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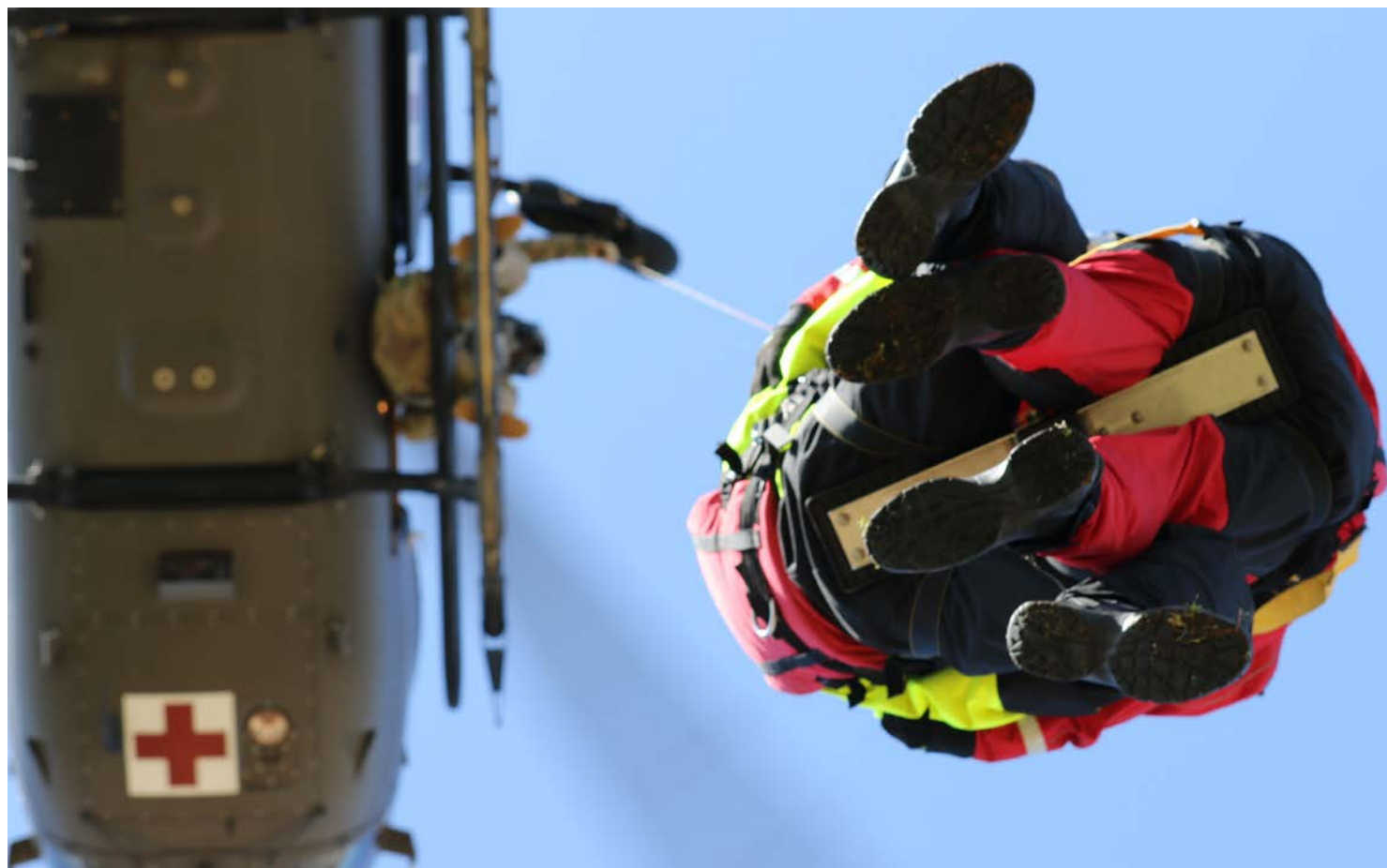


PHOTO BY PFC. CHRISTOPHER SHANNON

Firefighters with the Mississippi Task Force Urban Search and Rescue ride a hoist to a UH-72 Lakota while participating in Patriot South 20 at Guardian Centers in Perry, Ga., Feb. 28. Patriot South 20 provides realistic training venues and scenarios for military and civilian domestic operations, allowing for interoperability in times of natural disasters. Scenarios like Patriot South help build lasting relationships, and train Soldiers to aid state and local agencies during Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations in times of emergencies.

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# SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS

## Fort Rucker kicks off 2020 Army Emergency Relief campaign

By Jim Hughes

*Fort Rucker Public Affairs*

Fort Rucker held its 2020 Army Emergency Relief campaign kickoff ceremony Feb. 19 at The Landing in preparation for its annual bid to educate the community on the program that helps Soldiers help Soldiers.

