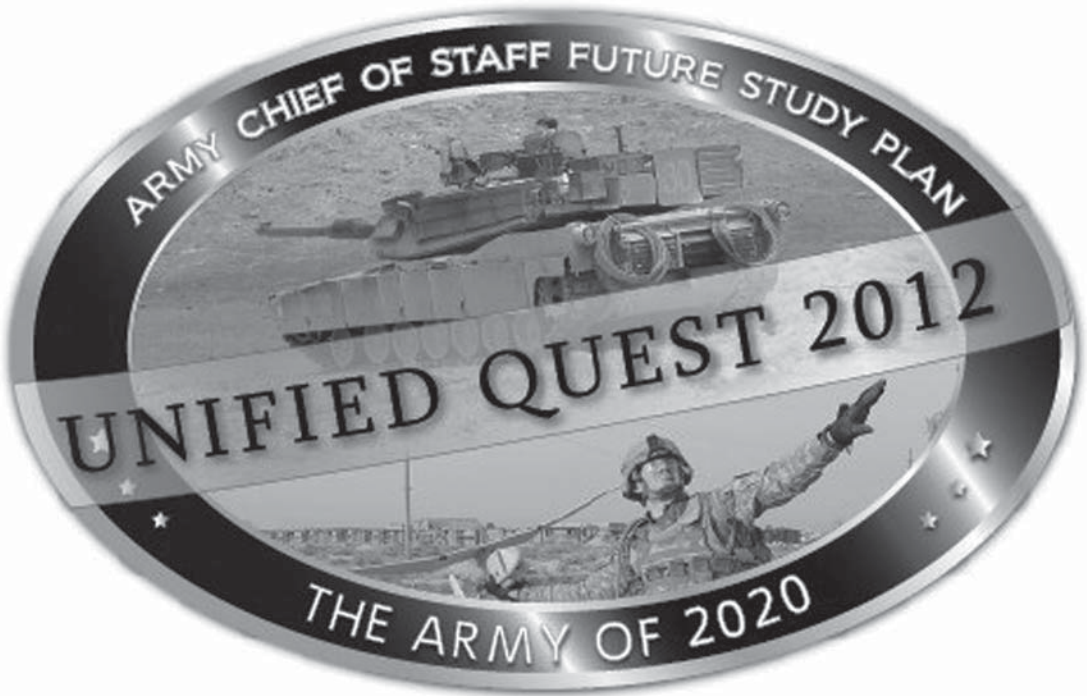
“But 90 percent of the military networks reside and ride on commercial infrastructure, so we’re concerned about what [an adversary’s] cyber activity could do to that commercial infrastructure, because it can have an adverse impact on the military’s ability to do its job,” he said.

Davis and other think tank specialists came together at Unified Quest 2012, Oct. 25-28, for a series of annual seminars where members of academia, and U.S. and foreign militaries examine critical issues to current and future force development.

“This is the beginning of our campaign of learning for fiscal year 2012,” Lt. Gen. Keith C. Walker, deputy commanding general, futures, and director of Army capabilities integration. “We’re going to use what we learn in this session on alternative futures to set the conditions for further seminar war games and experiments.”

Key takeaways from Unified Quest 2012 include:

- As the world population grows, increased global competition for affordable finite resources, notably energy and rare earth materials, could fuel regional conflict;
- Water is the new oil, and its scarcity will confront regions at an accelerated pace in this decade;
- Super-empowered individuals will have the capacity for wide-spread influence and the ability to change local and state events;
- Tight monetary policy, infrastructure enhancements, and advanced technology investments will set conditions for economic recovery in 2020 to 2028;
- U.S. retrenchment, if it occurs, will be a transient state;
- The United States will retain relative supremacy, but by a smaller margin, requiring selective strategic choices;



- Land power is required for sustainable solutions, to pursue national interests, and to demonstrate resolve;
- Technological advancements through 2028 are expected to increase, and will impact all facets of life; and
- Dynamic changes in the Islamic world will continue.

“The purpose of this symposium is about plausible strategic landscapes,” said Col. Kevin Felix, director of the Army’s Future Warfare Division. “The four working groups were given wide latitude to work towards 2028, and it was about bringing in the right folks.”

Following the intense work group sessions, one idea came out stronger than the others.

“We may be facing more asymmetric threats, in the cyber environment in par-

ticular,” Felix said.

Those threats were of particular concern to not only Davis, but also to Richard Russell at Army Materiel Command.

“[In] the battlefield of the future, cyber will be the dominant factor,” Russell said. “The ability to have the instrument in place to affect the cyber [capabilities] of the enemy at the critical moment, to affect how their systems operate and how they are able to affect the battle, will be the thing that changes the outcome of the battle.”

“From both the total cyber challenge that the nation faces and in the protection of the data, the weapon systems designs and technologies that we and our partners are developing for future warfare, it is that cyber security element that will mean whether we will have success or failure,

tactical or strategic surprise in the future,” Russell said.

Before information technology became known as cyber, Davis said, the Army looked at that function as essentially an equipping function for the forces. The Army provided the Soldiers with the capability to communicate, but it was a supporting function.

“The Defense Department has recently transformed the way we look at this and has declared cyber an operational domain in its own right, a domain that every other traditional war fighting domain relies on,” Davis said, adding this puts war fighting domains at risk if it is undermined.

“What I’m trying to do is scare you even more than working group one did,” Davis said. “I’m not looking at 2028. I’m looking at the next 18 months.”

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Two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters take off from the Forward Ammunition and Refueling Point at Camp Taji, Iraq. A Co., 640th ASB refuels all helicopters flying missions in northern Iraq.

640th ASB wraps up its mission

By Spc. Matthew A. Wright
40th Combat Aviation Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — The 640th Aviation Support Battalion, a California National Guard unit deployed here in support of Operation New Dawn, is preparing to split its operations between Iraq and Kuwait before finally heading home.

The 640th ASB, the only Aviation support battalion remaining in Iraq, has provided Aviation support to all the Army Aviation units assigned to the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade for the last nine months.

“We are responsible for all logistics, communications and scheduled aircraft maintenance for the brigade,” Lt. Col. Lou Carmona, 640th ASB commander, said.

The battalion is based in several cities in southern California, including Torrance, El Cajon, Fresno, Stockton and Los Alamitos. It is organic to the 40th CAB and is headquartered in Long Beach. The 40th CAB arrived in Iraq last February and is now preparing to head home over the next few weeks after successfully completing its mission in Iraq.

The 640th ASB played an essential role providing aviation support during the deployment. The battalion’s main base of operations has been Camp Taji, with detachments in Balad, Baghdad International Airport and Kirkuk. Several hundred Soldiers were assigned to four companies in the battalion, per-

forming four different support jobs.

Headquarters Company, 640th ASB, consists of wheeled-vehicle mechanics, medics, cooks, as well as the command staff for the battalion. It contains the largest group of medics and cooks in the brigade, and its wheeled-vehicle and generator mechanics have been responsible for working on the vehicles and generators operated by other companies in the brigade.

