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An AH-64 Apache from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, breaks the line as it leaves Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, Feb. 7. Chièvres served as an intermediate staging area before the 1st CAB deployed to Germany, Poland, Latvia and Romania for nine months to train with NATO partners in support of Atlantic Resolve.

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# TOWN HALL

# Fort Rucker to hold discussion on family housing concerns

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Press Release

Fort Rucker will host a town hall Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the post theater to provide current information and gain feedback on any issues or concerns regarding installation family housing.

There will be an informative presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. All on-post housing residents are encouraged to attend.

This town hall is an internal forum for installation leaders to personally connect with Soldiers, Army families and other residents of Fort Rucker to help ensure they are meeting their obligations to provide safe, quality family housing.

In a recent statement regarding issues with family housing around the Army, Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark Esper stated, "We are deeply troubled by the recent reports highlighting the deficient conditions in some of our family housing. It is unacceptable for our families who sacrifice so much to have to endure these hardships in their own homes. Our most sacred obligation as Army leaders is to take care of our people – our Soldiers and our family members."

Esper added "We will hold our chain of command and private contractors accountable to ensure they are meeting their obligations to provide safe, high quality family housing."

The contractors he refers to are private companies who partner with the Army to

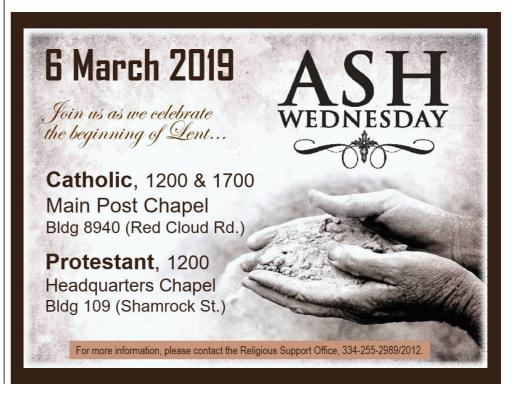
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> - Dr. Mark Esper Secretary of the Army

provide housing as part of the Residential Communities Initiative. Senior members of Corvias Military Living will join local senior military leadership to engage residents of Fort Rucker housing. These leaders want to ensure residents understand their rights as tenants in privatized housing, how to report a concern and receive prompt action, and how to any complaint they feel is unresolved.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**





# SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS Army Emergency Relief hosts campaign kickoff

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Fort Rucker kicks off its 2019 Army Emergency Relief campaign March 5 at noon at The Landing to begin achieving its goal of 100-percent awareness of the program within the on-post community.

Of course, the campaign, which runs March 1 to May 15, is also about getting donations so AER can continue its mission, but officials believe the program sells itself when people are armed with the knowledge that AER is all about Soldiers helping Soldiers, which, as officials say in this year's theme, "It's What We Do," according to Beth Gunter, Army Community Service financial counselor who works with AER at Fort Rucker.

"Yes, we request donations during this time, but the biggest goal of the campaign is to increase awareness of the program," she said. "To let Soldiers know that they have these benefits and how to go about applying for them if they need them when experiencing an unexpected hardship. Funds usually come when we do presentations to help people understand what the program is about and how they can help support their fellow Soldiers."

Traditionally, the kickoff event is held at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, but Gunter and Maj. Nelson Gray, 1-145th Aviation Regiment and Fort Rucker AER coordinator, decided to try something different, so they moved it to The Landing at lunchtime to make it easier for people to attend.

The event will feature people speaking about their experiences with the program, recent changes to the program, a trivia event where people can earn donated gifts, and then a donation signing by post leadership where others will be allowed to take TERGENC.

part at other tables, as well. Tables will also be set up to provide information on AER and how it benefits to the Army family, including scholarship opportunities, Gray said.

"We want to make sure people know that AER is here for Soldiers, and that it's a critical part of our Fort Rucker community," he said. "Fort Rucker is a close community - we take care of each other."

And AER takes care of Soldiers by helping them dig themselves out of emergency financial hardship, and helps prevent them from digging themselves into an even bigger hole through oftentimes costly loans found in the civilian world, Gunter said.

The norm is for AER to loan Soldiers money to help them through hard times, but AER officials will also look at each Soldier's overall financial situation and, if warranted, may convert that loan into a grant, which does not need to be repaid, she added.