The campaign, which also raises the funds that allow AER to provide emergency assistance and scholarships to Soldiers and families, runs March 1 to May 15 and it is a cause that should be near and dear to the hearts of the entire Army family, said speaker Col. Chad Chasteen, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff.

"There are thousands of charities, but there is only one charity truly committed to helping the Soldiers of the U.S. Army," he said. "I challenge and encourage everyone here to make a positive contribution to AER and spread the word – that's why you're here."

"If the CG (Maj. Gen. David J. Francis, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general) was standing here, he'd tell you it is not about you giving everything that you have, but it's about spreading the word about AER so we can all do a little. We can do a lot if we all give a little. Pay it forward and promote a great cause."

Since its inception in 1942, AER has given out more than \$2 billion in assistance, Chasteen said, adding that Fort Rucker Soldiers, retirees and families benefited to the tune of \$402,000 in emergency assistance and \$127,000 in scholarships last year.

"When we combine (those totals) Fort



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

**U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker garrison command teams sign donation slips at the Army Emergency Relief kickoff event Feb. 19 at The Landing.**

Rucker received more than \$500,000 in support. That's amazing, but also a little disappointing when we consider that Fort Rucker contributed only \$150,000 to the program. So, \$150,000 went in and over \$500,000 came out."

After Chasteen spoke, Capt. Andrew Tehvand, D Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment and Fort Rucker 2020 AER campaign coordinator, recognized the AER coordinators from each company-sized activity on post who are charged with ensuring all Soldiers know about the program,

and asked for the assembled command teams from USAACE and the garrison to come forward and sign their donation slips.

"AER is a program for Soldiers by Soldiers and it is through this mechanism that Soldiers take care of our own. It is an invaluable tool for leadership at all levels that helps accomplish one of most basic responsibilities, tending to the morale and welfare of our Soldiers," he said. "By signing the first 2020 AER campaign donation slips, these leaders demonstrate their strong commitment to

continuing the legacy of assistance and their dedication to Soldiers helping Soldiers."

The annual AER golf tournament is scheduled for May 1 and the closing ceremony is scheduled for June 15. More details on both events will be highlighted when they become available.

People can get more information or donate to AER by contacting their unit AER coordinator, visiting [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org), or by visiting or calling the local AER office in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350 (255-2341).



# ISSUING A CALL TO ACTION

## Fort Rucker hosts annual Black History Month Luncheon

By Jim Hughes  
*Fort Rucker Public Affairs*

The deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker issued a call to action during the annual Black History Month Luncheon Feb. 27 at The Landing.

William G. Kidd asked the hundreds in attendance to do more than enjoy a good meal and listen to a great guest speaker, he asked people to think.

Kidd spoke briefly about the impact of African Americans in the U.S., the Army and Army Aviation, including Eugene Bullard, the first African-American pilot; CW4 James Delaney, the first African-American Army Aviation helicopter pilot; and retired Lt. Col. Marcella Ng, who became the first female African-American pilot in Army Aviation when she was 2nd Lt. Marcella Hayes in 1979.

Then came the call to action.

"I would ask you to not just say, 'OK, that was interesting,'" he said. "Take what you've learned today and think about what these folks did and what that means to us, but also think about what they didn't do.

"When these folks went up in the air or went down on a jungle penetrator to pick up wounded Soldiers, or whatever they did as Army Aviators, what they didn't do is ask, 'Are you like me? Who do you love? What church do you go to? What's your political affiliation?' They didn't ask those questions – they just did their job," Kidd said. "They reached out a little harder even though the

odds were stacked against them.

"So, what I want to ask you to do is take a little bit of that with you because it's not done by miles and thousands of miles, its feet and inches that make a difference in what we do here," he added. "Every one of us owes it to those people who we're going to honor today to take that back and try to be a little bit more than we were before we came in here today."

Attendees were then treated to a performance by the Enterprise State Community College Choir, a reading of Reverend William Holmes Borders' poem, "I am – Somebody," by 9-year old Aiden Williams, and then words from guest speaker William E. "Bill" Cooper, mayor of Enterprise, who began his speech by referencing the theme of the luncheon.

"Honoring the Past and Securing the Future – we look back at the African American journey with pride, strength and determination, and honor our forefathers who achieved the progress that we know today," Cooper said. "There will always be sadness when we think about the suffering and sacrifices that they endured along the way.

"African Americans endured oppression, untold hardships, poverty and discrimination, and as the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'They have crossed the rough terrain and turned the crooked corners; however, there are still corners to turn and rough ground to cross.' But our history shows we



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

**William E. 'Bill' Cooper, mayor of Enterprise, speaks at the Fort Rucker Black History Month Luncheon Feb. 27 at The Landing.**

have come a long, long way.

