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CH-47 Chinooks transport vehicles as part of an air assault mission at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, Sept. 26 during Saber Junction. The exercise involves nearly 5,400 participants from 16 ally and partner nations.

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PUSH FOR IMPROVEMENT

Corvias begins home renovations, upgrades to playgrounds, more

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

While the military and its partners in privatized housing struggle with the challenge to provide quality housing to servicemembers and their families at many of the nation's installations worldwide, there's largely a good news story to tell at Fort Rucker.

And that story is only going to get better thanks to the efforts of Fort Rucker leadership and local housing partner Corvias Military Living, according to Maj. Gen. David J. Francis, Fort Rucker and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence commanding general.

"We are doing very well in terms of the quality, the maintenance and the upkeep of our housing, and the feedback from our residents is largely good," Francis told local news

organization representatives during a media roundtable on housing Oct. 2 at the Allen Heights Neighborhood Center. "Where we have had challenges in the past, we have made corrections, such as in the responsiveness to maintenance calls.

"The chain of command at Fort Rucker and Corvias are 100-percent committed to putting our Soldiers and families in the very best quality of housing that we can provide. We are in good shape, but we are never satisfied – we will continue to press to continue to improve everything from housing to the playgrounds to our barracks," the general added. "Corvias has been a great partner in identifying and addressing the issues that we found at Fort Rucker, which were not as significant as in other places around the Department of Defense, but nevertheless, they have jumped in with the chain of command and we are moving forward."



PHOTOS BY JIM HUGHES

Col. Whitney B. Gardner, Fort Rucker garrison commander, speaks with a local reporter as Melissa Bryson, Corvias operations director, looks on, during a tour of a home renovation in the Munson Heights neighborhood on post Oct. 2.



One of the homes under renovation in Munson Heights.

That push for improvement includes major renovations to 108 classic homes in Munson Heights, which have already begun, and renovations to 550 homes in Allen Heights, including duct modifications, weather proofing, increasing energy efficiency and replacing heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, which will begin this month, said Melissa Bryson, Corvias operations director at Fort Rucker.

While those renovations are key to ensuring quality housing at Fort Rucker for years to come, Corvias has also taken immediate steps to improve the services it provides to residents, she added.

HOUSING *cont.*

“We recognize, as a company, that we have made some mistakes that have had negative impact on our customers,” Bryson said. “We are committed to taking care of that.”

This year, Corvias has added 15 employees – 12 on the maintenance end and the others on the office end, she said. The company also brought its call center in-house, so all calls are handled by a Corvias team member on Fort Rucker instead of being outsourced.

“We’ve decentralized our maintenance to a neighborhood concept that allows individual maintenance teams in each of our neighborhoods,” she added. “We added additional contractors, we host weekly community events in all three community centers – some large scale, some small scale – and we get a lot of participation from our residents.

“We also implemented a work order resident portal and mobile app, so people are able to view their work order status, able to enter it into the portal, and able to view the status and progress of their work order on their phone,” Bryson said.

The company also rolled out its Corvias Commitment, started a resident advisory group, and “we enhanced our training program, and implemented a more enhanced preventative maintenance plan where we do



Corvias and Fort Rucker leadership took local journalists on a tour through a home renovation going on in the Munson Heights neighborhood on post Oct. 2.

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Commanding general

preventative maintenance on 100 percent of homes on a more detailed scope than we previously did,” she continued.

Additionally, Corvias began playground improvements and upgrades the first part of October, along with its hazardous tree removal project, Bryson added.

Corvias officials expect the renovations in Munson Heights to be completed in April 2021. The first home completion and move-in is scheduled for January, the operations director said, adding that Corvias quit leasing the homes in the neighborhood in March to help ensure no forced moves of families were

required.

Corvias’ and local leadership’s response to the concerns people expressed at the housing town hall earlier this year and the extensive renovations under way are indicative of the partnership the Army and the company enjoy at Fort Rucker, according to Col. Whitney B. Gardner, garrison commander.