Alpha Company, 640th ASB, operated Forward Arming and Refueling Points at Camp Taji and Baghdad International Airport and provided security for the brigade. At Camp Taji, Alpha Company fueled all aircraft that flew missions throughout central Iraq. Its fuelers also provided gas for Iraqi Army aircraft.

Early on in the deployment, the 640th ASB’s Personnel Security Detail provided security for supply and personnel convoys in the Baghdad area, and later, security for Camp Taji airfield.

B Company, 640th ASB, is the largest company in the battalion with more than 300 personnel assigned. The company’s Aviation maintenance personnel ordered, tracked, warehoused and issued parts once they arrived in theater, and made sheet metal repairs to the helicopters. Also, the company’s mechanics and electricians completed phase maintenance inspections on all aircraft to ensure that the parts were replaced and met all checked functions so they could perform their missions. Com-

pany maintenance test pilots put the helicopters through the prescribed flight checks after maintenance to make sure that they were mission ready.

C Company maintained and operated tactical communications and provided tactical, or mobile, communications for brigade units at Kirkuk, Taji and Speicher.

“The 640th ASB played a crucial role during Operation New Dawn year 2010-2011,” said Maj. Noland Flores, 640th ASB executive officer. “It is the only Aviation support battalion in Iraq, providing all classes of supply to the largest Aviation brigade ever assembled — the 40th CAB.”

“We currently support seven Aviation battalions,” 640th ASB Command Sgt. Maj. Bryon Robinson said. “Our Soldiers have pumped almost 2 million gallons of JP-8 jet fuel, completed 144 aircraft phases, and in the month of September, 14 CH-47D (Chinook Helicopters) broke a record by flying more hours per airframe than ever before in the Army. They were able to do this because the 640th completed scheduled maintenance and inspections quicker than the Department of the Army standard timeline.”

Another 640th ASB accomplishment was training members of the Iraqi army, which will help the Iraqi army as American bases and military sites transition to Iraqi control after the U.S.

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MEDEVAC team ready for action in Iraq

By Sgt. A.M. LaVey
Army News Service

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Every morning flight crews from Forward Support Medical Team, C Company, 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment, South Dakota Army National Guard, head out to the flight line to bring their UH-60A+ Black Hawk helicopters through maintenance and pre-flight inspections, getting them ready for a mission that they hope they will never have to perform.

The teams are ready and waiting to be called upon, but “when we aren’t working, it’s good for the rest of the Army,” said 1st Lt. Joseph A. Stack, the team’s section leader and operations officer.

C Co. has three teams spread throughout the central region of Iraq, and is one of two aerial medical evacuation companies responsible for in-flight medical care for

the entire country. The Forward Support Medical Team is responsible for the northwest sector of the central region.

The company is comprised of pilots, mechanics, crew chiefs, flight medics and support personnel split between both the South Dakota and Montana Army National Guard.

“At home we drill separately — each in our own state, but while deployed we all get to come together,” said CW2 Alissa Bare, pilot and team tactical operations officer. “It’s neat, like we’ve never been separated.”

Team as Family plays a big part in why these Soldiers join and stay in the National Guard.

“When I was active duty, my unit was my Family, but generally after deployments, people leave the unit,” said Sgt. Adam D. Max, one of the team’s flight medics. “But in a National Guard unit, that Family stays together pretty much

their entire careers. So it’s like a real Family — you know each other and their Families a lot more than you do on the active side.”

Family also effects this team’s Guard recruitment. A few of the Soldiers have Family members also in the Guard, some of them Aviators as well. Some just want to stay near their Family.

“I joined the National Guard so that I could stay near home, while also serving my country and helping out the local community,” said Pfc. Nicholas Pickett, a UH-60 helicopter repairer with D Co., 1-180th Avn. Reg.

For many members of this team, this is their first deployment, as well as their first real-world mission.

“This mission is the best mission in the military,” said Stack. “We get to help people and it is the most challenging and most rewarding

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PHOTO BY SGT. A.M. LAVEY

Pfc. Nicholas Pickett, a UH-60 Black Hawk repairer with Forward Support Medical Team, D Co., 1st GSAB, 189th Avn. Regt., South Dakota Army National Guard, conducts a daily maintenance inspection, getting ready for another day on the job at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Oct. 22.

Partners in security — in the air, on the ground



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Iraqi soldiers receive training on loading armament onto OH-58 Kiowa scout helicopters Oct. 23 on the Camp Taji airfield. Soldiers from the 6th Sqd., 17th Cav. Regt. from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, conducted a week of training with their Iraqi counterparts who are preparing to take over full responsibility for the security of their country.

By Capt. Justin Kelly
40th Combat Aviation Brigade

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Soldiers from the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment recently had the opportunity to greatly affect the future of Iraqi armed reconnaissance and the greater Aviation community.

The 6th Sqd., 17th Cav. Regt. is a scout reconnaissance helicopter squadron from Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The unit’s fast-flying OH-58 Kiowa helicopters have been patrolling the skies of Iraq for much of 2011 in support of Operation New Dawn.

During the week of Oct. 17, the squadron conducted training with pilots and ground support personnel from the Iraqi Army’s 21st Helicopter Squadron. The training included topics ranging from air-ground integration to rocket loading and safe armament procedures.

This training is expected to better prepare

the 21st Sqd. for the future as the unit nears full readiness to assume the 6th Sqd., 17th Cav. Regt.’s mission in Iraq. Currently, the mission of the 21st Sqd. is training. However, as the drawdown of American forces continues, the Iraqi unit will soon be responsible for armed reconnaissance flown today by U.S. Air Cavalry assets.

The Iraqi unit is using the Bell T-407 training helicopter to train more than 30 pilots. The Iraqi government has purchased 27 AR-407 helicopters armed with 2.75-inch rockets and M3P .50 caliber machine guns for the squadron’s use.

CW4 Jason Ganitano and CW3Dan Hill serve as liaisons and interact daily with Iraqi personnel from the 21st Squadron. They asked the 6th Sqd., 17th Cav. Regt. Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Michael C. McCurry, for assistance, in the belief that the American

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Mission: ‘We do whatever needs to get done’

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military departs Iraq. Soldiers from A Co., 640th ASB recently conducted a week-long class training Iraqi army personnel to operate Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks in preparation for the upcoming assumption of operations by Iraqi Security Forces at the Camp Taji airfield. From July through August, the 640th ASB and the U.S. Air Force Base Transition Team trained Iraqi army personnel on the maintenance and operation of backup generators for the airfield on Camp Taji.

Training the Iraqi army and fueling weren't the only things that 640th ASB excelled at during its tour. "We do whatever needs to get done so the Aviation brigade can accomplish its mission," Carmona said. The battalion and the 549th Quartermaster Company worked in conjunction with the Mobility Redistribution Team during Operation Clean Sweep to locate and turn in more than \$12 million of excess non-property book equipment at Camp Taji, Flores said. The battalion has collected and itemized unused or misplaced military equipment that has accumulated over the eight years the Army has been here. The equipment found on the post that was serviceable in-

cluded automotive parts, such as tires, utility vehicle parts and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle parts, and other items the military can make use of, said Capt. Joseph Adams, a planning officer with the 640th ASB. Carmona explained A Co.'s PSD team rehearsed missions outside the base to maintain proficiency in case it had to recover a helicopter or transport brigade leadership outside the base. With the deployment coming to a close, the 640th ASB's job is far from over. To prepare for the drawdown of U.S. troops from the Iraqi theater, the 640th ASB has started to split operations.