"The black race has come a long way – from the cotton field to the White House, from no house to mo' house, from the shanty houses under the hill to the brick houses on the hill," the mayor added. "But we must learn how to live among ourselves. There's too much violence in the black community. We need to align ourselves with the four Bs: brains, books, bucks and the ballot.

"Brains means that you must learn how to think for yourself. There's no hope in dope," he said. "Books means you must learn how to read and understand what you have read. Bucks means that you must work hard, save your money, buy some land or buy a house. And, of course, the ballot. That means that you go and register to vote, and when the time comes exercise that right."

Cooper then spoke about some of the challenges he faced in becoming the first African-American city council member of Enterprise and then the first African-American mayor of the city, and also his experiences with the civil rights movement.

"We have lived through some tough times in the African-American community," he said. "The African-American people have gone through a lot of trials and tribulations, but as I stand before you today, 420 years after 20 blacks landed in Jamestown, Virginia; 150 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and 65 years after the Supreme Court banned segregation in public schools, I was elected to the Enterprise city council.

"It wasn't easy, but when you have God as your pilot, he will make a way out of no way," Cooper said.

# 'TREES ARE GOOD NEIGHBORS'

## Fort Rucker conducts tree replacement program around air assault track

By Jim Hughes

*Fort Rucker Public Affairs*

With its sights set on providing shade and natural beauty for future generations while protecting people and power lines in the present, the Directorate of Public Works is conducting a tree replacement program in the areas around the air assault track.

"Like our other infrastructure that dates from when Fort Rucker was founded as a post, a lot of our trees in our central core area are just aged, and as they age they become full of disease, wind damage and things like that, so we're conducting a project to replace them," said Joseph Wyka, DPW director.

A lot of the mature oak and other trees in the area along Andrews Avenue and Third Avenue date back to the 1940s-60s, according to Wyka, and now is the time to take action in assessing all of them, picking which ones to remove and creating a replacement plan to ensure future Soldiers, families and employees can continue to enjoy the shade and natural beauty they provide.

"Trees are good neighbors -- we're excited about this project," he added.

While tree management has been a post-wide continuous process pretty much since Fort Rucker's inception, Wyka said DPW