“Fortunately for us, we have a fantastic relationship built on communication, trust and respect,” the colonel said. “Ms. Bryson is my teammate, and we’re able to bounce ideas off of each other to make sure we’re meeting needs of the residents at Fort Rucker.”

And taking care of Soldiers and families is Job 1 at Fort Rucker, Gardner added.

“It’s all about combat readiness,” he said. “If we have Soldiers out there whose families are unhappy with their living conditions, then we will have problems. It will affect our readiness over the long term. We want to make sure our families are well taken care of, and that they’ve got the best resources and living conditions possible. That keeps the Soldier happy, that keeps the pilot in training happy, so they will continue to want to serve in the U.S. Army.”

Post honors former POWs, reaffirms commitment to bringing fallen heroes home

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Fort Rucker joined the rest of the nation in paying homage to former prisoners of war and reaffirming its commitment to bringing home the nation's more than 80,000 military members still missing in action during the annual POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 20.

Maj. Gen. David J. Francis, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, served as speaker for the event at Veterans Park where he thanked former POW and retired Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Stamaris, a civilian with the Aviation Center Logistics Command, and his family for their sacrifice to help ensure the freedoms Americans enjoy today.

"Daniel's been one of our great Army civilians since 2001," Francis said, adding that Stamaris became a POW during the Gulf War in 1991 after the UH-60 Black Hawk he was flying in was shot down while on a mission to rescue a downed Air Force F-16 pilot. "We're glad to have Daniel here at Fort Rucker, where he also briefs SERE (survival, evasion, resistance and escape) students, sharing his experiences as a POW. Thank you for your loyalty, your selfless service and your personal courage."

The general then pointed out that the post would be flying the POW/MIA flag over the headquarters building and at the ceremony as a reminder to all of America's commitment to bring home all its fallen heroes.

"We remember the personal courage and tremendous loyalty of our POWs, and we also continue to hold out hope for those missing in action and embrace their families," Francis said. "The selfless service of these great heroes in protecting our freedom serves as a shining example for all of us. They and their families have sacrificed greatly, and



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Daniel J. Stamaris stands to be recognized for his service and sacrifice at the Fort Rucker POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 20 at Veterans Park.

their legacy of honorable service touches every one of us here today."

One of those heroes, Stamaris, joined the general in emphasizing how important it is for the U.S. to never forget.

"It's always important to remember those who sacrificed for this country for the freedoms that we have," he said. "And not just in recent times, but throughout the history of this country – so many gave so much to ensure the freedoms that we have today."

Stamaris said the rest of the crew on the Black Hawk he was flying in when it was shot down perished in the attack, and that he was left with major injuries, including broken tibia, fibula, ankle, foot, pelvis and ribs, along with a shattered femur, and other internal and external injuries.

But faith kept him going after he was cap-

tured – he had been loyal to his country, and he knew it would repay that loyalty.

"I never gave up. I always had hope that eventually our guys would find me, and if not that, then diplomatically something would happen," Stamaris said. "I didn't know how long I would be held, but I never gave up that hope that sooner or later I'd be released."

He spent eight days as a POW, held in Basra, Iraq, and outside Baghdad, he said.

"I just want to thank everyone for the support they've given me and my family over the years," he said. "I also want to encourage everyone to thank a veteran. If they don't know one or have one in their family, then if they see one out and about, thank them for their service and the sacrifices that they make each and every day."

And that sentiment was echoed by

Francis in his closing remarks.

"We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our service members and families for the sacrifices they make to protect our freedoms," he said. "I can think of no better way to honor and remember them than to listen to their stories and learn from them. And, in so doing, help ensure that we pass a legacy of honorable service on to the next generation."

"Today, as we reaffirm our commitment to bringing all of our servicemembers home, we continue to link arms with our families and steadfastly keep the light on until our brave heroes are back home on American soil where they belong," Francis added. "I would ask that each of you please remember and hold close in your thoughts and prayers the many servicemembers currently deployed around the globe."