MEDEVAC: Mission requires timing, skill, precision maintenance

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part of the job — flying a Soldier to get the care he needs at the hospital in Baghdad." The MEDEVAC mission is very specific mission of timing and skill, these helicopters

are sometimes put through environmental conditions that other crews often don't face and as such require precision maintenance. "We have to be ready to leave at any moment," said Pickett. "Each day brings maintenance checks. You're looking at all the

moving parts. A helicopter has a lot more moving parts than a fixed-wing, so you have to inspect those parts and make sure everything is good." The maintainers are aware of the magnitude of their mission.

"Everybody relies on us," said Pickett. "I am the beginning of the domino effect. If I'm not doing my job keeping the aircraft ready, then we can't go out and fly and save other people's lives. A lot of people rely on me."

Partners: Kiowa's impact on local security proves enormous

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Air Cavalry Squadron would make a lasting impression on the newly formed Iraqi unit, they said. "The Iraqis look at Kiowas flying

by and wish they could fly them," Hill said. The Kiowa's accomplishments and impact on local security over the years in the region have been enormous and the Iraqi army holds the community in high regard,

he added. CW4 Todd Mitchell, squadron standardization pilot for the 6th Sqd., 17th Cav. Regt., presented some of the training classes to the Iraqis of the 21st Sqd. "I am excited to be able to

assist the Iraqi army in taking the next step in their future," Mitchell said. Armament personnel led by Staff Sgt. Jamey Hermanns instructed ground personnel in handling and loading procedures for the M3P

machine gun and aerial rockets. Hermanns stated, "I hope some of the techniques and procedures we taught will assist them as they develop their own standard operating procedures."



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Patrons from around the area shop at various vendor booths in the gymnasium of Daleville High School during the annual FRCS Holiday Mart at Daleville High School last year.

More than 75 vendors offer wares during Hollyday Mart

By Erin Murray
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club will host more than 75 vendors and several entertainment events at their annual Hollyday Mart Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center.

The Hollyday Mart is the FRCS's biggest annual fundraiser, bringing in thousands of dollars that are given back to the surrounding community, said Christin James, club president.

"It's a good way for the local community to support Fort Rucker. The money we raise goes back into the community by way of scholarships and grants,"

she said.

Admission into the mart is \$2 and two nonperishable food items, a small price to pay for a day of holiday shopping and entertainment, according to Erica Geranen, coordinator of the Hollyday Mart.

Entertainment events include performances by the Fort Rucker Elementary School band at 9:30 a.m., the Fort Rucker Primary School choir at 11 a.m. and Wiregrass Cheer and Dance at 1 p.m. There will also be an all-ages fashion show with clothing provided by the Fort Rucker Thrift Shop.

A new event, The Miss Hollyday pageant, will be held at 2 p.m. and will have participants from infants to adults. FRCS introduced the event as a way to

draw more shoppers, and to help raise more money for their philanthropy, said James.

"Miss Hollyday Mart is a way for civilians to get involved. This is something they get to be a part of, not just as vendors or shoppers," she said.

Other events during the day include a silent auction, bake sale and opportunity drawings for items from local businesses, with all proceeds going to the FRCS's scholarship program.

"Hollyday mart is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The more people who attend, the more change we're going to be able to bring to the community. It really is better to give than to receive," said Geranen.

Post thanks, informs local clergy during event

By Erin Murray
Army Flier Staff Writer

More than 50 local clergy members and community leaders attended Fort Rucker's Clergy Appreciation Day event at Wings Chapel Oct. 27, where they were honored by the commanding general and garrison commander, educated on the Army's spiritual needs and gathered in fellowship together.

The event was modeled after the Clergy Day events held at other installations around the country that acknowledge October as Clergy Appreciation Month, according to Chaplain (Col.) Dennis Newton, Fort Rucker Garrison Chaplain.

The first Clergy Appreciation day was held in May in order to gauge interest from the community. Newton was glad to hold a second, even more successful event later this year, with returning clergy as well as many new visitors.

The day consisted of several welcome speeches, two seminars on assistance issues and military youth issues, followed by lunch and fellowship provided by the chaplaincy.

"It's important that we show you how much we appreciate you, and bring you into our place and tell you some things about us," said Col. James A. Muskopf, garrison commander.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, explained that he was honored to speak to community clergy members, because the outreach aligns with his commander's intent.

"My intent is to cultivate strong leaders who are mentally, physically and spiritually tough—who are dedicated and unsurpassed in their commitment to our nation and to our

Army," said Crutchfield.

"There are so many different titles for what you do, and your religious backgrounds are varied. Your spiritual guidance provides leaders the spiritual food we need to lead this great Army for this great country," said Crutchfield.

The general also took a moment to explain why spiritual support played a role in his own life when he read a prayer written by his former chaplain during a deployment in Iraq. While reading the prayer, Crutchfield reflected on the emotions he still feels when reading the prayer.

After the welcome and introduction, the clergy members learned about how to provide support to Army Families, especially to youth and those who are grieving a fallen Soldier.

"To me, it was simple. Let's bring them in and show them what we can do for [kids]. A lot of them have the perception that we lock the gates and don't want them coming in. That's not so," said Newton.

Learning how to support servicemembers and their Families was a big part of the event, said Drick Willford, pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

"It's different because they're only here for a short time. [Local clergy] need to come and learn what our military Families need, so that they can minister to them. With military families, you have to make the connection quickly," he said.

While Newton considered the event successful, he hoped that local churches will continue to work with the Fort Rucker Chaplaincy by sending brochures and information to provide to Soldiers and their Families many spiritual options.

For more information on chaplaincy events and outreach to local clergy, call 255-2989.



PHOTOS BY ERIN MURRAY

Clergy members from around the Wiregrass enjoyed a Southern-style lunch after a day of speeches and presentations on addressing the spiritual needs of Army Families at Clergy Appreciation Day Oct. 28.



Soldiers and clergy viewed presentations and speeches from members of the Fort Rucker Chaplaincy at the annual Clergy Appreciation Day.

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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 in 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 Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will also provide aircraft displays, information booths, inflatables and other children's activities. Griggs added that local musicians and an emcee that doubles as a magician and mentalist will perform. All of the events are open to the public and admission is free.

Salute to Military Families

As part of Military Family Appreciation month, Army Community Service hosts a "Salute to Military Families" event in conjunction with the 5k run and Chili Cook-off Saturday 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 Saturday 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.

DFMWR ornament contest

Fort Rucker's Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts a Christmas ornament contest now through Nov. 25.