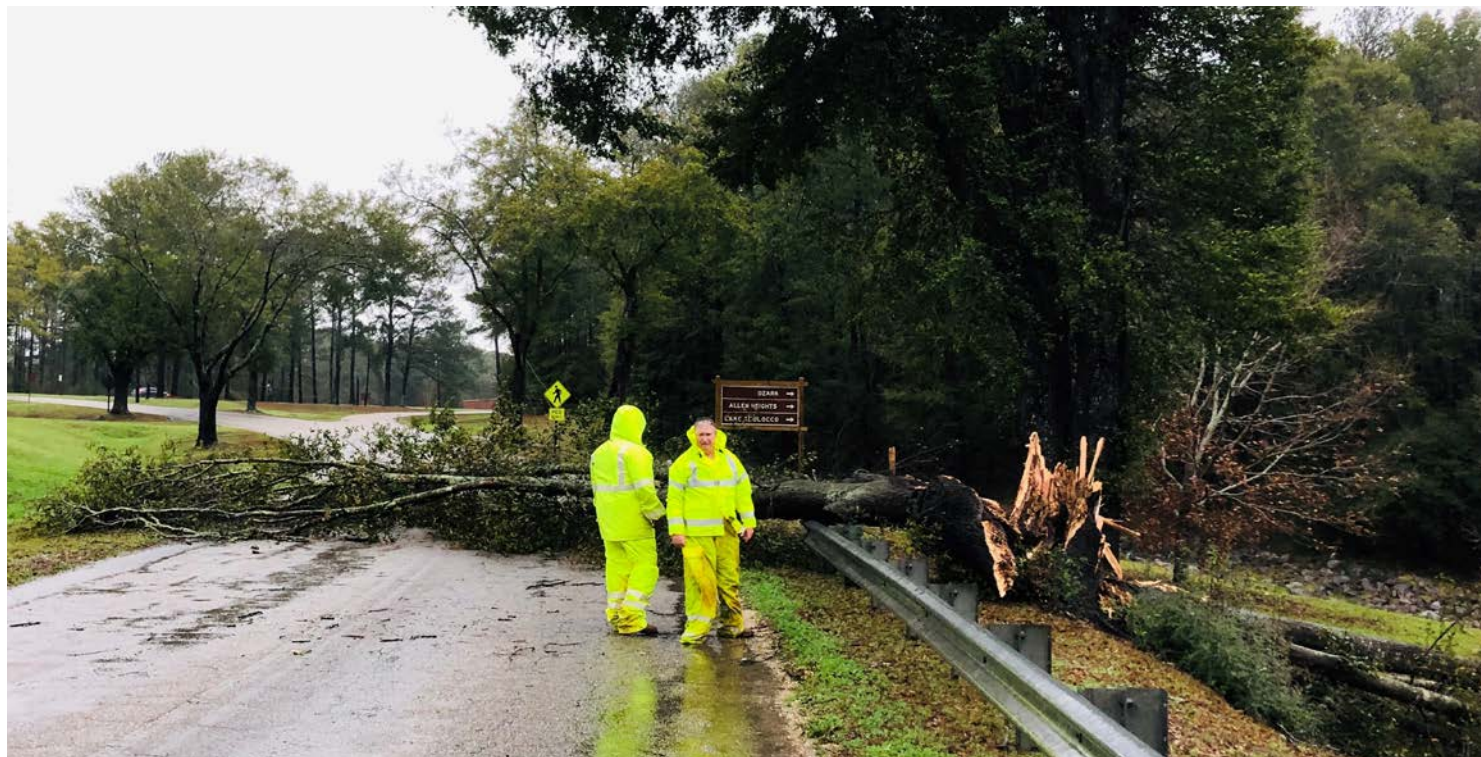


PHOTO BY JOSEPH WYKA

### Directorate of Public Works personnel work to remove a tree that fell onto a Fort Rucker roadway in February.

Natural Resources staff began assessing the trees in the air assault track area in the fall and plan to start removing trees in earnest this summer.

He expects to begin planting new saplings in the fall, and for it to be a multi-year project.

"We'll take out the old ones, cut them out, grind down the stumps and replace those trees," Wyka said. "It won't be an exact one-for-one replacement, but the intent is to leave it kind of looking like it was. So, we'll be taking out a tree that is 60 years old, and putting back maybe an 8-inch tree, so it'll take some time for them to grow back -- it's an invest-

ment in the future. The power lines will be safe for a few years -- some of those trees may not be planted exactly where there were trees before to ensure that."

DPW officials are also looking at conducting a beautification project around the recreational vehicle storage area near the golf course, Wyka said.

"We're looking at maybe planting some arborvitae, which are tall, skinny evergreen trees, in that area to improve the view," he said.

But for now, the main focus is on the air assault track area.

"That's one of our main post running

trails, I run those trails, and that shade in Alabama is golden," Wyka said. "On top of just making the area more beautiful, those trees will provide shade in an area where we hold special events, such as Freedom Fest and others, and where units conduct physical training.

"If you want nice, mature trees in your cantonment area, you have to reinvest in them," he added. "Some people may ask, 'Why haven't we done this in the past?' Well, because we're right at that point in history where many of these trees are becoming a problem -- 20 years ago, they weren't a problem."



# Survivor outreach services hosts Gold Star Families at simulators

By Cheareice Thomas

*Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator*

The Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services program hosted about 40 Gold Star Family Members on a tour during its Simulator Day Feb. 17.

The Gold Star Family Members, representing 13 of the nation's fallen heroes, were welcomed by the General Dynamics Information Technology Flight School staff and allowed to take to the virtual skies to learn a little about what Soldiers go through when training to become pilots.

Family members were able to go into the simulators and experience a taste of Army Aviation as they spent the day in virtual flight with Flight School XXI instructor pilots to the destinations of their choice.

Maj. Gen. David J. Francis, U.S. Army

Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, welcomed the families and expressed his gratitude for the sacrifices that their loved ones made.

Fort Rucker leaders and their spouses said they were honored to spend the afternoon with Gold Star Family Members, and let them know that they will forever be a part of the Army family and that their Soldiers' sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Francis presented each family member with lapel pin wings and a card commemorating their experience at the simulators.

Army Community Service and SOS staff also thanked each Gold Star Family for allowing them the privilege to honor and support them.



ARMY PHOTO

Gold Star Family Members and Fort Rucker leadership pose for a photo outside Warrior Hall during a tour at the simulator facility Feb. 17.

# DAYLIGHT SAVING



## Spring Forward 1 Hour this Sunday, March 8, at 2 am







## THE LANDING ZONE

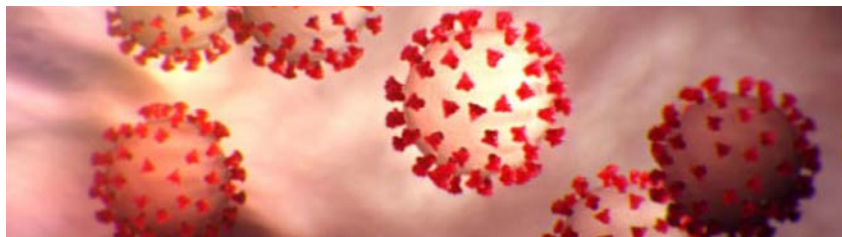
### \$10 LUNCH SPECIALS

### MARCH

<b>MONDAY</b> Bulgogi style chicken with chili lime rice	<b>THURSDAY</b> Fried chicken with a choice of side
<b>TUESDAY</b> B.L.T.A. with choice of side	<b>FRIDAY</b> Barbecue spare ribs with a choice of side
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Loco Moco served with fried egg and rice	<small>Includes nonalcoholic drink. Available from 11-2 pm while supplies last.</small>

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# DOD makes plans to combat coronavirus

By **Jim Garamone**  
*DOD News Service*

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department is making plans to combat the coronavirus, DOD leaders said March 2 during a news conference.