Higher HQ inspection team puts Fort Rucker under microscope

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Fort Rucker went under the microscope when Installation Management Command conducted a higher headquarters assessment at the post Sept. 9-13.

The assessment team of 11 subject matter experts from various Army posts delved deeply into numerous programs, plans and agencies to ensure Fort Rucker leadership is doing all it can to run a safe and secure post, and the results are something the entire team at Fort Rucker can be proud of, according to Chester M. Witkowski, Fort Rucker deputy to the garrison commander.

“Assessment team members visited with us for a week, and they went through our programs and met with our people, and validated that we’re doing things right,” Witkowski said. “The entire team at Fort Rucker can be proud of what we’re doing to keep Soldiers and their families – and everyone who works on post – safe.

“The inspection also pointed out that there are some things we can do better. While none of those items are major issues, we will work on them – you can always get better,” he added. “This assessment proves what we’ve known all along – Fort Rucker is a safe, se-

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cure and great place to work, live and play.”

Inspection team members analyzed over 20 different programs and areas, including physical security, anti-terrorism, risk management, force protection, emergency management, law enforcement, health protection, cyber security and more, according to Mike Whittaker, installation anti-terrorism officer.

And the results were a marked improvement over the previous inspection in 2017, said Sean Sparks, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security director.

“Although resources have continued to decline, the efforts of the Fort Rucker team ensure we continue to seek increased efficiency and effectiveness within our protection programs,” he said. “One prevailing theme we received from the inspectors’ feedback was the need for increased awareness, collaboration and participation from all tenant units on the installation.”

As an example, Sparks said, 50 percent

of polled personnel on post didn’t know the current Force Protection Level, even though it is posted at every gate, in most facilities and identified each month during the Tactical Tuesday exercises.

“It is imperative that we all take measures to protect our personnel, assets and equipment on a daily basis,” Sparks added. “None of us want to experience a tragedy like the Fort Hood (Texas) shooting or another 9/11; therefore, we each must remain vigilant, and ensure our protection plans and measures, along with our emergency response capabilities, remain a priority.

“Complacency has a way of creeping in,” he said. “I would ask everyone to take the time to familiarize themselves with the specific protective measures organic to their organization and the installation as a whole. Your feedback remains a critical key to how we identify and mitigate vulnerabilities across the installation.”

LOCKDOWN VS. SHELTER IN PLACE

Understanding difference
could save lives in emergency

By Willie Worsham

Emergency Management Officer

Knowing the difference between a lockdown and sheltering in place could prove to be life-saving knowledge during an actual emergency.

The major difference between the two forms of emergency barricade is based on the type of emergency you are barricading yourself from.

Both are very different responses.

LOCKDOWN

When individuals are instructed to lockdown, it is in response to an active shooter. During an active shooter emergency, individuals are asked to barricade themselves in a room with no windows, if possible. If a room with no windows is not available in your building, you should cover or stay away from any windows to avoid making yourself or other people visible to any potential threat.

The idea of a lockdown is to remain properly secured and out of the line of vision of an active shooter until you are told the area is secure.

Usually, the shooter is not shooting at anyone in particular. The shooter is usually deliberate about his or her action, and is not panicking throughout the process, so it is

LOCKDOWN *cont.*

important to remain in lockdown until your area is secure.

Active shooters don't typically just stay in one place. If you've locked down, you've effectively kept the shooter out.

Always remember the run, hide, or fight rule for active shooters.

SHELTER IN PLACE

Sheltering in place is in response to severe weather, and also a chemical, biological or radiological contamination that may have been released into the environment.

When individuals are instructed to shelter-in-place, it means the individual or organization should select an interior room or rooms with few or no windows.

Once a room has been chosen, the individuals or organization should seal windows, doors, and ventilation systems using tape, plastic and weather stripping in an attempt to avoid a chemical disturbance or weather related disturbance.

Wet paper or wet cloth should be used to seal cracks in the building.