"We look at every case as an interest-free loan to start with - that's how we stay above as a program, we just kind of reuse

> again for helping Soldiers - but we do give out grants also, so when we look at what caused the financial hard-

the money over and over

ship, the ability to repay and what they asking are for assistance for could very well be something worthy of a grant," the financial counselor said.

"We want to take

care of our Soldiers to ensure they are able to stay mission focused rather than stressing out

over these financial hardships that they may be incurring," Gunter added.

And once that AER cavalry is called for, it rides to the rescue pretty quickly, particularly if Soldiers take advantage of the relatively new Commander-First Sergeant Quick Assist Program, she said. The program allows commander and first sergeants approval authority for \$2,000 in financial assistance to Soldiers.

"They can be the go-to for Soldiers undergoing financial hardship," she said. "If a Soldier has needs for categories we can assist with, the Soldier can go to the commander or first sergeant and they can sign off on it. Then they bring it to me and I cut them a check because the commander or first sergeant have approved it."

AER is also a firm believer in the Soldier for Life philosophy, Gunter said, as it offers assistance to retired Soldiers, as well.

"When I go out to retiree fairs, I find a lot of them don't realize they can use it," she said, adding that retirees are usually a large contributor group to the AER campaign. "After Soldiers retire from service, many of them continue to give to AER to make sure that these younger Soldiers are taken care of - it just kind of gives credibility to the program."

And that credibility also comes from the fact that for every dollar AER takes in, 86 cents goes to helping Soldiers, Gunter said, adding that AER took in in \$6.4 million in donations last year, gave out \$67 million in assistance, with \$6.7 million of that in grants. That assistance also included helping Soldiers and retirees recover from disasters, such as hurricanes.

People can get more information or donate to AER by getting in contact with their unit AER coordinator, visiting www.aerhq. org, or by visiting or calling the local AER office in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350 (255-2341).

# NEED FOR SPEED

# Speeding on post puts lives at risk

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

People fulfilling their need for speed while driving on post may find themselves in need of a pay raise to cover the resulting costs associated with getting a ticket on post.

And while the costs of the ticket, the processing fees and the inevitable increase in insurance premiums do add up, building the government's coffers isn't why Fort Rucker law enforcement officials are cracking down on speeders – it's to keep the community safe, said Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker chief of police.

"The speed limits on post are set as they are for a reason," the police chief said. "It has to do with how the roads are on post -- it's for safety. We're just trying to keep the installation safe for everyone."

With so many children on the post, especially in the housing areas and around the schools, along with student formations, the numerous crosswalks and the general pedestrian traffic associated with a busy Army installation, drivers obeying the speed limit and keeping their attention on the road is vital to keeping the people of Fort Rucker safe – possibly saving a few seconds on a commute isn't worth putting people's lives at risk, Dumais said.

"Please pay particular attention in the housing areas," he added. "The children may not know any better, so when they're chasing a ball they may go running into the street af-



FILE PHOTO

ter it. If we're obeying the 20 mph speed limits, it allows us that response zone, if you will, so we're not hitting children."

And another consideration are the roads on post – they're just not made for some of the speeds law enforcement officers are seeing people doing, Dumais added.

"We don't have a highway on post, but we have seen some speeds on radar that are at those highway levels of speed," he said. Fort Rucker has a speed level of 30 in most areas of the post, but the limit decreases to 20 mph in the housing areas and 10 mph in parking lots. The speed limit increases to 40 mph on the long stretches of outer roads

# SPEED CONT.

to places like the Ozark and Enterprise gates, Dumais said.

"We've seen speeds in excess of 70-75 mph (on those roads)," the police chief said. "And we do get quite a few 20 overs on the installation also. Where that becomes a problem is our road network is not built for those types of speed, so there is a hazard associated with that."

He added that some people's lead feet feel tempted to take over on these long stretches, but those roads are narrow, the trees come up close to the roadways and curbs are sometimes very close to the driving areas.

"We're concerned about that because if there ever is an accident associated with those speeds it could be catastrophic," Dumais said. "We've been extremely lucky that we have not had any real serious accidents where there was loss of life. Most accidents on installation are in the parking lots or in the cantonment area on the surface streets where speeds are slow and impacts are minimal – there's property damage, but very rarely are there injuries. Again, for people, their vehicles, their insurance – everything is going to be impacted by that. And even a small

amount of damage on a vehicle these days you're probably talking \$1,500-\$2,000 cost to fix something minor."