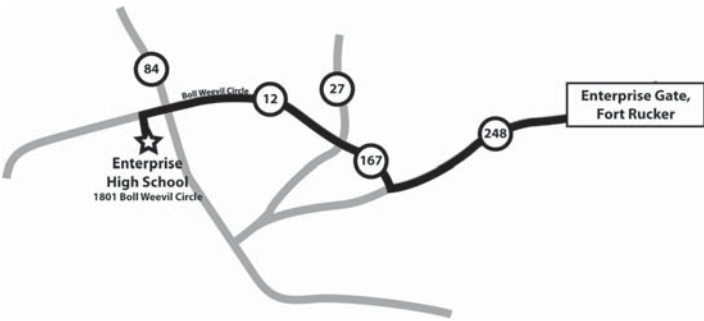
Prizes will be awarded to first-place entries in the following categories: 3-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-11 years. An overall winner will also be chosen and will help light the post Christmas tree at the Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 1. Ornaments may be turned in to the youth services center, child development center, or central registration in Bldg. 5700. All entries will be displayed on the post Christmas tree.



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Soldier Show 2011

Sgt. Emily McAleesejergins, a veteran of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, returns this year performing several numbers, including "Bad Romance" by Lady Gaga. The Soldier Show comes to the Wiregrass Saturday and Sunday at Enterprise High School. Saturday's show is 7-8:30 p.m. and Sunday's show is 2:30-4 p.m. Admission is free and no tickets are required to gain entry. For more, call 255-1749.



Entries should be labeled with the child's name and age, and the guardian's name and contact information.

For more information, call 255-1749.

Parent Support Program

Army Community Service's Promotion Points is holding a new Parent Support Program Friday 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 Friday 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.

Divorce/ Separation Co-Parenting Workshop

The Family advocacy program holds its Divorce/ Separation Co-Parenting Workshop Monday and Nov. 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 Tuesday 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.

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

AFTB Level I

Being new to the Army can be confusing, so Army Community Service offers a class to simplify the transition. ACS hosts Army Family Team Building Level I classes Nov. 15 and 16 from 5-8:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F. Topics include: military acronyms, chain of command, customs and courtesies and more.

For advance registration and childcare information, call 255-2382.

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Survivors present issues to leadership at AFAP Summit

By Evan Dyson
Installation Management Command

ARLINGTON, Va. — Survivors outlined their top recommendations to Army leadership this month at the conclusion of the Survivor Outreach Services Army Family Action Plan Summit.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, participated in the Oct. 13 event, along with his wife, Sarah. Also in attendance and delivering remarks was Linda Odierno, wife of Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond Odierno.

“We’ve invested time, energy and resources into the program,” Lynch said about Survivor Outreach Services. “You’ve got to tell us how we’re doing and that’s the purpose of the AFAP Summit.”

The top five recommendations made to leadership were:

- Establish face-to-face training for Soldiers about the importance of a last will and testament;
- Refine the Casualty Assistance Officer selection method to include the Casualty Assistance Centers in the screening process;
- Remove time restrictions for survivors to contribute to tax-free growth accounts;
- Create a dedicated survivor resource website; and
- Mandate the stabilization of active-duty survivors for a minimum of one year.

According to Lynch, some topics identified as issues, including Web resources, may be handled rather quickly by enhancing existing sites and making sure people are aware of them.

“I’m absolutely convinced that the key to all of this is information,” Lynch said. “You can have the best programs in the world, but if nobody knows about the programs, you might as well not even have the programs.”

Other recommendations will continue to be evaluated, he said.

According to organizers, the event served as a mid-level AFAP summit. Issues presented at the conference, which cannot be resolved at a local level, will be forwarded to the AFAP summit in January held by the Department of the Army.

Speaking of the nation’s fiscal situation, Lynch acknowledged that not every issue will be attainable, but it is important to identify the ones that will better serve the Army community.

Other topics discussed during the summit, but not included in the top five issues, ranged from replacing vehicle stickers for Gold Star Families with portable identification cards to the addition of training to ensure awareness of the meaning behind the Gold Star lapel button and service banners.

Lynch, who is nearing the end of his term as commanding general of IMCOM and assistant chief of staff of Installation Management, expressed his respect and gratitude to Linda Odierno for her attendance and for looking out for Soldiers and their families.

“Sarah and I transition out of the Army in less than 30 days to another form of service,” he said. “But we leave the Army knowing that the Army is in good hands because there are no two human beings who care for people, who love people, more than Linda and Ray Odierno.”

In her remarks, Linda



PHOTO BY EVAN DYSON

Participants in the Army’s Survivor Outreach Services Army Family Action Plan Summit presented their recommendations to leadership in Arlington, Va., Oct. 13. Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of the Installation Management Command, and his wife, Sarah, listened to concerns and engaged with the crowd. Also in attendance and delivering remarks was Linda Odierno, wife of Gen. Raymond Odierno, chief of staff of the Army.

Odierno thanked all Survivors who participated in the summit for their insight and recommendations, saying their feedback was critical to better serving the Army and all survivors of the fallen.

“I want you to know we will never forget about your loss and we will never forget about you and your Family,”

said Odierno. “Being here shows how much you continue to care about the Army and its spouses and Families who will also experience the loss of a loved one.”

The summit, conducted by Survivor Outreach Services, drew from the experience of 50 Survivors.

According to Hal Sny-

der, program manager for SOS, the intent for these types of events is to listen and respond to what actually resonates with the Survivor community.

For the participants, the event was also valuable.

“I have an idea what all these Families are going through,” said Roger Verela. On May 17, 2007, Verela’s son, Pvt. 1st Class Alejandro Verela, was killed near Baghdad.

“I don’t know exactly how they’re grieving because we all grieve differently, but we’re not just friends or acquaintances,” he said. “We’re Family. We are Family.”

“I’m just pleased and honored to be here,” said participant Alma Hart during her briefing to Lynch. “I don’t like fluff and this meeting has been good hard work and I am proud to have been a part of it.”

Following the conclusion of the summit, participants laid a wreath in Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknowns.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- Gates Open – 4 p.m.
- Ribbon Cutting – 5 p.m. – Main Entrance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Gates open – 8 a.m.
- Cheerleading Competition – 9 a.m. – Wells Fargo Arena
- Southern Regional Open Karate Tournament – 10 a.m. – Civic Center
- Midway opens – 10 a.m.
- Craig Campbell Concert – 7:30 p.m. – Amphitheater

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- Gates Open – 1 p.m.
- Building 429, Leeland & Royal Tailor, concert – 4 p.m. – Amphitheater

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Kindergarten Day – 9 a.m. – Main Entrance
- Farmers’ Day
- Pre-registered farmers and their family get in free
- Gates Open for General Public – 4 p.m.
- Border Collie Demonstration – 6:30 p.m. Wells Fargo Arena
- Calf Scramble & Greased Pig – 7 p.m. Wells Fargo Arena
- Sponsored by First South Farm Credit

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Gates Open – 4 p.m.
- Uncle Kracker Concert – 7:30 p.m. - Amphitheater

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Special Citizens’ Day – 8 a.m. Sponsored by KNOLOGY
- Gates Open for General Public – 4 p.m.
- Percy Sledge Concert – 7:30 p.m. - Amphitheater

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Senior Citizens’ Day – noon Sponsored by Southeast Alabama Medical Center
- Military Day
- Gates Open to General Public – 4 p.m.



NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL GRAPHIC

- Alex Maddox on at 7 p.m. and Mustang Sally Concert on at 8 p.m. - Amphitheater

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- Gates Open – 4 p.m.
- “Hip, Hop Night” with Queazy — 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- NPF Parade – 9:30 a.m. – Downtown Dothan
- Gates Open – noon
- Demolition Derby – 2 p.m. – Wells Fargo Arena Sponsored by Schnitzer Steel
- Demolition Derby – 7 p.m. – Wells Fargo Arena Sponsored by Schnitzer Steel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- Gates Open – 1 p.m.
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- Midway and gates close – 6 p.m.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- Regular Price Gate Admission
- McDonald’s Ride-a-thon - \$20 Armband

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- \$6 Gate Admission for anyone ages 6 and over. Super Sunday Armband - \$18

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Regular Price Gate Admission. Twelve Buck Tuesday - \$12 Armband. Media Sponsor – WOOF

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Girls Night Out! Children included in specials for gate and armbands. Females admitted for \$5. Females’ armbands - \$10. Men’s armbands - \$20.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Seniors (age 55 and over) admitted free from noon until 4 p.m. Military and their Family members with ID admitted for \$5 starting at 4 p.m. Seniors \$5 after 4 p.m. Regular Price Gate Admission for all others. \$20 – Armband

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Scramble Winners’ from 2010 - 8 a.m.
- Jr. Heifer/Feeder Steer - 9 a.m.
- Open Market Sheep Show - 4 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Open Dairy Goat Show - noon

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Open Beef Cattle Show - 9 a.m.
- Market Hog Showmanship - 4 p.m.
- Prospect Hog Show to follow
- Poultry Show - 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Market Hog Show (Barrows) - 6 p.m.
- Gilts to follow Barrows

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Jr. Hog Show - 8 a.m.
- Open Hog Show to follow

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- Youth Meat Goat Show - 9 a.m.
- Boer Goat Show - noon
- Advance Sales Ride Tickets
- One Day Admission Tickets - \$6
- Ages 6 and over – under age 6 is free (Save \$1 off gate prices)
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- McDonald’s Ride-a-thon - \$20, includes admission and armband ticket and may only be used Friday. (Save \$7 - \$1 goes to Ronald McDonald House)
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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

SATURDAY— The Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts First Saturday Family Day this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Children and parents will learn about color, shape, texture and different types of art such as painting, drawing and collage.

The event is recommended for elementary aged children. For more information, visit wiregrassmuseum.com or call 794-3871.

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 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

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.

DCCAH 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 Brantley at 7 p.m., and dancing from 8-10 p.m. with music by DJ ED.

A \$5 donation to DCCAH 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

Eclectic Trade Days

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.

Birmingham Christmas Village

The Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex will host more than 700 vendors of arts, crafts and gifts at the annual Christmas Village now through Sunday. 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.christmas-villagefestival.com>.

Magnolia Springs Market Days

St. Paul’s Church hosts the seventh annual Market Days Friday and Saturday 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.

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 Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic 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 Department’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.

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.

Scarecrows in the Park

Over 300 scarecrows made by various individuals, businesses, and school groups are spread along the 3 miles of walking trails of Lake Frank Jackson State Park from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. now through Nov. 14. Admission is \$1 for ages 12 and up, and 50 cents for children under 12 and senior citizens. For more information, call 504-1450 or visit www.oppchamber.com.

W.C. Handy Birthday Celebration

The city of Florence will celebrate jazz musician W.C. Handy’s birthday Nov. 16 at the W.C. Handy Home Museum and Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and there will be birthday cake and refreshments along with a performance by The John Wilson Band. The celebration is sponsored by the Handy Cabin Committee and the Florence Department of Arts and Museums. For more information, call 256-760-6434.

ArchiTreats Lecture

The Alabama Department of Archives and History hosts the monthly Montgomery ArchiTreats: Food for Thought lecture each month. This month’s lecture by Fred Gray, entitled “The Civil Rights World in Alabama” is Nov. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. Attendants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

RABIES:

Army works to prevent rare but fatal disease

By Chanel S. Weaver
Army News Service

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Officials at the U.S. Army Public Health Command have been working aggressively to prevent additional cases of rabies in Army personnel following the death of a Soldier on Aug. 31.

The Soldier contracted the disease while deployed to Afghanistan. This death was the first documented case of rabies in the Department of Defense since 1967.

"The death of this Soldier is very tragic, and we are taking actions to ensure something like this does not happen again," said Lt. Col. Steven Cersovsky, director of epidemiology and disease surveillance at the USAPHC.

"Any Soldier, civilian or contractor who has been deployed to an area of the world where rabies is common could be at risk for developing rabies if exposed to a rabid animal," he emphasized. "It is critical that those with animal exposures, especially bites, receive immediate medical evaluation."

The USAPHC, in partnership with the U.S. Army Medical Command, DOD, other uniformed services and the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is working to expeditiously identify, evaluate and treat any service members, DOD civilians, retirees and contractors who may have been exposed to rabies while deployed.

Individuals who meet the following criteria are advised to report for a medical evaluation as soon as possible:

- Those who had a possible animal exposure that occurred after March 1, 2010. A possible animal exposure is a bite or contact with the saliva of warm-blooded animals such as dogs, cats, bats, foxes, skunks, raccoons and jackals.
- Those who had no medical evaluation or incomplete/undocumented evaluation or an incomplete series of rabies shots following an exposure incident. Individuals who are not 100 percent confident they received appropriate and completely documented care should be evaluated. Although rabies is a fatal disease, it is preventable. It is also very rare in the United States, due to an active vaccination program for pets. The vast majority of rabies cases in the United States each year occur in wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes.

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"The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death," said Cersovsky.

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"If medical treatment is obtained promptly following a rabies exposure, nearly all cases of rabies can be prevented," said Cersovsky. "But the best

way to prevent rabies is to avoid contact with stray and wild animals."

Soldiers who deploy are educated about how to prevent the disease during routine pre-deployment medical threat briefings.

For more information on rabies and how to prevent the disease, visit:

U.S. Army Public Health Command, <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/aid/Pages/Rabies.aspx>

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SPOOKY 5K RUN

W01 Jenn Johnson and W01 Dan Johnson head for the finish line with their children, Daisy, AKA Thing 2, and Ada, AKA Thing 1, during the annual Fort Rucker Spooky 5k hosted by the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Saturday. About a hundred members of the Fort Rucker community took part in the race and fun run, with many in full costume. Next up, the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility hosts the annual Turkey Trot 10k, 5k and 1-Mile Fun Run Nov. 19. For more information on the run, call 255-3794.

