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Soldiers from A Co., 1-131st Avn. Regt., help students at Pathfinder practice hooking up a sling load to a UH-60 Black Hawk at Fort Benning, Ga., March 5. Pathfinder teaches Soldiers how to establish safe landing zones for Airborne and Air Assault Soldiers, and Army aircraft.

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# PUT TO THE TEST

164th TAOG exercise seeks to find weaknesses before real-world mission

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

The 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group put itself to the test in early and mid-March with an exercise designed to severely stress its plans to go to war at the group level and then ask its battalions to execute them in a deployed environment.

“The intent of this exercise is to train the brigade staff and the battalions -- start at the brigade level for the first two weeks and what we’re doing is digging into real world

missions that exist today and we are tasked to support those plans,” said Col. William B. Garber III, dual-hatted as the 164th TAOG and Air Traffic Services Command commander. “(The first week was) taking two of those plans and doing specific analysis on what it is we’re supposed to do, what we’re tasked to do and how are we best going to do it.”

Using the military decision making pro-



PHOTOS BY JIM HUGHES

**A 1-58th AOB Soldier checks out a vehicle the unit would convoy to Eglin AFB, Fla., in early March to put on an Air Force C-17 the unit used to deploy to Fort McCoy, Wisc., to put its war plans to the test.**



**Soldiers clean and prepare equipment March 1 prior to deploying to Fort McCoy for an exercise.**

cess, the TAOG focused on the mission analysis phase and the course of action development phase. After accomplishing those tasks, the brigade passed its plan down to the battalions, the 1-58th Airfield Operations Battalion and the 3-58th AOB, to execute at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, respectively.

The two battalions took their equipment to McCoy and Bragg where they carried out their airfield management and air traffic control missions. During the first part of the exercise, the 1-58th convoyed to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, to get some joint training with the Air Force and move its equipment via C-17 to Wisconsin, Garber said.

“They did an excellent job and got a first time go. For a lot of them, this will be their first C-17 flight and load, so I’m excited for

some of the junior Soldiers to get that experience,” the commander said, adding that the exercise involved almost all of the members of the TAOG.

But that doesn’t mean the entire exercise went perfectly, Garber said, which is a good thing.

“The great thing about exercises is you design them to stress your staff to expose your weaknesses, so I will tell you that it has gone well,” he said. “That said, we’ve exposed some weaknesses, which is a good thing – you want to do that in peace so you can fix them before you go to war.”

To help find those weaknesses, the TAOG asked the Army’s other TAOG, the Louisiana National Guard’s 204th TAOG to visit and provide an external evaluation, Garber added.





Soldiers of the 1-58th AOB ready vehicles and equipment March 1 for a convoy to Eglin prior to deploying for an exercise.

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“Where we have had a few hiccups, we’ve been happy to find them and we have learned a great deal from having others come in and examine our preparation,” the colonel said, adding that the unit also used the Logistics Readiness Center for another external evaluation. “That really helps us look closely at whether we have any deficiencies. So, from that perspective, I’m very happy with what we’re doing. There are some days that we find some chinks in our armor, but we’re repairing them so we can be better prepared to deploy.”

And it’s been a while since the TAOG put itself to the test to this extent, Garber said.

“We’ve conducted various small exercises, but this is the first one in about 6 years that we’ve had a chance to get out of here far away, and use a C-17 and a C-130 to deploy us on an emergency deployment,” he said.

“It’s a good time to have an exercise – if we don’t practice it often, it atrophies quickly.

“I’m excited to have a chance to do it and none of the folks on active duty here, E-5s and below, have ever had the chance to go out and do this level of exercise – the seniors have because they’ve been around a while, but I can’t think of any E-5s or below that have had a chance to do this yet. I’m very happy to expose them to what’s about to happen,” Garber added.

And while having a successful exercise helps put leadership minds at ease and instill confidence in the Soldiers carrying out the plans, the cycle never ends, said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael V. Telesco II, 164th TAOG command sergeant major.

“As soon as you’re comfortable, all new people will come in, people will leave, you’re always doing it,” he said.

Overall, the commander and CSM are happy with the performance of the unit.