Even though law enforcement is increasing its efforts to nab lawbreakers on the roads lately, it doesn't necessarily mean there's an epidemic of speeding on post, the chief said.

"There's always speeding on Fort Rucker, or if you look at local municipalities there's a certain amount of speeding that happens every day," he said. "I don't think we've seen a spike in speeding on the installation, there's just a consistent amount of speeding, but we are trying to get after it with some of our radar ops on installation – we need people to slow down."

On top of slowing down, Dumais reminds people not to use radar detectors on post, as it is against Department of Defense policy and people will be ticketed for using the devices.

He also reminds people to keep an eye out for wildlife, as there has been a spike in the number of animal strikes on Fort Rucker roads in recent weeks.

But his main warning is for those looking to fulfill that need for speed.

"I really recommend they don't do that," he said. "We are the enforcement arm, we're going to be out there running radar and we're doing a lot of random radar operations on the installation to try to slow people down. There are a lot of potential sensors out there on the installation and I would just ask you to obey the rules.

"A traffic law is just like an Army standard," Dumais added. "There are standards for a reason, and there are laws that we have to follow as far as traffic laws are concerned for public safety. I ask people to just adhere to those."

# SPEEDING ON POST? IT CAN COST YOU.

Soldiers and civilians alike face steep fines if caught speeding on post. If found guilty of speeding, drivers face a \$35 court fee and additional fines, including:

11-15 MPH OVER: \$125 16-20 MPH OVER: \$150 21-25 MPH OVER: \$175

Traffic points are also assessed for each offense, and a person's driving privileges could be suspended if enough points are accumulated during a 12-month period.

SLOW DOWN. STAY SAFE.



# IMCOM to realign under Army Materiel Command

Army News Service
Staff Report

WASHINGTON -- The Installation Management Command will realign as a major subordinate command under the Army Materiel Command by March 1 in an effort to enhance readiness across Army installations, officials announced Friday.

"The Army is implementing aggressive reforms to free-up resources for readiness and modernization efforts and to improve overall efficiency," said Brig. Gen. Omar Jones, the Army's chief of public affairs.

Headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, IMCOM was created in 2002 to integrate and deliver base support to enable readiness for a globally-responsive Army.

IMCOM's 50,000-strong workforce will remain at their current locations, and no positions will be physically relocated or eliminated during the transition, officials said.

If a review later determines certain positions should be relocated or eliminated, no changes will occur until the incumbent either decides to leave the organization or is properly reassigned, they added.

AMC, a four-star command, currently performs installation support for depots, ammunition plants and other facilities. It provides service functions from management of installation power-projection platforms to installation contracting services.

The upcoming realignment will consolidate base operations and other similar support functions as well as leverage existing Army expertise in logistics, sustainment and services, officials said.

The move is one of several ongoing man-

agement and headquarters reforms to ensure the Army is efficient and prioritizes resources to readiness and modernization -- the service's top priorities.

Last summer, for instance, the Army stood up the Army Futures Command to combine efforts on tackling modernization. The new four-star command represented the most significant Army reorganization effort since 1973.

Then in December, AFC took command of the Army Capabilities Integration Center, which was renamed the Futures and Concepts Center that is tasked to study and prepare the Army for future warfare.

Last month the Army's Research, Development and Engineering Command, or RDECOM, came under Futures Command and was renamed Combat Capabilities Development Command.

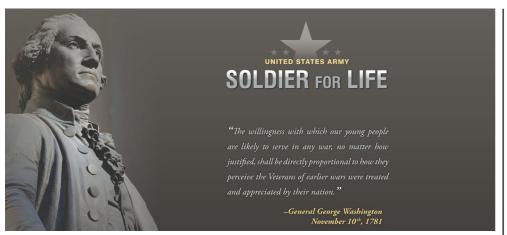
In the latest transition, IMCOM directorates will initially remain functionally aligned with their supported Army commands and Army service component commands.

AMC and IMCOM leadership will then conduct an assessment to ensure all IMCOM directorates are best aligned to effectively support senior commanders, officials said.

Realignment under one command, along with continued oversight by the Army secretary, will also increase advocacy within the Army for installation requirements.