Individuals can increase protection by using whatever means are available to reduce the ventilation rate. Things like turning

off the air conditioning systems, closing all windows and doors, and avoiding using elevators can help decrease your risk of contamination.

If an individual is contaminated, it is recommended that the individual seclude their self from co-workers, remove their clothing and place in a plastic bag, and shower if possible.

If the contaminated individual cannot shower, they must wash off the areas that were not protected by clothing.

In either case of emergency, organizations should have an emergency action plan to determine an individual's role during these types of emergencies.

Once an emergency action plan is developed, Worsham suggests that organizations practice drill sessions to ensure that individuals are at least familiar with the process in case an actual emergency ever happens.

Community members will have an opportunity to practice lockdown procedures during a full-scale exercise scheduled for Dec. 10-13, where the Mass Notification System will be tested and lockdown procedures can be practiced.

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REMEMBERING MOGADISHU



PHOTOS BY KELLY MORRIS

Maj. Gen. David J. Francis, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, congratulates Soldiers as they cross the finish line after completing the Mogadishu Mile physical fitness event Oct. 4.



Jillian Nolan of Girl Scout Troop 9052, rings the bell after the names of the fallen are called during a Mogadishu Remembrance Ceremony on Howze Field Oct. 4. Nolan is the daughter of CW4 Heather A. Sheltroun, an academic instructor at the Warrant Officer Career College who also serves as the Girl Scout Troop leader.

'INSIDER THREAT'

CG states domestic violence 'has no place here'

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

If there are people living with the horror of domestic abuse within the Fort Rucker community, it doesn't have to be that way, according to the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general.

The Army has programs and resources available on post to help, but people need to identify the problem and report it, Maj. Gen. David J. Francis said just prior to signing the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation with Col. Whitney B. Gardner, Fort Rucker garrison commander, at The Landing Oct. 3.

"Domestic violence is what I consider to be an insider threat in our formations," the general continued. "We have families that suffer, and it's not just the families that suffer – it effects how we operate here, and it affects where we live, where we work, where we play and where we worship. It has no place here."

He added that it's up to leadership on the post, and the community at large, to identify instances of domestic abuse so it can be dealt with by the Army's helping agencies.

"For anyone out there who has or is suffering from domestic violence or abuse, it doesn't have to be that way," Francis said. "We have the resources that can help identify these problems and take corrective action through those programs. This is a detriment to the readiness of our Army, a detriment to our mission at Fort Rucker and it's a detri-

ment to our community.

"And we don't have to stand for it," he added. "I'm proud to stand up here today, along with all of the leaders in this room, and say we're not going to stand for it. We're going to apply every resource at our disposal to eliminate this problem from the Fort Rucker community."

That's music to the ears of Luticia Trimble-Smith, Fort Rucker Family Advocacy Program manager, one of the helping agencies leading the charge against domestic violence.

"We have an opportunity to raise awareness – you, everyone in this room – on domestic violence and how to prevent it," she said, adding that the program she oversees "is fully committed to assisting leaders in taking care of our people, and investing in the health and mission preparedness of our Soldiers and families."

Army Community Service will host several free events during the month to help Fort Rucker Soldiers and families with "a chance to get out and connect with other families and learning how to prevent domestic violence," Trimble-Smith said.

* "Janet's Story" – Oct. 15, 9-11:30 a.m., Wings Chapel. The Protestant Women of the Chapel will put on this interactive production that shows domestic violence from a victim's perspective.

* Purple Ribbon Walk – Oct. 25, noon to 12:30 p.m., at Sgt. Ted E. Bear. People are invited to wear purple, and walk with family, friends and co-workers to stand up and bring



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Col. Whitney B. Gardner, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and Maj. Gen. David J. Francis, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, pose with the freshly signed Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation they both signed Oct. 3 at The Landing.

awareness to help end domestic violence.

For more information on preventing domestic violence or any of the events above,

call 255-3898. To report domestic violence, call the 24/7 victim advocacy hotline at 334-379-7947.

FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT

Futuristic flight technology gives researchers a boost



PHOTOS BY SCOTT CHILDRESS

Capt. Justin Stewart, a USAARL pilot, gives Master Sgt. Kenneth Carey, USAARL chief medical laboratory NCO, a CAPT-E-VCS tutorial. The images displayed on the projection dome are of an urban flight environment in San Francisco, Calif.

By Christina Delgado-Howard
USAARL

The U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory introduced an innovative Black Hawk helicopter simulator at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 17 at Fort Rucker.

The Cockpit Academics Procedural Tool -- Enhanced Visual Capable System -- is a reconfigurable research platform that allows for swift, mission-responsive research in support of the Army's Future Vertical Lift and modernization priority. These priorities

are part of the Army's focus on multi-domain operations to counter and defeat near-peer adversaries in all domains.

"USAARL is the Army's aeromedical laboratory focused on the performance and survival of the rotary wing warfighters to give them decisive overmatch," said Col. Mark K. McPherson, USAARL commander, about the importance of fielding state-of-the-art tools in research. "This high fidelity simulator is the perfect example of how we merge the science of aviation and medicine to optimize human protection and performance,

leveraging science against our nation's competitors."

The Army views vertical lift dominance over enemy forces as critical to increased lethality, survivability and reach. To meet the demands of Future Vertical Lift priorities, the Army is both developing and acquiring next-generation aircraft and unmanned systems to fly, fight and prevail in any environment. The CAPT-E-VCS was developed in partnership with the U.S. Army Combat Capability Development Command's System Simulation, Software, and Integration Directorate to evaluate new technologies integral to meeting those requirements. The device pairs a Black Hawk medium-lift model helicopter cockpit and academic simulator from California-based SGB Enterprises with a 12-inch projection dome from Q4 Services,

Inc., which is headquartered in Orlando, Florida. State-of-the-art X-IG image generation software -- developed by Alabama-based CATI Training Systems -- was further added to the CAPT-E-VCS in order to create a singular, customizable research platform for USAARL.

"Now we can evaluate in a digital glass cockpit platform pilot workload as well as the effects of high altitude flight environments," said Dr. Mike Wilson, research psychologist at USAARL. "For example, we can couple the laboratory's reduced oxygen breathing device with a high-fidelity simulation environment and create a more realistic test environment for research. This innovation is a mission responsive, cost saving research tool that is critical to moving the Army closer to its Future Vertical Lift goals."



Col. Mark McPherson, USAARL Commander, assists Joshua DuPont, an aerospace engineer at CCDC S31, with the ribbon cutting that unveiled the laboratory's new state-of-the-art aviation research capability, the CAPT-E-VCS.

SOLDIER FOR LIFE

The essentials of a good resume when looking for a job

By Bryan Tharpe

Fort Rucker Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program

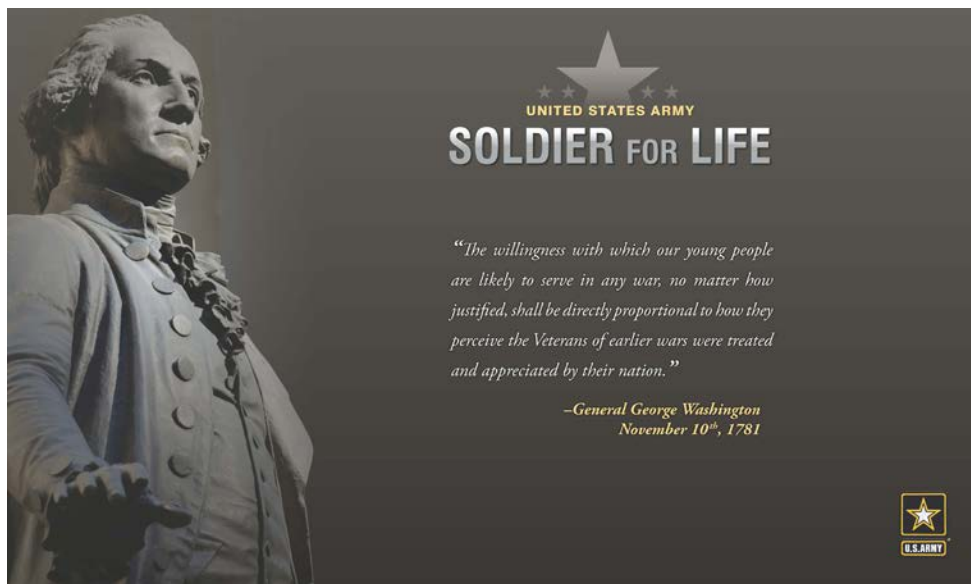
Preparing a resume is the toughest, and yet the most important step in getting a good job. Why do you need one?