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Hunt gets rave reviews from wounded warriors

By Jim Hughes
Command Information Officer

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation wrapped up its Wounded Warrior Hunt Saturday at Lake Tholocco to rave reviews from the eight heroes Fort Rucker hosted during the event.

The event brings in wounded warriors from around the area and takes them on guided hunts for an entire week, with accommodations provided at the cabins at Lake Tholocco, said Sgt. 1st Class Gary Everett, who ran the past three events and assisted outdoor recreation this year.

"We basically just let them cut loose for a week," Everett said. "We don't put restrictions on them. We bring in caregivers for them from the different services, take them out hunting -- whatever they want to do, we make sure they do it."

And no experience required, Everett added.

"We train them up," he said. "We actually take them out and show them how to use the weapons. If they haven't shot a bow, we teach them how. We let them use our bows, our guns, whatever it takes -- get them whatever they need for what is in season here according to the game wardens."

While the hunters didn't bag any turkeys this year, the hunt was anything but unsuccessful, said Everett, adding that hunters did get hogs, coyotes and even deer.

Although he didn't bag any prey, one hunter agreed that the event was a success.

"Mainly I sat and watched and didn't see



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Master Sgt. Alan Goetzinger, a wounded warrior from Fort Benning, Ga., speaks with the local media about the Fort Rucker Wounded Warrior Hunt during the closing ceremonies Saturday at Lake Tholocco.

anything because it all went around us," said Marine Lance Cpl. Stephen Ayhens, a wounded warrior on the hunt who is from Ozark. "Like Thursday night, we were out hunting coyotes and one went to the right and one went to the left. I didn't see them -- couldn't get a shot. It was fun, though -- very fun. They should do it all the time. I've been here all my life and I never knew they did anything like this."

Ayhens added that events such as this help wounded warriors a lot.

"It gives me stuff to do -- gets me out of the hospital," he said. "I'd been in the hospital for just over four months and I was about to blow a fuse. I don't like it there.

Events like this are great for us -- some guys I know have been in the hospital for three years getting treatment. Programs like this get us out and doing things."

The Marine said he plans to be back later this month to go duck hunting, adding that his dream hunting trophy is a big moose.

But there's one little problem with that. "I'm not going that far north -- I hate the cold," he said.

Master Sgt. Alan Goetzinger, a wounded warrior from Fort Benning, Ga., agreed the event was a success as far as the hunters were concerned.

"It's been awesome -- peaceful," he said. "We haven't had a lot of luck hunting

deer, but I'll tell you what, the best day working is not as good as the worst day hunting, so we've all been having a very good time.

"They put us up in first class facilities -- the cabins here are awesome," he added. "The meals, the fellowship, we've been downtown to the civic center, to some local restaurants, met new people -- a first class experience, totally relaxing and there is no stress. We basically got to hang out together, and talk about stuff, and go out and hunt."

Everett got much the same feedback from the other six hunters.

"They've cried, and I don't know how many times they've shaken my hand and hugged me -- they can't thank you enough. It's incredible. It gets to you on the inside. You go home at night and it makes you realize it's a good thing we're doing here -- a really good thing. And it's not just what we're doing, it's what everyone involved is doing -- a big effort from people who cook at night to people who cook during day. All these people are doing this as a donation -- no one is paid here."

Happy hunters certainly was the goal of the weeklong hunt, but the event was also deemed a success as a fundraiser for making Fort Rucker one of the prime locations for wounded warriors to hunt, Everett said, adding that this is the first of the previous four events over the past three years where the money that is donated goes directly to improving facilities locally.

The amount raised this year was unavailable at press time, but last year's event raised about \$165,000, according to

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PIGSKIN PICKS



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TRIVIA

1. ANATOMY: Which gland produces human growth hormone?
2. FAMOUS CHARACTERS: What does Donald Duck always wear?
3. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Iraq?
4. RELIGION: In Western churches, what day is set aside for the Feast of St. Stephen?
5. SCIENCE: What is the Latin word and chemistry symbol for lead?
6. MOVIES: What 1969 movie was made from a Philip Roth novel and starred Richard Benjamin and Ali MacGraw?
7. PULITZER PRIZE: What was the title of Charles Lindbergh's autobiography, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1953?
8. LITERATURE: What 1920s novel features a narrator named Nick Carraway?
9. LANGUAGE: What is a fata morgana?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water does the Mississippi River flow into?

See Page D4 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Herd word
4 Gator's cousin
8 Forest father
12 Chicken — king
15 Snake-spearer snake
18 Dadaism founder
19 Neighbor of Kentucky
20 Sign of sanctity
21 Postman's Creed word
22 '64 Ronny & the Daytonas hit
23 Mouth piece?
24 HARRISON
28 Beer ingredient
30 Reveal
31 Bargain
32 Former African nation
33 Apiece
35 Pancakes-to-be
39 Shade of green
40 HOOVER
44 Artist
45 Out of place
46 In addition
47 Rampur royalty
51 Tender

DOWN

1 Palliative
2 "Turandot" tune
3 Upset entity
4 Dot follower
5 Beat
6 Seine feeder
7 Monastery garb

ACROSS

52 PC key
53 Tiberius' threads?
54 '60s chic
55 Symbol of industry
56 Went white
57 Time for chores?
58 Lilt on a sunfish
59 "Fatha" Hines
60 Teapot part
62 Ersatz emerald
63 ADAMS
70 Cisco, to Pancho
71 Sudden attacks
72 Something to skip?
73 Campbell of "Party of Five"
74 Doll up
76 "The Jungle Book" character
78 — Na Na
81 Justice Fortas
82 "Death in Venice" author
83 Aromatic plant
85 Court-martial candidate
86 "Corn-huskers" poet
89 Like lava

DOWN

90 Stage stuff
91 Take a breather
92 JACKSON
94 Wrap
96 Singer
97 Like kids at Christmas
98 Bobbin
99 Sargasso Sea swimmer
100 Humorist Ogden
103 Violin part
106 KENNEDY
112 Charlotte
113 Fido's morsel
114 "Ab —" (from the start)
115 Portent
116 Half-baked?
117 Flub
118 Director Craven
119 Faux —
120 Trick stick
121 Looked at
122 — as Salaam

ACROSS

8 Mother or grandmother
9 Make a doily
10 Herriot title start
11 Peanut of Kim or Kaufman
12 Kim or Kaufman
13 NM
14 "Raising —" ('87 film)
15 Certain marble
16 Unyielding
17 Study closely
25 Made a passage
26 Capek play
27 Michael of "Dynasty"
29 Stocking shade
34 Director's cry
36 Without — (daringly)
37 Communications word form
38 — Aviv
39 "Frederica" composer
40 Jet-setter's need
41 Shortly
42 Spanish specialty
43 Land in the sea
44 Sheldon's "— of Angels"

DOWN

47 State words?
48 Pennsylvania sect
49 Nick of "Q&A"
50 Gentleman of leisure?
52 Jeanne —
53 Strained
56 El —, TX
57 "Gigi" author
58 Stare stupidly
59 Brink
60 TV's "— City"
61 Third degree?
62 "Oh My —" ('53 song)
63 Turner and Wood
64 Basic organism
65 David of "The Bishop's Wife"
66 Pitchfork part
67 Bring home the bacon
68 Salad staple
69 Bagel or bialy
74 Cause a chuckle
75 Move like a mouse
76 Aphid apparatus
77 Place for a patch
78 Walked like a buccaneer