"This transition establishes unity of command and effort on our installations, improves the readiness of our Soldiers and formations, and strengthens the well-being of our Soldiers, civilians, and Families," Jones said.





# Social networking sites can both aid, hurt job searches

# By Bryan Tharpe

Fort Rucker Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program Center

The social networking site Facebook is a great tool to use when you are job searching. It has the potential to link you with hundreds of people – some of whom may be employers – all across the world.

However, it can be a two-edged sword.

When you open a facebook page you can post all kinds of information on it. And others, who can become your friends or fans when they find your facebook page, can read your information, such as your resume, interests, hobbies, etc.

If you ask for their help in finding job leads, some will be obliged to assist you. We strongly suggest that you check your settings to only allow your friends to receive your personal information. This can lead you to numerous job leads that you didn't know about.

Also, since every person also knows about 250 people, their circle of friends or fans can get involved in your cause. With all

this additional help, your job search could go much faster and smoother.

On the other hand, a Facebook page has to be professional at all times if you are going to use it for your job search. Even if you don't intend to use it, some employers will do a search on your name to see what they can find on the internet pertaining to you. If it is positive, it may be helpful; however, if it is negative, it will not help at all, and may even hurt your chances of getting and keeping the job you want.

This applies to all kinds of social networking sites that contain any information about you. Try searching for your name and see how much information comes up. Is there anything there that you wouldn't want your potential employer or even current employer to know about? If so, take it off line before it is found.

For more information on the latest applications of job search techniques, contact your Soldier for

Life – Transition Assistance Program Center at (334) 255-2558.

# **RE-PATCH TO THE FUTURE**





PHOTO BY IIM HUGHES AND ARMY GRAPHIC

Col. Michael Best, director, Aviation Capability Development and Integration, puts the U.S. Army Futures Command patch on Lt. Col. Joseph Davis, military deputy of the Aviation Platforms-Requirements Determination Directorate, during a re-patching ceremony Feb. 14 at the U.S. Army Aviation Headquarters building to reflect CDID's move from U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command to AFC. At the ceremony, officials said that the command change will not result in a geographical move, as the unit will remain at Fort Rucker.



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<b>Saturday, Feb. 23</b> A Dog's Way Home (PG)
<b>Sunday, Feb. 24</b> A Dog's Way Home (PG)
Thursday, Feb. 28 The Upside (PG-13)7 p.m.
<b>Friday, March 1</b> Glass (PG-13)7 p.m.
Saturday, March 2         The Kid Who Would Be King (PG)
<b>Sunday, March 3</b> The Kid Who Would Be King (PG)
Thursday, March 7 On the Basis of Sex (PG-13)7 p.m.
<b>Friday, March 8</b> Captain Marvel (PG-13) 4 & 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 9 Captain Marvel (PG-13) 4 & 7 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 10</b> Captain Marvel (PG-13) 1 & 4 p.m.

TICKETS ARE \$6 FOR ADULTS AND \$5 FOR CHILDREN, 12 AND UNDER. MILITARY I.D. CARDHOLDERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 255-2408.

# FROM DFMWR



## **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 Army Community Service Federal Job Workshop Feb. 28 from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284 with a hands-on breakout session from 1:15-2:15 p.m. 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's Guide" (7th Edition). Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 to register. Open to authorized patrons only.

For more information or to register, call 255-2594.

#### **CG'S GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Commanding General's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 23 at Silver Wings Golf Course. Breakfast will be served at 6 a.m. The format is a four-person team scramble and begins at 8 a.m. Lunch and awards will follow play.

Entry fee is \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, carts, breakfast, lunch and prizes. Prizes go to closest to the pin and closest to the line.

For more information, call 255-0089.

# FEEDING YOUR CHILD: HEALTHY NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Being a parent is full of challenges. Feeding your child the right foods from the start can make things easier in the long term.

Come learn what, when and where to feed your child – birth to age 5 – to prevent meal-time struggles and promote a lifetime of healthy eating at Feb. 28 from 9-11 a.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950.

The workshop is free to attend. Free childcare is also available with pre-registration by Feb. 21 by calling 255-3564.

For more information, call 255-3359 or 255-9805.

#### **RIGHT ARM NIGHT**

Leaders, bring your right-hand man or woman out for Fort Rucker Right Arm Night hosted by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program Feb. 28 from 4-6 p.m. at The Landing. Fort Rucker Right Arm Night is an old Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those standing to their right – the ones helping them get through daily missions. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Fort Rucker Right Arm Night will be held every month. Both military and civilians are invited to attend.