The main purpose is to get your foot in the door, which means getting an interview. You will be hired for two reasons: you fill a need for the company and the employer likes you. A resume can convince an employer that both of these are true.

In order to prepare a good resume, you first should consider what the employer is looking for in job candidates. Generally, employers are looking for an employee with specific knowledge and experience. For example, if employers are hiring a heavy equipment mechanic, they want to know about your experience in that field, or a closely related one. How long have you been a mechanic? What special tools do you use? What kinds of heavy equipment have you worked on?

The employer is also interested in your training and formal education. If you are already trained, it saves the employer time, and time is money. The military provides excellent technical training, which is normally well respected by employers.

If the job is in a non-technical area, such as sales, finance or management, most employers are seeking well-educated people they can train on the job. Even if you have very limited experience, your education, experience and activities can convince employers you are a bright person with the aptitude



to learn and the desire to contribute.

Your resume can also prepare employers to like you, by showing them that you have desirable qualities. Employers are looking for industrious people. Your experience and achievements can show this trait.

All employers want to surround themselves with cooperative staff members. Your participation and membership in professional and service organizations can convey this quality. Employers will appreciate your interest in the job and the product or service. Your objective statement and highlighted applicable experience shows that the employers' interests and yours are compatible.

They will also expect an orderly and business-like mind. The format and appearance of the resume reflect these attributes. On the other hand, a sloppy resume, with typographical errors and poor grammar can

cause an immediate dislike.

Once the resume is prepared, it serves purposes other than getting you off to a good start with employers. This usually improves your chances for an interview, because an employer learns more about you than competitors who only complete the application. You can also give a copy to friends and relatives who are assisting you in your job search. They often will hand carry it to an employer for you. You should also give a copy to anyone you will use for a reference. This will assist them when they speak with employers about what you have to offer.

If you are a transitioning Soldier or spouse of a transitioning Soldier, the Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center can help you with your resume after you have completed the Department of Labor Workshop.

For more information, call 255-2558.

FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE

FOR OCTOBER 11-31

Friday, October 11

Hustlers (R) 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 12

The Farewell (PG) 4 p.m.

IT: Chapter Two (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 13

The Farewell (PG) 1 p.m.

Hustlers (R) 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 17

Hustlers (R) 7 p.m.

Friday, October 18

Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) 4 & 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) 4 & 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 20

Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) 1 & 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 24

Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) 7 p.m.

Friday, October 25

Maleficent: Mistress of Evil 3D (PG) 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 26

The Farewell (PG) 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 27

Downton Abbey (PG) 1 p.m.

Ad Astra (PG-13) 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 31

Ad Astra (PG-13) 7 p.m.

TICKETS ARE \$6 FOR ADULTS AND \$5 FOR CHILDREN, 12 AND UNDER. MILITARY I.D. CARDHOLDERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 255-2408.

FROM DFMWR



Visit Fort Rucker Army Community Service on Facebook for a calendar of our activities!

