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UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crews assigned to the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, conduct a joint air assault operation with Paratroopers assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division during their Culminating Training Exercise - Falcon Giant on Fort Liberty, N.C., Aug 19, 2023. Falcon Giant is brigade-level validation exercise designed to measure readiness and lethality prior to attending the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) on Fort Johnson (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Luis Garcia)

# 1st Aviation Brigade changes command



The 1st Aviation Brigade welcomed its new commander during a change of command ceremony at Fort Novosel, Ala., Aug. 25, 2023.

Col. Jason T. Woodward formally assumed command as he accepted the unit colors from Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Novosel commander, after Col. Richard P. Tucker relinquished command.

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# Fort Novosel weather team forecasts mission accomplishment



The U.S. Air Force's 18th Combat Weather Squadron, Operation Location-Charlie, plays a critical role in whether the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence's flight training mission at Fort Novosel is cleared for takeoff — or not. "We're tailoring everything we do to the flight school students, to the flight training mission, in great part," said Cindy L. Howell, supervisory meteorological technician at

Cairns Army Airfield, who formerly served on duty...

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# WOCS and BOSS build wall and bring community together



Walls usually separate people, but in this case, it was a wall that brought Fort Novosel Soldier volunteers and the local community together. The US Army Warrant Officer Career College (USAWOCC) Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS), Class 23-23 and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) came together on a hot Ozark morning to help the city of Ozark, Alabama build a retaining wall at the historic Holman House on August 26th to help ...

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## Fort Novosel Supervisor Stand Down Day works to build cohesive garrison team

"Our goal at Fort Novosel is to build world class supervisors, which will in turn, build world class employees," said John Watson, deputy to the garrison commander, speaking at the August 18th Supervisor Stand Down Day (SSDD) for garrison leaders at the Spiritual Life Center.

This event, a revitalization of the first SSDD that was held in 2019, was comprised of discussions and teachings given by Watson and other subject matter experts to expand...

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#### Heartfelt thanks: USAACE and Fort Novosel host quarterly volunteer recognition ceremony

The US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) and Fort Novosel held a Quarterly Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on August 23, 2023 at The Landing to honor 59 Soldiers and community members, volunteering with nine different on-post agencies, who were awarded either the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal or the Volunteer of the Quarter Award.

"The value of the impact you make on our community cannot be overstated," said U.S. ...

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### It's all about that Moulage - Mock injuries tell the story of an incident

The installation-wide tornado response and recovery exercise August 30 here tested many agencies on post, and one small part of the preparations had a big impact on the quality of the training.

Sgt. Courtney Forbeck, a combat medic with Lyster Army Health Clinic, was in charge of applying moulage, special effects makeup, to the role players in the exercise.

"I'm trying to simulate what would happen in a real-world scenario if the post got hit...

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# **Exercise tests Fort Novosel emergency plans**

Teamwork, community and continual improvement were the focus of an installation-wide tornado response and recovery exercise August 30 here that tested many agencies on post.

"Our team here is a team of professionals," said Col. John Miller, Fort Novosel Garrison Commander, "They are focused on ensuring that we execute all of our duties to the absolute best standard possible."

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