For the past six weeks, defense leaders have been meeting to plan for any possible scenario with the virus that first surfaced in China. "We've issued a variety of [memoranda] and directives advising the force on how to deal with coronavirus," Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper said.

The DOD civilian and military leadership, including all the service secretaries and combatant command commanders, have worked together to ensure the department is ready for short- and long-term scenarios, as well as domestic and international situations. Esper stressed that commanders at all levels have the authority and guidance they need to operate.

"(U.S. Northern Command) remains the global integrator for all DOD efforts and entities," Esper said. "My number one priority remains to protect our forces and their families; second is to safeguard our mission capabilities and third [is] to support the

interagency whole-of-government's approach. We will continue to take all necessary precautions to ensure that our people are safe and able to continue their very important mission."

Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the military has existing plans to combat an infectious disease outbreak. The military is executing those plans.

DOD is communicating regularly with operational commanders to assess how the virus might impact our exercises and ongoing operations around the world, the general said. A command post exercise in South Korea has been postponed, but Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand is continuing.

Milley also said that military research laboratories are working "feverishly" to try to come up with a vaccine.

Commanders are taking all necessary precautions because the virus is unique to every situation and every location, Esper said. "We're relying on them to make good judgments," he said. As new issues come up, DOD planners will work with all to combat the spread of the virus.

## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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# Afghan, U.S., NATO officials call declaration a path for peace

By Jim Garamone  
DOD News Service

WASHINGTON -- Under an agreement signed in Doha, Qatar, all foreign troops may be out of Afghanistan in 14 months, officials said in the Afghan capital of Kabul.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg all said Saturday that any withdrawal would be conditions-based, and the Taliban would have to negotiate with Afghan officials for the process to move forward.

Esper and Stoltenberg traveled to Kabul to meet with Afghan leaders and discuss the joint declaration.

Under the declaration, the Taliban have agreed to counterterrorism guarantees, Afghan-to-Afghan negotiations, a ceasefire and condition-based withdrawal of foreign forces.

"Today's release of the joint declaration between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the United States marks a pivotal moment in the peace process," Esper said during a ceremony at the Afghan palace. "Our declaration acknowledges the deep bond shared by Afghan and U.S. forces, and reflects our commitment to working together to achieve a sustainable, negotiated agreement that ends the war, for the benefit of all Afghans. Central to this agreement are measures to prevent the use of Afghan soil by terrorist groups or other individuals who seek to harm the United States or our allies."

Esper said the result of the weeklong ceasefire in the country were encouraging.

But the Taliban do not get a free pass. "We call on the Taliban to abide by their commitments as outlined in the agreement with the United States, to include maintaining the ongoing reduction in violence across the coun-



DOD PHOTO

**Esper and Stoltenberg traveled to Kabul to meet with Afghan leaders and discuss the joint declaration. Under an agreement signed in Doha, Qatar, all foreign troops may be out of Afghanistan in 14 months, officials said in the Afghan capital of Kabul.**

try," Esper said. "As intra-Afghan negotiations progress, the United States will watch the Taliban's actions closely to judge whether their efforts towards peace are in good faith."

If the Taliban uphold the agreement, the United States and other members of the coalition will begin a conditions-based reduction in forces, the secretary said. "However, should the Taliban fail to honor their com-

mitments, they will forfeit their chance to sit with fellow Afghans and deliberate on the future of their country," he added. Moreover, the United States would not hesitate to nullify the agreement."

Stoltenberg said all NATO nations and partners in the coalition welcome the declaration, calling it a victory for peace and the Afghan people.

He noted that Afghanistan is a very different country from what it was in 2001. "It is no longer a safe haven for international terrorists, terrorists who conducted the attacks against the United States and threatened people across the globe," the secretary general said. "The security we have helped the Afghan forces to build has underpinned political, economic and social progress. Child mortality has dropped dramatically. Life expectancy has increased significantly, and millions more Afghans are in school, including girls."

While the agreement is between the United States and the Taliban and the Afghan government, NATO will conform with it, Stoltenberg said.

"NATO will reduce its presence in Afghanistan step-by-step and conditions-based and reflecting the progress we see on the ground," he said. "NATO allies and partners went into Afghanistan together. We will adjust our presence together. When the time is right, we will leave together. This will only happen when we are sure that the Afghan forces no longer require our support, and that Afghanistan will never again become a platform for international terrorists."