“Our young Soldiers are well trained out of advanced individual training,” Telesco said. “They’re young and there’s a lot of stuff

**They’re young and there’s a lot of stuff they haven’t seen, but our stressing them is causing them to learn.**

*- Command Sgt. Maj. Michael V. Telesco II, 164th TAOG command sergeant major*

they haven’t seen, but our stressing them is causing them to learn.

“We’re getting them into the motor pools, getting them on vehicles – some of these Soldier a year ago didn’t even have a driver’s license,” he added. “So, their first 500 miles in

a vehicle are in a military vehicle that is three times the size of a normal truck. And they’re pulling it off – it’s fun.”

While reports are yet to come in on exactly how much fun the unit’s Soldiers are having carrying out their mission in the northern climes of Wisconsin, Garber is also pleased with the efforts being put forth to test the units as a whole.

“We’re lucky the airfields are cleared so aircraft can land because just (in late February-early March) they were iced over and closed,” the colonel said. “(The Soldiers will) be sleeping out there and working with snow and ice on the ground, so I’m actually excited because that is good Army training and I think it will also help them get more comfortable with the gear that we provide them that down here in Alabama we don’t get to use all the time.”



# AER tees up awareness, fundraising at annual tourney



PHOTOS BY JIM HUGHES

**A golfer tees off at the start of the 29th annual Army Emergency Relief Golf Tournament March 15 at Silver Wings Golf Course.**

**By Jim Hughes**  
*Fort Rucker Public Affairs*

Fort Rucker and Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union hosted the 29th annual Army Emergency Relief golf Tournament March 15 at the post's Silver Wings Golf Course to help spread awareness and raise funds for the Soldiers Helping Soldiers program.

Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, thanked all of the players, the credit union, the golf course staff and all of the others who made the tournament in support of AER happen.

"I can't think of a better cause to contribute to," the colonel said. "Last year at our small post, we put in \$125 into the AER pot. We also issued about (\$500,000) in aid to Soldiers and their families to help relieve

them of the hardships they faced."

Last year's tournament raised about \$16,000 for AER, and this year's event looks on target to match or exceed that amount, thanks to the more than 100 golfers who took part in the tournament, according to Kathy Scarbrough, Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union, vice president of marketing.

"Part of our culture is to give back and, of course, one of the first causes we give back to are the Soldiers of Fort Rucker," she said. "This event is something we love doing because we know it is such a worthy cause. It's always a pleasure to work



**Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, thanks the 100-plus golfers preparing to tee off at the 29th annual Army Emergency Relief Golf Tournament March 15 at Silver Wings Golf Course.**

with the professionals here at Silver Wings Golf Course and all of the people on post who make it so easy to come out here, put on this tournament and raise funds for AER."

Above and beyond the funds raised, the tournament also helps with the goal of raising awareness of AER and what it does for Soldiers, according to Maj. Nelson Gray, 1-145th Aviation Regiment and Fort Rucker AER coordinator.

"It's a perfect way to bring people together for a great cause and another example of the community really coming together to support each other," he said.

"It's the best way to incorporate the retired community, plus the active duty and other people working on post – anyone can come play," Gray added.

"It really is one of the best community activities you could ask for in terms of building relationships and coming together to support the program," he said.

Gray said that two weeks into the 10-week campaign, which runs through May 15, things are looking good. "Initial reports are that the awareness and training, and donations, seem to be doing as well as other years if not a little ahead"

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



# Preparedness key to weathering storm season

**Fort Rucker Public Affairs**  
*Staff Report*

Living in the South, most people are familiar with the waves of pollen in the spring and humid heat in the summer, but it's severe weather that people need to make sure they're prepared for this season.

The Southeast experiences two severe weather seasons throughout the year, not including hurricane season, and Willie Worsham, Fort Rucker emergency response manager, said that preparedness is the key to toughing out the storms.

"Right now we're in our first severe weather season," he said. "This season normally runs through March and April, with the second season running August through September."

After winter, cold fronts come down from the north as the subtropical ridge in the south begins to warm and move up. As these two systems collide, violent weather patterns can erupt due to the drastic differences in temperatures, said Worsham.

