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Soldiers prep for Griffin Claw at Powidz, Poland, March 15. The exercise builds readiness, increases operability, and reinforces steadfast and loyal commitment to the United States' allies and partners. (Army photo)

### Home of Army Aviation to be redesignated Fort Novosel



Fort Rucker will be officially redesignated Fort Novosel in honor of CW4 Michael J. Novosel Sr., a Medal of Honor recipient with ties to Army Aviation, the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, and the Wiregrass region in southeast Alabama, during a ceremony April 10 at Veterans Park on post.

"Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael J. Novosel Sr., epitomizes what an Army Aviation Soldier should be," said Maj. Gen. ...

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#### Post's namesake 'epitome of Army Aviation' – CW4 Michael J. Novosel Sr.



(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a three-part series on CW4 Michael J. Novosel Sr., who will become the post's namesake when it is redesignated in April 10.)

When it came time to pick a new name for the Home of Army Aviation, it soon became clear that there was as close to a perfect choice as anyone could have hoped for. CW4 Michael J. Novosel Sr. is the epitome of Army Aviation, according to Billy Croslow, Aviation Branch historian.

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#### Commanding general conducts walking town hall in Allen Heights



The commanding general led Fort Rucker leadership and the on-post housing team on a walking town hall through the streets of the Allen Heights neighborhood March 22. Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, said that despite the low participation in this walk through the neighborhood, the quarterly town halls would continue. The visits through the various on-post housing ...

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## Post observes Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month



Fort Rucker will observe Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April with the Army theme of: Intervene. We are a team. There is an us in trust. Can they trust in you? The theme focuses on the importance of building a culture of trust, according to Shana C. Morris, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence installation lead sexual assault response coordinator.

"This places an emphasis on facilitating trust among each ...

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Post installs charging stations for future government EVs

Fort Rucker recently installed 12 solar charging stations around post to help prepare for receiving government electric vehicles later this year.

The move will ultimately help Fort Rucker meet President Joe Biden's Executive Order 14057 on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability, as well as Army Materiel Command and Installation Management Command energy goals, according to Alana Klosky, Directorate of Public Works installation energy manager.

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# Combat Readiness Center CG presents Safety Guardian awards to DFMWR employees

UPPER LEFT: Brig. Gen. Gene D. Meredith, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center commanding general, presents a Safety Guardian Award to Sheldon Gibson, Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child and Youth Services, March 23 in Bldg. 5700. Gibson earned the award when he noticed a person lying beside a vehicle on the side of the road. He then alerted emergency services, rendered aid and helped responders locate the victim after they'd received the wrong location.

ABOVE AND LEFT: Meredith presents Safety Guardian Awards to Rebecca Cohen and Blake Dewitt, DFMWR Outdoor Recreation, for their efforts in rescuing stranded boaters on Lake Tholocco. (Photos by Jim Hughes)



# Post observes Child Abuse Prevention Month, hosts activities throughout April

Post youth put their painted handprints on Sgt. Ted E. Bear during the Fort Rucker Child Abuse Prevention Month Hand Painting and Pinwheel Ceremony March 29. About 100 Fort Rucker youth, parents and employees attended the event to put their handprints on Bear to show their support for child abuse prevention efforts. Activities are planned throughout the month. For more, visit https://rucker.armymvr.com/ or https://www.facebook.com/ftruckermwr/.