The road to peace will not be easy, Esper said. Violence and civil war in Afghanistan goes back long before the al-Qaida attack on the United States in 2001.

"Achieving lasting peace in Afghanistan will require patience and compromise among all parties," the secretary said. "But for the first time in many years, Afghanistan has a real path toward the future this country deserves. We look forward to the coming weeks and months with great optimism, as we advance these important efforts to finally achieve peace."

# Army launches enlisted assignment market for select career fields

By Devon L. Suits

*Army News Service*

FORT MEADE, Md. – Armor, military intelligence and some quartermaster Soldiers will be the first to pilot a new assignment market system, as the Army looks into new ways to enhance the assignment process for enlisted personnel.

The Assignment Satisfaction Key-Enlisted Marketplace pilot program will launch in June, providing Soldiers a full list of available positions for them to choose, said Sgt. Maj. Wardell Jefferson, the Army's G-1 sergeant major.

A small population of Armor Branch NCOs tested the marketplace process last year using spreadsheets and email correspondence, which resulted in improvements to the web application that will roll out in June, G-1 officials said. Plans call for fielding the new system to the entire force beginning in January.

The pilot is a welcome addition when compared to the current assignment system that locks Soldiers into six basing options – three in the contiguous U.S and three overseas, Jefferson said during a Facebook Town Hall Monday hosted by Army G-1.

The current system "was not providing Soldiers with choices," he said, adding that the new system will allow Soldiers to rank and order their assignment preferences, "to meet their family's needs."

## ARMY CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

The force has also implemented a host of initiatives to help streamline the hiring process for Army civilians, said Carol Burton, director of the Army's Civilian Human Resources Agency.

"With the release of the Army People Strategy, we now have, for the first time, a



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KRIS BONET

**Soldiers with 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, test their M1A2 Abrams for the first time at Fort Bliss, Texas, Oct. 18. Filling units with talented Soldiers is a goal the Assignment Satisfaction Key-Enlisted Marketplace pilot program that launches in June.**

roadmap on how to build the 21st-century civilian talent management process," she said.

With the inclusion of direct hiring and non-competitive appointing authorities, the Army has decreased its civilian hiring time from around 130 days to less than 80 days, according to data collected during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2020, Burton said.

The decrease in hiring time is due, in part, to the Army's streamlined security clearance process for select occupations, she said.

Under the new process, the Army can submit an FBI fingerprint background check to clear an applicant, but only if they have no derogatory information in their record, Burton said. The FBI check takes approximately 24 hours, decreasing the time to process by weeks, sometimes months.

The Army is also piloting a new pre-employment drug test procedure at Fort

Benning, Georgia, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas., Burton said. Under the pilot, a new applicant can start their onboarding process as they wait for their drug test to be approved, which could take several weeks.

"We know that less than 1 percent of the applicants come back positive on a drug test. It is a low risk, but we still want to be careful," she said. "We are committed to trying to improve the process and reduce the hiring time."

## ARMY PEOPLE STRATEGY

The new assignment pilot and improvements to the civilian hiring process are just a few examples of how the Army is putting "people first," officials said during the Facebook Live session.

Under the Army People Strategy, the force is refining the way it acquires, develops, employs and retains its Soldiers and civilian

personnel, said Casey Wardynski, the assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs.

With the People Strategy, "it is clear that all our senior leaders are lined up and have a common vision," Wardynski said. "[Army senior leaders] have a good idea of where we are heading, how we are going to get there ... [and will play] a key role in allocating resources."

The Army's values of "honor, integrity, leadership, selflessness, and country," is vital to acquiring new personnel, as the force brings in roughly 5,000 new officers and about 70,000 new active-duty Soldiers each year, Wardynski said.

"You don't have a lot of lateral entry in an Army," he said. "The people we bring in today will be our sergeants major in 20 years. The officers we bring in today from ROTC, West Point, or (Officer Candidate School), will be our next chiefs of staff or senior leaders in 20 to 30 years.

"Acquire' is something we have to worry about every day ... because any gaps will show up down the line," he added.

As the Army acquires the right personnel, they will also need to develop them through education, training, and credentialing, according to the People Strategy. Through meaningful employment, Soldiers and civilians will be able to "unleash their interests," and maximize their contributions throughout the total force, Wardynski said.

For the first time, senior leaders are building a system that focuses on the people and what they "would like to do in the Army," Wardynski said. Programs like the Army Talent Alignment Process and the Integrated Personnel Pay System-Army, or IPPS-A, allow the force to put the right person, at the right place, at the right time, he said.



# FROM DFMWR



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

## YOUTH SOCCER CAMP REGISTRATION

Fort Rucker Youth Sports is partnering with Challenger Sports to host an international soccer camp. Challenger Soccer Camp registration runs now through May 19. Fort Rucker Youth Sports Camp will take place May 26-29. Registration is required by May 19. Camp options include: Tiny Tykes, ages 3-4, 9-10 a.m., \$77; Tiny Tykes, ages 5-6, 10:15 a.m. to noon, \$85; Half Day Camp, ages 7-16, 9 a.m. to noon, \$118; and Full Day Camp, ages 8-16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$165. Full day participants will need to bring a lunch.