The second season hits when cold fronts begin moving back down and colliding with the warm air of summer.

"The subtropical ridge doesn't allow the cold front to move through, so it will cause a lot of instability in the atmosphere," which can lead to severe thunderstorms and even tornadoes, he said.

People can expect strong storms with high winds, large downpours, lightning, possible tornadoes and even flooding in low-lying areas, said the emergency response manager.

Tornadoes are one of the main things people need to be prepared for since they are so unpredictable and can strike without warning, said Worsham.

"The dynamics in the atmosphere during these periods are very conducive for the formation of tornadoes," he said. "If people hear tornado sirens, they should immediately move to an interior area of their house, such as a hallway or closet, and try and shield themselves with mattresses or anything they can."

Because of the unpredictable nature of weather, Worsham said that people should always have a plan ready for such an occasion and stay informed. Listen for sirens and make sure everyone in their household knows what to do in the event of a severe weather emergency, he added.

Worsham offered tips for people to follow to prepare for such emergencies.

- Make a family communications plan.
- Identify levees and dams in the area, and determine whether they pose a hazard.
- Be sure trees and shrubs around the home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Bring in or secure all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and other items that are not tied down so they do not become a hazard.



- Set the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed in case of power outages. Freeze water in containers and place in freezer to help keep food frozen.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Close all interior doors, and secure and brace external doors.
- Watch pets closely and keep them under your direct control. Be sure to have enough food and water for pets.
- Fill the bathtub and other containers with water in case the tap water is contaminated for sanitary purposes such as cooking, cleaning and flushing toilets.

These tips can be used for just about any weather emergency, including hurricane season, which typically runs from June through

November, said the emergency response manager.

Regardless of the type of weather emergency, Worsham said people need to be ready for anything because anything can happen.

"Something people tend to forget is that during these storms power can go out at any time and stay out for days," he said. "This is something people need to be ready for, especially in more rural areas."

Normally people should prepare for a 72-hour time period, but in the more rural areas, it might take longer for help to get out to those areas, so people might want to prepare for a bit longer, he said.

For more information on emergency weather preparation, visit [www.acsim.army.mil/readymil/ra\\_readiness.htm#natural](http://www.acsim.army.mil/readymil/ra_readiness.htm#natural).



# Aviation command sergeant major talks leadership, modernization during **KOREA VISIT**

**By Sgt. Courtney Davis**  
*2nd Combat Aviation Brigade*  
*Public Affairs*

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – Aviation Branch Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke dined with first sergeants and sergeants major assigned to the 2nd

Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division at Talon Café here March 1.

Hauke, a UH-60 Black Hawk crew chief by trade with over 3,000 hours in flight, started a question-and-answer session with the leaders while eating lunch.

Topics ranged from the challenges leaders face when stationed in Korea to the modernization and future of Army aircraft.

The 2nd CAB senior NCOs began the conversation by discussing the challenges and impacts associated with a short one-year assignment to Korea. The tour lengths impact the leadership's ability to retain continuity and aviation experience crucial to maintaining a combat-ready fleet of aircraft. They explained that while not impossible, it is very challenging to sustain a cohesive team trained at a high level of proficiency.

Hauke expressed his understanding, but also told the leaders that this problem has been around for a long time and that he is confident they can accomplish the mission with the hand they are dealt.

"The goal is to lead Soldiers in the right direction while they learn their craft for as long as they're around ... after the noncommissioned officer has trained the Soldier to their full ability, there should be a level of comfort knowing the Soldier can achieve any mission successfully," he said.



PHOTO BY SGT. COURTNEY DAVIS

**Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke, Aviation Branch sergeant major, meets with sergeants major and first sergeants from 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, March 1.**

Army Aviation will ultimately benefit from the trained maintainers produced in Korea.

Hauke also discussed the topic of modernization and Future Vertical Lift. While still years ahead, the modernization of helicopters will increase aviation maintenance efficiency.