COMMANDER'S CUP VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Commander's Cup Volleyball League regular season will run Oct. 21 to Dec. 4. The league is open to eligible ID card holders, ages 18 and older. Players must play for their company or battalion team. Only unit teams with no more than 50 percent civilians are eligible for Commander's Cup points. Open teams (not affiliated with a unit) will be accepted, however they will not be eligible for Commander's Cup points. Open teams are not required to maintain a ratio of 50 percent active-duty military. Teams must register with a letter of intent by Oct. 16. Games will be played at Fortenberry-Colton PFC.

There will be a coaches meeting Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fort Rucker PFC.

For more information, call 255-2296.

FORT RUCKER BIG BUCK CONTEST

Outdoor recreation is hosting a Big Buck Contest from October 15 to Feb. 10. Participants must be registered before harvesting their buck and the buck must be harvested on Fort Rucker to qualify. Fort Rucker requires that individuals ages 16 and older have an Alabama State Hunting License, a Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit – available at isportsman.net – and a Hunter Education Card. Entry fee is \$25 per person and open to the public.

For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

LITERARY LEAGUE

The Center Library's book club for adults is back with a new name and a new attitude – the Literary League. The club will meet the third Tuesday of every month from 5-6 p.m. for an evening devoted to the appreciation of literature. Enjoy good books, intelligent

discussion and light refreshments. The club is for people ages 18 and up.

For more information, visit the Center Library or call 255-3885.

MAD SCIENTIST WORKSHOP

The Center Library would like to encourage Fort Rucker's future innovators, educators and leaders with its Mad Scientist Workshop. For this event, the staff will be taking part in Fantober, an Army MWR Libraries initiative celebrating all things pop culture, including a button-making party. Participants will create their own buttons from comic books. The program will be held Oct. 17 from 4-5 p.m. and is open to ages 7-12. Registration is limited to the first 15 participants. All supplies will be provided. The workshop is open to authorized patrons and be Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information or to register, visit the library or call 255-3885.

UNBOLLWEEVIBLE ENTERPRISE BUS TOUR

MWR Central will host a free Day Trip to Enterprise. The trip is designed for people new to Fort Rucker who may be wondering what's available in the surrounding community. The informative bus tour will visit the UnBollweevible City of Enterprise Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The tour will include:

- * Tour and shopping in downtown Enterprise – Pea River Historical Society, Depot Museum and Enterprise Public Library;

- * Visit the famous Boll Weevil Monument and local shops;

- * Take a windshield tour along Weevil Way and get your picture with a few of these larger than life Boll Weevil Statues; and

- * Enjoy lunch at the Farmers Market and learn about everything there is to experience and explore in Enterprise.

Pre-registration is required to participate. Seats are limited. The tour is open to ages 18 and over. For more information or to sign up, call 255-2997.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

The next Fort Rucker Newcomers Welcome is scheduled for Oct. 18 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Landing. Active-duty military, family members, foreign students and Army civilians are all encouraged to attend this informative event. A free light breakfast and coffee will be served.

For free childcare, register children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomers welcome. For more information, call 255-3735.

QUILTS OF VALOR

The Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center will host quilting workshops conducted by the Quilts of Valor Foundation Oct. 18. Participants will piece together quilts under the instruction of experienced quilters. Finished quilts will be presented to Wounded Warriors as a show of honor and comfort. Any skill level can participate as various tasks of the quilting process will be needed. The free workshops are open to the public, ages 16 and over. People should register two days prior to the workshop date.

For more information or to register, call 255-9020.

FORT RUCKER 2 MILE PT PINK RUN

Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host a 2-Mile PT Pink Run or walk Oct. 18

at 6 a.m. at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center to raise awareness for breast cancer, celebrate breast cancer survivors and honor those who have lost their battle with the disease.

For more information, call 255-2296.