Early bird registration is until April 24, and participants will receive a jersey, camp shirt, ball and an evaluation form. After April 24, participants will receive camp shirt, ball and evaluation form. All youth must be registered with CYS and have a current sports physical to participate.

For more information, call 255-2254 or 255-9638.

## PADDLING LAKE THOLOCCO

Explore one of Fort Rucker's scenic lakes during Paddling Lake Tholocco March 10 from 10 a.m. to noon, leaving from West Beach. The cost is \$15 per person, and children 10 and under can participate for free with a paying adult. People must pre-register by March 7. People can reserve either a single kayak for the trip or a two-person canoe or kayak. People must be 18 or older to be in their own boat.

For more information or to pre-register, call 255-4305.

## EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend a private-sector employment workshop session March 12 or March 26. All ses-

sions will be held in Bldg. 5700 in the ACS multipurpose room. Workshop time frame will be 9 a.m. to noon – people should arrive by 8:45 a.m. to sign in and complete some paperwork. You'll learn the essentials of conducting a successful job campaign, to include creating impactful résumés and cover letters, reviewing job interview strategies and other helpful tips.

Advance registration is required. For more information, call 255-2594.

## SILVER WINGS GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Silver Wings Golf Club will run its membership drive now through March 31. When people sign up for membership, they will be entered for a chance to win prizes after signing up for a membership. Sign up early at SWGC for a better chance to win.

Membership benefits include unlimited green fees and advance tee times, a 10-percent discount on merchandise, member-only tournaments and discounted tournament fees, World Handicap System, reduced room fees and food minimums in the Divots Banquet Room.

For more information, call 255-0089.

## SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K, 10K

The Fort Rucker Shamrock Shuffle 5K and 10K is scheduled for March 14. The 10K run begins at 9 a.m. and the 5K begins at 9:15 a.m. at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center. Pre-registration fee is \$25 – per person includes T-shirt and finisher medal – by March 8.

March 9 and up to race day, entry fee is \$30 – per person includes T-shirt and finisher medal. No T-shirt, run-only option fee is \$15 – includes finisher medal.

Teams of 8 runners pay \$160 – \$20 per

team member and includes a T-shirt and finisher medal, each additional person pays normal registration fee. Top 3 teams will be awarded streamers. After March 8, all teams are \$180 – \$22.50 per team member. All paid participants will receive a finisher medal.

Registration forms are available at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center and the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center. Entry forms are also available to print on the MWR website: <https://rucker.armymwr.com/>. Entry forms can be processed and paid for with cash, check or credit card at either PFC or at MWR Central in Bldg. 5700. Trophies and medals will be awarded in various categories.

For more information, call 255-2296.

## CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT, PATIO PARTY

Silver Wings Golf Club will host a corn-hole tournament and patio party March 14 from 1-3 p.m. It's free to play and prizes will be awarded. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

For more information, call SWGC 255-0089.

## YOUTH TURKEY HUNT

Outdoor recreation will host its youth turkey hunt March 14 from 5-11 a.m. The event is open to the public for youth ages 7-15. Registration is \$15. A parent or escort of the youth must have an Alabama State Hunting License and Post Permit Hunter Education Completion Card.

For more information or to register, call 255-4305 or 255-2997.

## LUCKY TRIVIA

Mother Rucker's Trivia Tuesday will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Lucky Trivia

March 17. There will be door prizes every round in addition to the regular giveaways, and a facility-wide giveaway at the end of trivia. Lucky Trivia will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 255-3916.

## MAD SCIENTIST WORKSHOP

The Center Library seeks to encourage future innovators, educators, and leaders with its Mad Scientist Workshop. The next workshop is March 19 from 4-5 p.m. and is open to ages 7 to 12. Registration is limited to the first 15 participants. All supplies will be provided. Open to authorized patrons and EFMP friendly.

For more information or to register, stop by or call the library at 255-3885.

## FEDERAL JOB WORKSHOP

Interested in working for the federal government? Mystified by the federal hiring process, or maybe you're just frustrated by your repeated attempts to put together an effective and impactful USAJOBS.gov resume? Then make plans to attend the free Federal Job Workshop March 19 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in Bldg. 5700 Rm. 284. This informative and interactive workshop is aimed at getting you the information you need to increase your federal employment possibilities. Participants will receive a free copy of Kathryn Troutman's "Jobseeker Guide" (8th edition). Pre-registration is required no later than two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 to register. Open to authorized patrons only.

For more information, call 255-2594.