"With modernization, condition-based maintenance may allow aircraft to fly many more hours before having to be serviced," said Hauke. "The helicopter will notify the crew when the oil needs to be changed and when there is a problem a code will pop-up. No longer will maintainers have to take apart the whole plane," he said. "As technology develops, the goal is for the future mechanic to be directed to the exact maintenance issue and then shown how to mitigate the situation."

With updated technology, there could come other challenges. While maintaining the aircraft might be easier, Soldiers must still remain sharp with their skills, so they are looking into future solutions to that problem,

as well, he added.

"What I hear out of the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy all the time is 'all the sergeant major cares about is maintenance,'" said Hauke. "If you have any aspiration of performing at the senior level in our branch and you don't know maintenance, you better get there regardless of your background. Maintenance is important to our mission."

The future of Army Aviation is bright due to modernization and, more importantly, today's Soldiers. Hauke showed the leadership a tremendous amount of gratitude for the NCO leadership of 2nd CAB. The future of Army Aviation is in great hands and truly is above the best, he said.

"Maj. Gen. (William K.) Gayler (U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general), CW5 (Joseph B.) Roland (chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch) and I thank you for everything you do," said Hauke. "It's not easy, I got it. We have asked and continue to ask first sergeants and sergeants major to do more than I ever had to do, so thank you."



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**Hauke interacts with a 3-2nd GSAB Soldier during an inspection on an AH-64 Apache while visiting Korea March 1.**



# Undersecretary outlines new budget plans for modernization priorities

By **Devon L. Suits**  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON -- As part of the release of the proposed fiscal year 2020 budget, more than \$57 billion in a five-year defense plan will be dedicated to modernization and other signature Army programs, the Army's undersecretary said Thursday.

In turn, the Army is offering "a tremendous opportunity" to industry officials that are willing to step up their research and development investments to innovate the force's six modernization priorities, Ryan D. McCarthy said during a discussion at The Brookings Institution.

The modernization priorities are being driven by an era of "great power competition" as stated in the National Defense Strategy. The Army's near-peer competitors are creating effective forms of standoff through new tactics and technologies, McCarthy said.

"The Army of today -- as battle-hardened as it may be -- lacks the next-generation weapons and other capabilities that are needed to confront these most sophisticated adversaries as part of a truly joint and networked force," he said. "We are reaching the limit of what can be added to and improved on platforms that have been the mainstay of the Army for decades."

## BUDGET SUPPORTS CFTS

Starting with the top modernization priority -- Long Range Precision Fires -- the Army plans to allocate nearly \$5.7 billion of its five-year defense plan, or FYDP, and \$1.3 billion in fiscal 2020 toward the program. A portion of that funding will help field hypersonic systems to stay ahead of advancements made by competitors, McCarthy said.

Funding plans include "a precision strike missile that doubles the firepower and increases the range of existing missile artillery systems," he said, in addition to extended range cannon artillery with the capability to fire accurately over 40 miles.

Other plans allocate more than \$13.2 billion over the FYDP, with nearly \$2 billion in fiscal 2020, toward Next Generation Combat Vehicles, McCarthy said.

Parts of the NGCV investment will support "a robotic and optionally manned combat vehicle that includes artificial intelligence," he added.

In Future Vertical Lift, the Army looks to replace the force's aging helicopter fleet with aerial platforms that have "greater speed, maneuverability, and lethality," he said.

"Specifically, an attack [and] recon aircraft and a long-range aircraft, with a generational leap in capability including optionally manned," he added.

To do so, the Army plans to invest more than \$4.7 billion over the FYDP, which includes almost \$800 million in fiscal 2020, he said.

Under the Network priority, the Army looks to "leverage commercial technologies and space-based systems" to develop a new command, control, and communications network, he said, adding it must be capable, resilient, agile, and present a reduced electromagnetic signature.

Over the FYDP, the force plans to invest more than \$12.5 billion on the Army's network, which includes \$2.3 billion in fiscal 2020.

For Air and Missile Defense, the force plans to invest nearly \$8.8 billion over the FYDP. This includes a \$1.4 billion investment in fiscal 2020, McCarthy said.

