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Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and 3rd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armor Division conduct Fast Rope Insertion and Extraction System training to become certified and create a standard of FRIES operations across the battalion at Mihail Kogălniceanu Airbase, Romania, in November. Soldiers continue to reinforce NATO's eastern flank and reaffirm the commitment to the European continent by engaging in exercises like FRIES, which increases interoperability and readiness between allied and partner nations. (Photo by Sgt. Khalan Moore)

AAFES cuts ribbon on 'improved and modern shopping experience'



Fort Rucker leadership and Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials cut the ribbon on the \$13.5 million renovation project at the Exchange's grand reopening event Dec. 1.

The building-wide updates bring an "improved and modern shopping experience" to the Fort Rucker Exchange, according to Brenda Hyland, AAFES general manager for Maxwell, Gunter and Fort Rucker.

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CAC team trains USAWOCC, USAACE educators on new FM 3-0



Fort Rucker's U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College hosted a U.S. Army Combined Arms Center mobile training team for a train-the-trainer event Dec. 2 on the Army's new Field Manual 3-0 Operations.

The newest version of FM 3-0, published in October, establishes multidomain operations as the Army's operational concept, according to Lt. Col. James Chester, Mission Command Center of Excellence Combined Arms ...

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USAACE honors fiscal year 22 instructors of the year



The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence honored its Instructors of the Year for Fiscal Year 2022 in a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Dec. 13, 2022.

Each quarter, academic instructors, instructor pilots and noncommissioned officer flight instructors from USAACE and Fort Rucker to include the 1st Aviation Brigade, 110th Aviation Brigade, 128th Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College, Noncommissioned Officer ...

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OFF LIMITS: Fort Rucker training areas not for recreational use

With more than 60,000 acres of training area on Fort Rucker, officials want to remind people not to stray off the beaten path when it comes to recreation. From Lake Tholocco’s West Beach, Beaver Lake trails, Parcours Lake trails, Silver Wings Golf Course and tracks at the physical fitness facilities, the installation has an abundance of areas for recreation, but training areas are strictly prohibited to civilians and unauthorized personnel, said Mark Buxton, Fort Rucker Directorate of Plans, Training ...

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ID Card section preps for increased contractor CAC demands

The Fort Rucker ID Card Section services over 155,000 active-duty Soldiers, family members, retirees, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, foreign students, contractors and Department of Defense employees for the local Wiregrass community and beyond. In addition to our standard customer base, we are faced with the mission of producing more than 2,000 additional expiring Common Access Cards over the next six months. This process will begin Jan. 3 and run through Sept. 30 in support of the aviation ...

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Auto skills center offers everything needed to keep vehicles running

Nestled back behind the Fort Rucker Fitness Center is one of the best kept secrets on post, a place where people go to talk with friends and work out their problems, all while working on their personal vehicles. “We are in a strange location back here, almost like our own little bubble,” said Tina Barber, auto skills center program manager. The 26-bay center has 13 automotive lifts, two motorcycle lifts, 12 flat bays, a paint ...

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Post kicks off holiday season with Winterfest

Fort Rucker lit its Christmas tree to kick off the holiday season Dec. 9 at Winter Fest at the post festival fields. The event featured live entertainment, ice skating, food and merchandise vendors, and a visit from Santa Claus. (Photo by Jimmie Cummings)



16 graduate at 1st Fort Rucker Army Education Center Graduation Commencement since 2018

Tanisha La'Shawn Jenkins graduates with a bachelor's degree in business administration from American Military University during the Fort Rucker Army Education Center Graduation Commencement Dec. 9 in Wings Chapel. Jenkins and 15 other graduates received their degrees from various colleges and universities they earned with the help of the education center during the event. This was the first graduation ceremony at Fort Rucker since 2018, according to Dr. Ella Bolling-Harris, education services officer. Sgt. Maj. Kirk R. Coley, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence training sergeant major, served as the guest speaker for the event. (Photo by Jim Hughes)

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