## CYS GO GREEN SKATE NIGHT

The school age center will host the child

and youth services Green Skate night March 20 from 5-8 p.m. 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. Participants must be a CYS-registered members to participate.

For membership information, call 255-9638. Registered members with emergency medications must bring all required medications to participate in skate night. For more information on skate night, call 255-9108.

### CYS KICK BUTTS DAY

Child and youth services will host its Kick Butts Day March 20 at 4 p.m. at the youth center to foster awareness and promote education of the problems with smoking and vaping. For more information, call 255-2271.

### GOBBLER CLASSIC TURKEY HUNT

Outdoor recreation will host its Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt March 21 to April 30. The entry fee is \$25 and participants must have an Alabama State All Game License, Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and Hunter Education Completion Card. Alabama State

Regulation and Fort Rucker 215-1 regulation apply. The turkey must be harvested on Fort Rucker to qualify. The overall winner will receive a cash prize payout. People can register at ODR or MWR Central. For more information, call 255-4305 or 255-2997.

### OUTDOOR YARD SALE, FLEA MARKET

The Fort Rucker Spring Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for March 21 from 7-11 a.m. on the festival fields. This outdoor event provides the opportunity for the Fort Rucker community to buy and sell used household items in a consolidated fash-

ion. The event is open to the public. Booth space fees apply to sellers only. No commercial vendors are allowed without a contract through special events. For details, call 255-1749. Registering in advance is recommended. The deadline to register in advance at MWR Central is March 20 at 1 p.m. Limited booth spaces and tables may be available on event day. Non-appropriated fund property may be for sale during this event. Items cannot be reserved or held in advance.

For more information, including booth and tables fees, call MWR Central at 255-2997.



**SWGC PREVIEW DAY  
OPEN HOUSE AND SOCIAL  
MARCH 6**

Thinking of joining the Club? Check out SWGC for the day! Enjoy a complimentary 9 holes of golf and tour the Club. Join us for an evening social from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and prize giveaways.

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT  
AND PATIO PARTY**

Come out to the SWGC on Saturday, March 14 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for a fun Cornhole Tournament and Patio Party! It's free to play and prizes will be awarded. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

**SILVER WINGS GOLF CLUB**  
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**LIFEGUARDS WANTED!  
MORNING SHIFT**

- Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center is looking for Lifeguards for the morning shift. Lead Lifeguards and Lifeguards are needed.
- Not already lifeguard certified, then join our next Lifeguard Course. If you complete the Lifeguard Course and commit to the morning shift for three months, we will waive the Class fee!
- Military/DoD ID card holders: \$125.00  
General Public: \$135.00  
Cut off for registration is 3 days prior to the course start date.
- Lead Lifeguards start at \$11 and basic lifeguards start at \$9.50. Join the Fort Rucker team today!

For more lifeguard opportunities visit <https://www.usajobs.gov/> or contact the Physical Fitness Center.

**FY20 LIFEGUARD COURSE DATES**

**20-23 February:** Thursday & Friday 4:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**12-15 March:** Thursday & Friday 4:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**30 March - 3 April (Spring Break Course):** Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**23-26 April:** Thursday & Friday 4:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**7-10 May:** Thursday & Friday 4:00-8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER**  
Bldg. 4605, Andrews Ave. (334) 255-2296/3794

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## ACS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Fort Rucker Army Community Service is conducting a needs assessment survey now through March to allow people to make their voices heard on how ACS can better serve the community.

The 12-question survey will take people only a few minutes to fill out, but the results will greatly help ACS to better serve Soldiers, families and retirees, according to officials.

To access the survey, visit <https://rucker.armymwr.com/promos/army-community-service-fort-rucker-needs-assessment>.

For more information, call 255-3161.

## AER SCHOLARSHIPS

Army Emergency Relief is now accepting scholarship applications for 2020-2021 AER scholarships. Spouses and dependent children of active duty, retired and Title 10

National Guard or Reserve Soldiers, and spouses and dependent children of deceased active duty or retired Soldiers may be eligible to apply for AER scholarships.

Applications from dependent children will be accepted until April 1 at 11 p.m. CDT; spouses may apply throughout the year.

Visit <https://www.aerhq.org/Apply-for-Scholarship> to learn more.

For questions concerning the application process, call 255-2341.

## 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.

## CORVIAS SERVICE REQUESTS

There are three ways people can submit Corvias service requests. For the fastest and easiest way to submit a service request, and the best way to reach Corvias directly in case of an emergency or urgent matter, call the Corvias dedicated service request line at (334) 230-5128 or (844) 947-4399, operated 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

People can also submit service requests online at <https://fortruckercorvias.resident-portal.com>, or people can visit their local community center and speak with a Corvias team member in person. If you're unsatisfied with any part of your experience with Corvias, send an email to CustomerService.Rucker@corvias.com or call (401) 228-2800.

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