## Foreign Policy



PHOTO BY DEVON L. SUITS

## McCarthy

"The Army can no longer presume to operate in an environment as we have since the fall of the Berlin Wall, in which the U.S. has air supremacy," he said. "This will revitalize atrophied short-range air defenses, and support procurement of an integrated fire protection capability like Iron Dome and others."

In Soldier Lethality, McCarthy said, the Army has slated more than \$6.7 billion in the FYDP, with \$845 million in fiscal 2020.

"This funding supports an integrated visual augmentation system that employs artificial intelligence and digital-fused images to give infantrymen superior battlefield awareness, to include real-time performance data to improve decision making," McCarthy said.

Further, Soldier Lethality funding will support "a next generation squad weapon and rifle that will leap beyond the current World War II-era physics still used in most of our small arms," he added.

The Army is also looking to invest in artificial intelligence, directed energy, quantum

computing, and space, he added.

## FUNDING CUTS, REALIGNMENT

With the proposed budget, the Army was forced to make many hard choices, the undersecretary said. During the Army's "night court" process, the force scrubbed and aligned billions of dollars to focus on the modernization priorities, in addition to supporting 30 signature programs.

"First, we needed to prioritize requirements for near-term contingencies and longer-term threats," he said. "Second, exert the fiscal discipline to divest legacy programs and make other tough choices needed to meet those requirements without going back to the White House or Congress later for additional funding."

After the Army completed a line-by-line budgetary review of all its programs, the force realigned \$30 billion across the FYDP, McCarthy said. This realignment included approximately \$8 billion in cost avoidance measures and about \$22 billion in cuts or



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terminations.

The Army eliminated more than 90 programs in the process, and funding for nearly as many programs was reduced, he added.

Notably, the Army plans to stop production and block upgrades for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle by 2023, he said. The Bradley vehicle fleet dates back to the early 1980s.

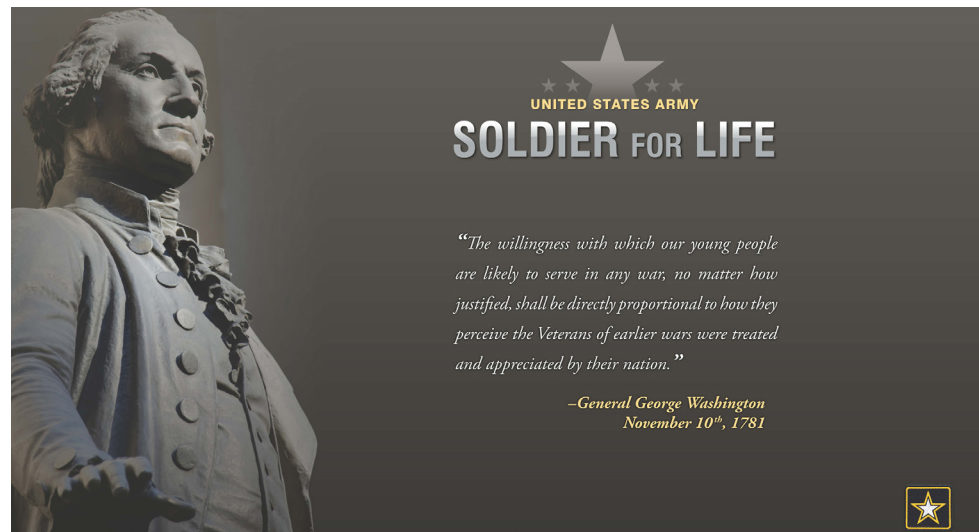
Similarly, the Army will halt future procurement of the CH-47F Chinook cargo helicopter, he said.

"Although the platform originally dates back to the 1960s, the Army's recent investment in the Block I upgrade make it the youngest fleet in the Army -- a de-facto service life of less than eight years," he said. "The CH-47F Block I provides an extremely capable heavy lift capacity and the Army currently has over 10 percent more Chinooks than required."

Further, the Army will also reduce its planned spending on the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle program, he said. By cutting nearly \$800 million over the FYDP, the Army will receive 1,900 fewer JLTVs over the lifespan of the program.

"The JLTV is a new vehicle -- more survivable than a Humvee, more maneuverable than a [mine-resistant ambush protected vehicle]," he said. "There's no doubt the Army needs it in the future, just not at the numbers of the original program of record when the requirements of a high-intensity land conflict are considered."