For more information, call 255-0768.

## **SEUSSTIVAL**

You could not, would not, want to miss a fantastic jubilee such as this! Center Library will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by with its annual SEUSStival Feb. 28 from 4:30-6 p.m. The events will feature games, crafts and more for all ages.

## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD BOWLING

Children bowl free, when accompanied by a bowling adult, at Rucker Lanes the entire month of March. Children are allowed up to three free games, which includes shoe rental.

For more information or to ensure open lanes are available, call 255-9503.

## **ACTING WORKSHOP**

Center Library invites teens ages 12 and up to participate in an acting workshop. This workshop will focus on teambuilding and competing in a series of challenges. The free event will take place March 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the Center Library. The workshop is open to authorized patrons.

For more information, call 255-3885.

### **EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM WORKSHOP**

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the next employment readiness program workshop March 7 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Bldg. 5700. Patrons will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. for paperwork and attendance prior to the session.

You'll get the essentials about how to conduct a successful job campaign, to include crafting a winning resume, prepping for job interviews and other helpful tips. Advance registration is required.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call 255-2594.

#### **ACTIVE PARENTING: THE FIRST FIVE YEARS**

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will facilitate an Active Parenting: The First Five Years class for the Fort Rucker community March 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. The class is a four-day training event for parents of children from birth to age 5.

Registration for this event is required and limited to 15 participants. Free childcare is also available.

For more information and to register, call 255-3359 or 255-9805.

#### FORT RUCKER RECYCLED BOAT REGATTA

Turn cardboard into a seaworthy vessel and bring your creation to the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center Indoor Pool to race against other boats March 9. Teams of two or more can build a boat at home out of cardboard and bring it in to see if it floats.

Teams must register at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center or MWR Central by March 8. Check in starts at 8:30 a.m., safety brief is at 9 a.m. and the event begins right after. Prizes will be given out to winners of various categories.

For additional details, call 255-2296.

#### **SPRING OUTDOOR YARD SALE**

Save some money or make some money at the annual Fort Rucker Spring Outdoor Yard Sale. The outdoor event provides the opportunity for members of the Fort Rucker community to buy and sell used household items in a consolidated fashion. The event will be held March 9 from 7-11 a.m. on the festival fields. The sale is open to the public. Booth space fees apply to sellers only. No commercial vendors allowed without a contract - contact special events for details and fees. Registering in advance is recommended. The deadline to register in advance at MWR Central is March 8 at 1 p.m. Limited booths spaces and tables may be available on event day. Non-appropriated fund property may be for sale during this event. cannot be reserved or held in advance.

For registration, call 255-2997. For more information, including booth space costs, call 255-1749.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

#### **ARMY WELLNESS CENTER**

health and wellness classes to all Soldiers, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. All classes are held at the Army Wellness Center in Bldg. 4102. Click here to view a current schedule of AWC health and wellness classes. For a current schedule and more information, visit <a href="http://">http://</a> www.rucker.army.mil/cr2c/.

## **TAX CENTER OPENS**

The Fort Rucker Tax Center is open Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F to provide professional-level federal and state preparation and filing services for no fee to active duty and retired military. People need to make an appointment to receive the service and can do so by visiting the center or calling 255-2937 or 255-2938.

The services are only available to ac-The Army Wellness Center offers free tive-duty military, retired military, medically retired military or members of the reserve components on active orders and their family members. People need to bring their military ID card, Social Security cards, previous year's return and all documentation they think they might need to get their taxes done.

## **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.

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETS**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. For more on the group, call 334-379-8775.

#### **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.

#### PTSD GROUP

A post traumatic stress disorder education group meets Tuesdays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center in Bldg. 8939 on Red Cloud Road. The group follows the Veterans Affairs protocol PTSD Recovery Program and is for anyone interested in learning more about PTSD. For more information, call 255-3903.

### **NEW ARMY CID CRIME TIPS APP**

The CID crime tips system recently transitioned to a web-based and smartphone app submission method. The public can access the system by visiting <a href="http://www.cid.army.">http://www.cid.army.</a> mil. In addition to the web interface, the app is for submission of tips and is available for free from the Apple Store and Google Play.

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