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The Home of Army Aviation became Fort Novosel during a redesignation ceremony April 10 at the post's Veterans Park. The post formerly known as Fort Rucker is now named in honor of CW4 Michael J. Novosel Sr., a veteran of three wars, a Medal of Honor recipient, an Army Aviation legend, a treasured citizen of the Wiregrass and an incredible man, according to Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry, Fort Novosel ...

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USAACE names headquarters building to honor Aviation branch founder



On the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Army Aviation Center of Excellence named its headquarters building McNair Hall in honor of the late Maj. Gen. Carl H. McNair Jr., during a building memorialization ceremony at Fort Novosel, Ala., April 12, 2023. McNair, the founder of the Aviation branch, served as the commandant of the Aviation School at then- Fort Rucker from 1980-1983.

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Army Aviation: honoring the past, transforming for the future



Some two decades after the first U.S. Army helicopter units arrived in Vietnam, Army Aviation became a branch on April 12, 1983. As the Army celebrates the 40th Anniversary of Aviation Branch this year, with a theme of "The 40th Anniversary of the Aviation Branch: Honoring the Past and Transforming for the future," the voices of former and current leaders and aviators help tell the story of this "new" combat arm.

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Fort Novosel observes Child Abuse Prevention Month

The theme for this year's observance is MilParents Rock, which recognizes the challenges and obstacles military families face, according to Joy D. McCormick, Fort Novosel Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program Manager.

"Observing Child Abuse Prevention Month is important because no parent is perfect," she said. "Child Abuse Prevention Month shines light on events and resources for parents to become more knowledgeable and better equipped. It is creating community support for..."

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Prime for Life: ASAP offers 2-day alcohol awareness course

April is Alcohol Awareness month, an annual campaign aimed at bringing awareness to the dangers of alcohol misuse.

Let's take a look at the potential harm to others involved in drunk driving.

Every day, about 32 people die in drunk driving accidents, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. That's about one person every 45 minutes. In 2020, 11,654 people died from alcohol-related accidents. In Alabama, between 2009-2018, 2,608 people died...

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PART 2 - Post's namesake 'the epitome of Army Aviation'

After getting a positive response from the Army on joining up as an aviator, the post's namesake received a "big, fat letter," (as his wife, Ethel, described it) from the service in the mail early in the summer of 1964.

Michael J. Novosel Sr. was going to be an Army aviator ... again, but he wouldn't be training pilots. He would be reporting to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the 6th Special Forces Group – a Green Beret unit – as a chief warrant officer, he wrote in his memoir, "Dustoff: ...

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PART 3 - Post's namesake 'the epitome of Army Aviation'

It was with the 82nd Medical Detachment that Novosel would earn the Medal of Honor during a mission Oct. 10, 1969, during Operation Python. While flying in support of the operation, Novosel and his crew had been flying missions for about seven hours when a call came in at about 4 p.m. about surrounded Vietnamese soldiers under heavy fire from the Viet Cong.

In "Dustoff: The Memoir of an Army Aviator," CW4 Michael J. Novosel titles the chapter ...

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Local Soldier receives Army Recruiting Ribbon, promotion

Spc. Vincent C. Tucci was promoted from the rank of private first class to specialist and honored for earning the U.S. Army Recruiting Ribbon during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence April 4, 2023.

Tucci, who serves as an aviation operations specialist at 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment, received the promotion and ribbon after successfully referring an individual to the Army through the U.S. Army Soldier Referral Program.

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