By 2028, this shift will give the Army a fleet mix of 55,000 Humvees, 49,000 JLTVs and 800 Infantry Squad Vehicles -- over 100,000 troop transport vehicles in all, he added.



## Master application important when searching for a job

**By Bryan Tharpe**  
*Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Center*

Have you gone for a job interview lately? Chances are, if you have, you were asked to arrive a few minutes early to complete your job application. This is something that everyone has to complete before they begin work for the new employer.

Filling out the application is a breeze if you're prepared, but if you're not prepared it can be a nightmare and may cost you the job.

Frequently, the employer does ask the job candidate to arrive a few minutes before the job interview to fill out the application. If you are not prepared, you may go into the interview with a negative mindset from having to rush through the lengthy application.

The application asks for a vast amount of information, including your previous experience and skills, completed education and schools, dates and addresses of employment, names and contact information of previous

employers, salary history, reason for leaving each job and more.

All of this information must be verifiable and accurate. Otherwise, even if you get the job and the employer finds out that the information is false, you could lose the job.

To make the application process easier and to maintain a positive mindset going into the interview session, it is crucial to develop a master application to take with you to the interview. This application will have all the details of your previous jobs (usually going back 10 years), including the information listed above. The details must also be in terms that are familiar to the employer.

Having this information will help you feel prepared when filling out the application and you can be confident that the information is accurate. However, you still can't just hand in your master application -- you will still have to fill out the application.

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What Men Want (R) ..... 7 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 24

The Lego Movie 2: The Second (PG) ..... 1 p.m.

Alita: Battle Angel (R) ..... 4 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 28

Isn't It Romantic (PG-13) ..... 7 p.m.

#### Friday, March 29

Dumbo (PG) ..... 4 & 7 p.m.

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Studio Appreciation Screening (PG-13) ..... 2 p.m.

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Dumbo (PG) ..... 7 p.m.

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Dumbo (PG) ..... 1 & 4 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 4

Dumbo (PG) ..... 7 p.m.

#### Friday, April 5

Dumbo (PG) ..... 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 6

Alita: Battle Angel (R) ..... 4 p.m.

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## RAPID FIRE LUNCH SPECIALS

Enjoy the following Rapid Fire Lunch Specials at The Landing Zone Grille & Bar in March. All specials are \$10 and include a drink. Available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. while supplies last.

- Monday: country fried steak, roasted red potatoes and corn.
- Tuesday: baked chicken, scalloped potatoes and collard greens.
- Wednesday: meatloaf, mashed potatoes and lima beans.
- Thursday: beef tips, rice and green beans.
- Friday: fried catfish, French fries, and coleslaw.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMP REGISTRATION

Fort Rucker Youth Sports is partnering with Challenger Sports to host an international soccer camp. The program helps prepare children for soccer using safe and fun equipment to teach them the basic motor skills. Early bird registration runs now through April 27 and participants will receive a soccer jersey, camp shirt, ball and an evaluation form. After April 27, participants will receive a camp shirt, ball and an evaluation form. The camp is open to children ages 3-16. Camp dates are May 28-31 with cost and start times dependent on participants' age: ages 3-4, \$77, 9-10 a.m.; ages 5-6, \$85, 10:30 a.m. to noon; ages 7-16, half -day camp, \$118, 9 a.m. to noon; and ages 8-16, full-day camp, \$165, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants need to bring sunscreen and a snack. Sports clothing with soccer cleats and shin guards are required attire. A lunch break will be provided for the full-day camp. Those participating in the full-day camp are asked to bring their own lunch. All youth

must be registered with child and youth services and have a current sports physical to participate.

Registration is required by May 17. People can register at parent central services or by using Webtrac. For more information, call 255-9638 or 255-2254.

## GOLF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Silver Wings Golf Course continues its membership drive through March 31 where people can pay their annual golf membership in full and receive 10 percent off.

For more information, call 255-0089.

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host its spring break camp March 25-29. Participants must be a CYS registered member to participate. For membership information or to sign-up for membership, call 255-9638 or 255-9108.