PUMPKIN PATCH SKATE NIGHT

Fort Rucker Child and Youth Services will host its Pumpkin Patch Skate Night Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. at the school age center. Safety skate will be from 5-6 p.m. for \$5 per hour, followed by regular skate from 6-8 p.m. for \$10 per hour. Participants must pay using correct cash only. Safety skate is for those that are beginning skaters and those learning to skate, they must be picked up by 6 p.m. Photo backdrops and plenty of plenty of places to take pictures with all your friends dressed in your costumes will be available. Don't miss out on the possibility of Miss Pumpkin or Mr. Pumpkin with the most creative costume. Participants must be CYS registered members to participate.

For membership information or to sign-up for membership, call 255-9638. Registered members with emergency medications must bring all required medications to the center to participate in skate night. For more information, call 255-9108.

HAUNTED BARN

For a frightening good time, visit the Haunted Barn at the Fort Rucker Riding Stables Oct. 18-19 from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. This spooky haunted barn will thrill those adventurous ones, so keep your eyes open as you never know what's around the corner. Open to the public. Not recommended for children 13 and younger.

For more information, call 255-0021.

TWO-PERSON BUDDY BASS TOURNAMENT

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host its Two-Person Buddy Bass Tournament Oct. 19 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry Fee is \$100 per two-man team, with only 25 slots available. Top 3 weigh-in totals will receive a cash prize. There will be a cash prize for biggest fish. Participants must have an Alabama State Fishing License, Fort Rucker Post Fishing Permit and Fort Rucker Boater Safety Completion Card. The event is open to the public and people can register at ODR or MWR Central.

For more information, call 255-4305 or

255-2997.

FALL YARD SALE

The Fort Rucker Fall Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for Oct. 19 from 7-11 a.m. at the festival fields. This outdoor event provides the opportunity for the Fort Rucker community to buy and sell used household items in a consolidated fashion. The event is open to the public. Booth space fees apply to sellers only. No commercial vendors are allowed without a contract – contact special events for details and fees at 255-1749. Registering in advance is recom-

mended. The deadline to register in advance at MWR Central is Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

Limited booths spaces and tables may be available on event day.

FALL CARNIVAL

The Center Library will host a fall carnival/mini comic-con Oct. 22 from 4:30-6 p.m. Come dressed in a costume with a pop culture flair for a chance to win a prize. Multiple categories and winners. No registration is required and judging will begin at 5 p.m. There will also be Halloween crafts, trunk or treat and other fun activities, as well. The event is

open to authorized patrons.

For more information, call 255-3885.

SMART START BASKETBALL

Registration for Start Smart Basketball runs Oct. 1-31. Start Smart Basketball is a six-session instructional program that with 100-percent parent participation. It is for children 3-4 years old. Participants will meet every Monday and Wednesday for three weeks starting Nov. 4. The cost is \$25 and children will receive a shirt.

For more information, call 255-2254.



NEWS IN BRIEF

ROWA MEETS

The Retired Officers' Wives Association will host a luncheon at The Landing in the Saint Michael's Dining Room in honor of the nation's veterans Nov. 12. The program will be "Legacy & Legends" with retired Col. James Muskopf as the guest speaker, featuring Honor Flights. To RSVP, call 334-347-4966. For more information about ROAW, send an email to esse4him@gmail.com.

RETIREE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

SIREN TEST

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

THRIFT SHOP

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop needs people's unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call 255-9595.



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INSTRUCTOR OF THE QUARTER

The Civilian Instructor Pilot of the Quarter is Kevin J. Bjurman, D Company, 1-14th Aviation Regiment. The Civilian Academic Instructor of the Quarter is Rodney A. Dippel, Enroute Care Branch, U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine. The NCO Flight Instructor of the Quarter is Staff Sgt. William J. Clark, B Co., 1-223rd Avn. Regt. The NCO Academic Instructor of the Quarter is Staff Sgt. Ben Adams, C Co., 2-13th Avn. Regt. Each quarter, Academic Instructors, Instructor Pilots and Noncommissioned Officer Flight Instructors from around the USAACE community are nominated by their supervisors for the honor of competing for Instructor of the Quarter. They are evaluated on quality of instruction, quality of materials developed and used, and quality of their presentation. These instructors are truly Above the Best!

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