DOWN

79 Nest or burrow
80 Tree spray
83 Baptism site
84 Nevada city
85 Neon relative
87 Salivate
88 Hotel employee
89 "Nowhere —" ('66 hit)
90 Appreciated, in the '50s
92 Cowardly
93 City in Pakistan
94 Fern feature
95 Reggae's — and the Maytals
96 You can retire on it
98 Old tub
99 Baseballer Slaughter
101 4,840 square yards
102 Command to Fido
104 Williams of "Pete and Gladys"
105 Gourmet Graham
107 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
108 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
109 He's a doll
110 Gridiron position
111 Florid

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by Linda Thistle

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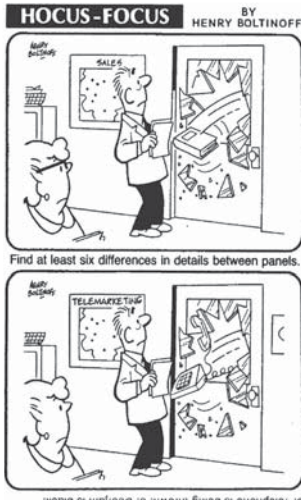
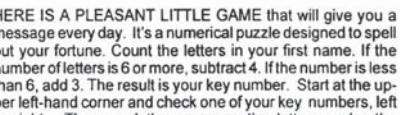
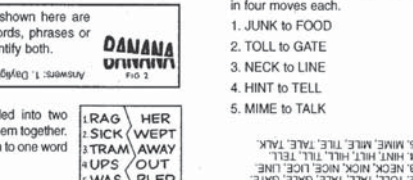
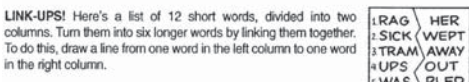
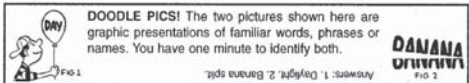
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GRIDIRON CORNER

NFL fans get tricks, treats from favorite teams

By **Jim Hughes**
Command Information Officer

The over-Halloween NFL week featured many tricks and treats for fans of the 26 teams who played.

Some fans were handed tricks in the form of terrible play from their teams, while others were treated to what they hoped for.

Tricks

Ravens – Baltimore fans must’ve expected the Ravens were going with the “trick” in their game with Arizona. They fell behind early doing a zombie impression similar to their horrible performance last week, but then woke up in the second half and pulled out a 30-27 win. The Ravens next head to Pittsburgh to take on the resurgent Steelers while the Cardinals...well, who really cares.

Saints – Zombies are apparently all the rage these days, as the Saints defense did a perfect impression of what an NFL defense might look like if “The Walking Dead” storyline came true. They somehow managed to let the 0-6 Rams look like the Greatest Show on Turf again – even while missing their starting quarterback. Or, maybe it’s in the NFL rule book you can take a week off after blasting a team 62-7 – and I’m sure the Rams looked like a good day off to the Saints. Trouble is, that old adage is old because it is true: any team can beat any other team on any given Sunday. New Orleans next hosts the Buccaneers while the Rams head to Arizona to play the Cardinals in a game the entire country will turn its eyes from.

Cowboys – If the Saints were zombies, then the Cowboys, especially on the defensive side, were buried alive as the Eagles did anything they wanted and Dallas was powerless to even slow them down. Actually, Cowboys defenders

looked like they were playing while wearing those goggles used to simulate drunk driving. Next up for the Cowboys is Seattle at home while the Eagles host the Bears.

Chargers – Just when Chargers fans thought the team had gotten over its slow start thing of the past few years, here comes this game. San Diego fell behind early, came back to tie it, then realized what it had done and literally fumbled away the game. Now winners of four straight games, the Chiefs were largely and pretty fairly written off for the 2011 campaign after an 0-3 start. Now they’re in a three-way tie for the division lead with the Lightning Bolts and Raiders. San Diego faces a pretty brutal second half schedule for the season, and the Raiders are in a bit of a tight spot with an unknown quantity in Carson Palmer at quarterback and a dinged up running back corps, so the Chiefs might have the edge.

Treats

Vikings – Minnesota fans must be feeling a little better about their season after this one. In the battle of the rookie QBs, Christian Ponder came out on top over much-heralded Cam Newton of Carolina. Newton still deserves the props, but Ponder – who looked poised in the pocket and got his first win in his second start—and running back Adrian Peterson proved the Vikings can be a force to be reckoned with in the second half of the season. This season is pretty much a wash for the Vikings, but there is reason to hope for the future if Ponder keeps it up. Both teams get a week off in Week 9.

Lions – After dropping two straight, and Tim Tebow and the Broncos coming to town, the Lions were, well, not frightened at all. The Lions defense pretty much put a dagger in the heart of Tim Tebowmania by sacking, or more like crushing him seven times and forcing two turnovers.

When they weren’t leaving him crumpled on the ground, they were making him look like what many critics said he was – a great guy, but not a very good quarterback. The Lions might have thought they were treating their fans with their taunting and posing around crumpled Tebow, but in reality it was completely classless. Someone should remind these guys to look at the scoreboard of recent years, which basically equates to: Worst. Team. Ever. I know they need to change their team’s losing culture around, but being classless doesn’t often work. There’s always someone bigger and badder than yourself around, and you really don’t have to look far in the NFL to find bigger and badder teams. Detroit gets Week 9 off while Denver heads to Oakland to lose another one.

Bengals – Ocho Cinco gone. T.O. gone. Carson Palmer, who would never be traded, was traded and is gone. Cedric Benson is suspended and when he does play is largely ineffective. And the Bengals have a rookie QB. So, of course, they are tied with the Ravens in second place in the division, only a half game behind the Steelers. The Bengals tore up the Seahawks, 34-12, to keep their relevance alive and well, and next head to Tennessee. Seattle heads to Dallas where they will either get slaughtered or make the Cowboys look awful.

Steelers – The first few weeks of the season all the talk was that Pittsburgh was old and slow and wasn’t going to do anything this year. But after a few wins and last week’s dismantling of Tom Brady and Company, 25-17, the Steelers sit in first place in their division and look like the team to beat in the American Football Conference. Of course it is way early to really predict it, but a Steelers vs. Packers Super Bowl is looking like a decent bet right about now. Next up, Pittsburgh hosts archrival Baltimore while the Patriots welcome the Giants to Foxboro.

Big weekend ahead: LSU-Alabama preview

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

A few upsets, a thrilling triple-overtime win by Stanford over Southern California and another heaping serving of fail served up by Texas A&M – all in a single weekend.

And it’s nothing compared to what’s on tap for this Saturday.

The Clemson Tigers have fallen to No. 11 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings after a surprising loss at the hands of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, 31-17. The Yellow Jackets solution for dealing with Clemson’s high-octane offense was simple and effective: keep them off the field. The plan worked, and for 39 minutes Tech executed its option attack against a Clemson defensive unit that has failed to be successful against the run all season. Tech quarterback Tevin Washington racked up 176 yards on the night, and the four turnovers committed by the Tigers didn’t help Clemson’s efforts, either.

And with that, Clemson’s national title hopes are over, yet they still control the lead in the Atlantic Coast Conference’s Atlantic Division and could earn a shot at redemption against the Ramblin’ Wreck in the ACC championship game later this year.

Somewhat less surprising was Kansas State’s loss to Oklahoma. The Sooners managed to get things back on track after a disappointing loss last week to Texas Tech. That’s good news for Sooner fans but not so great for the previously undefeated Wildcats, who got a chance to witness the firepower of the almost-fully armed and operational Oklahoma offense.

After losing their leading rusher to a season-ending injury, Sooner quarterback Landry Jones obliterated K-State’s defense, throwing for five touchdowns on the way to setting a single-game school record of 505 passing yards. The Wildcats have relied heavily on their running game all season and had to shift into passing mode to keep up with Oklahoma’s offense. It didn’t work, and K-State’s national championship dreams turned nightmarish to the tune of 58-17.

Also returning to form last weekend was Texas A&M, but not in the way that you might expect. After giving up a few double-digit leads

this season, it looked like the Aggies had conquered their penchant for “blowing it” after beating Texas Tech, Baylor and Iowa State.

Not so fast, my friend.

The Aggies were leading the Missouri Tigers 28-14 at halftime but could only muster a single field goal in the second half. Meanwhile, Missouri was rallying and forced the game into overtime where they ended up winning, 38-31. The Aggies shouldn’t have to worry much about blowing any leads this weekend, though, as they face the Sooners in Norman, Okla.

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck went a long way towards showing voters why he deserves their Heisman

consideration after leading the No. 4-ranked Cardinal to a 56-48 triple-overtime win over the No. 20 USC Trojans. Ironically, it was a rare interception thrown by Luck late in the fourth quarter that nearly cost them the win and their undefeated record. But it was a fumble by USC running back Curtis McNeal that was subsequently knocked through the end zone that wrapped up the victory for Stanford.

It was the kind of adversity that can make or break a season. Stanford has been blowing teams out for so long and a hard-fought victory like this could go a long way towards not only Andrew Luck’s Heisman campaign but the overall

success of this season for the Cardinal. The only legitimate challenge remaining on their schedule is the No. 6-ranked Oregon Ducks in two weeks. Depending on how No. 3-ranked Oklahoma State fares against the Oklahoma Sooners in the Bedlam Series on Dec. 3, Stanford could be poised for a run at the BCS National Championship.

Now that the recap of last weekend’s action is out of the way, let’s get ready for

the main event.

After weeks of anticipation, the No. 1-ranked LSU Tigers are finally loading up their buses and heading east towards Tuscaloosa to face No. 2 Alabama in what can only be described the biggest game of the year. Both teams were off last week, but that had zero effect on the hype machine surrounding this contest.

So how do these teams stack up against each other?

The Crimson Tide defense

is one the stingiest in college football, allowing less than seven points per game. They’ve allowed less than 400 rushing yards over the course of the season, making them the top-ranked rushing defense in the nation. It’s almost as difficult to throw against them; they’re ranked second in the nation, allowing only 135.63 passing yards per game. They are disciplined. They do everything right

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College: Alabama, LSU outcome hard to judge statistically

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and, at times, it seems like they're playing with more than 11 men on the field. And, for the most part, they are completely healthy. Offensively, the Tide is almost as good. Quarterback AJ McCarron doesn't make many mistakes and, at one point this season, had thrown 152 passes between interceptions. Running back Trent Richardson is one of the most productive runners in college football this season and could seriously boost his Heisman chances with a complete performance against the Tigers. The LSU Tigers are every bit as good as the Crimson Tide. On the defensive side of the ball, they are just as

suffocating as Alabama. They are deep, very fast and have a tendency to force turnovers, having done so a whopping 18 times so far this season. Combine that with the miniscule amount of turnovers by the offense, a mere three all year, and you've got a team with a +15 turnover margin, a number that typically translates to victories. The LSU offense isn't as productive as Alabama's but that doesn't mean they aren't successful. LSU's offensive unit scores over 97 percent of the time they enter the red zone and have found the end zone on almost 80 percent of those visits. Alabama is somewhat less impressive in red-zone scoring, hovering just above 85 percent. Only

59 percent of those visits result in touchdowns. That's the thing about this game: Since they both look like world-beaters, you have to break it down statistically to find out who has the edge. It's why this is the most anticipated game since 2006 when the No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes faced the No. 2-ranked Michigan Wolverines. So who has the edge? Alabama is more productive on offense, but LSU has earned its ranking against much stiffer competition. LSU's opponents have ranked 65th nationally in scoring offense while Alabama's opponents have ranked 87th. The Tigers have proven that they can be just as successful playing on the road

as they are at home and, as rowdy as the crowd in Tuscaloosa will be on Saturday night, the Crimson Tide have a losing record against LSU at home over the course of their last 10 meetings. Drilling down a bit further, Alabama is 1-4 against LSU the last five times they've met at Bryant-Denny Stadium. So

much for home-field advantage. The turnover margin is the weightiest statistic of all. LSU gives up the ball less than Alabama. They take the ball away more than Alabama. But these are just statistics, and statistics do not win football games. The winner of Saturday

night's clash will have the inside track on both the Southeastern Conference and BCS National title games. Of course, a victory is no guarantee for either of those but it's a reasonable prediction. So who wins? Flip a coin. The only sure thing is that this one will be one for the ages.

Warrior: Event big success for Soldiers, community

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Everett. "What we're doing is using this money specifically to enhance our wounded warrior facilities here — from handicap blinds to handicap-accessible units in the field to fishing units to making ramps to make things handicap accessible," he said. "We have one cabin and a pier that are handicap accessible already, and a blind that is handicap accessible, so improvements are already being made. "That's the kind of things we can do with this money — empower wounded warriors to come out and not need the assistance of anyone. They can get in the unit and hunt on their own. That's why we do this — that is what it is all about." Other improvements include specific areas for wounded warriors to hunt, complete with paved areas where game can't see the hunters but that they can reach with their vehicles and make their way to the blinds, Everett added. Fort Rucker's previous track record in raising money for the cause has been great, and Everett credits the Fort Rucker community, the people of the Wiregrass and local businesses for that success. "I think it's the Wiregrass — that's a big part of it. And I think it's because such a diverse group of people come to Fort Rucker. There is a good part of the community here that is military connected somehow, whether a government employee, a former service-member or a retiree. And a lot of people in this area are Gold Star moms and dads

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with good people and they do their part. It's a great community."

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Answers

- Pituitary gland
- A blue sailor suit
- The dinar
- Dec. 26
- Plumbum (Pb)
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- "The Spirit of St. Louis"
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