## EMPLOYMENT READINESS WORKSHOP

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program Workshop is scheduled for March 26 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. People will 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.

## AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

The Exceptional Family Member Program Autism Support Group will meet March 28

from 6-7 p.m. at The Commons. The group is open to anyone with an exceptional family member diagnosed with Autism and will focus on parent teaching.

For more information, call 255-9277.

## RIGHT ARM NIGHT

The next Fort Rucker Right Arm Night is scheduled for March 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 is held every month. Both military and civilians are invited to attend.

For more information, call 255-0768.

## COMMANDING GENERAL'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Commanding General's Golf Tournament March 30. Breakfast will be served at 6 a.m. The format is four-person team scramble that begins at 8 a.m. Tournament meal and awards will follow play. Entry fee is \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members. Two mulligans are sold separately for \$10 or \$40 for the team. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, carts, tournament meal and prizes. Prizes go to closest to the pin and closest to the line.

For more information, call 255-0089.

## MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD BOWLING

Children bowl free, when accompanied by a bowling adult, at Rucker Lanes in April. Children are allowed up to three free games and a shoe rental. For more information

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

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Join the ACS Family Advocacy Program and the garrison command April 2 at 10 a.m. for the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation signing. The signing will take place in the lobby of the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700. For more information, call 255-3898.

## WEAR TEAL TUESDAY

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month. This year's theme is "Sexual Assault. Sexual Harassment. Not in Our Army."

The Teal Day Campaign will begin April 2 as a Fort Rucker community-wide effort to recognize people's collective responsibility to prevent all forms of sexual assault and sexual harassment by wearing something teal every Tuesday in April. Wearing teal will be a visible commitment to support the prevention of sexual assault. People are asked to encourage everyone else in their organization to wear teal in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.

For more information, call 255-2382.

## NAF PROPERTY SALE

The Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a non-appropriated fund property sale of used equipment and furnishings April 4-6 at Bldg. 9213 (old commissary building).

Items include: elliptical machines, treadmills, steppers, child care furniture, boats, campers, commercial-grade restaurant equipment and more.

Condition of equipment and furnishings



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vary from slightly used to non-operational due to missing parts. All items will be sold as is. Payment must be made the same day as purchase and by cash or credit/debit card only. Patrons are responsible for loading and transporting items purchased.

For additional information, call 255-9807.

### COFFEE AND FRIENDS

Do you need help understanding military life, are you new to Fort Rucker, or are you just looking to make some new friends? If the answer's yes to any of these, join ACS' Coffee and Friends April 5 from 9-11 a.m. at the Bowden Terrace Community Center. Coffee and Friends will be held the first Friday of every month.

For more information, call 255-3898.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the ACS New Parent Support Program is partnering with Fort Rucker Youth Services to host a Family Game Night April 5 from 5-7 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Youth Center. The evening will feature games for all ages and the entire family. Each participating family will receive a new board game. Registration is recommended by April 3.

For more details and to register, call 255-3898.

### WOUNDED WARRIOR HUNT

The Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation Program will host its Wounded Warrior Spring Hunt April 5-7. Wounded Warriors from across the southeast will participate in the hunt free of charge through the gracious support of sponsors assisting with lodging and food. The hunt is open to the general public. Guides to assist the wounded warriors are also welcomed. Turkey and coyote hunt details: harvest must be verified by

ODR staff, hunters will be allowed to harvest turkeys and coyotes on Fort Rucker. Hunters must present game to the ODR service center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. – photos of coyotes or turkeys will not be accepted, no trapping or road kill allowed.

All patrons wanting to hunt along with the Wounded Warriors must have a valid state hunting license, Fort Rucker hunting permit and a hunter education completion card. Hunters should also read Alabama and Fort Rucker regulations regarding authorized weapons and ammunition.

For more information on hunting on Fort Rucker and the Wounded Warrior Hunt, call 255-4305 or visit <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker>.

### TEEN JOB FAIR

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host a free teen job fair April 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature representatives from local businesses looking to hire teens now. Teens will be able to learn about job application processes, work permits, interview techniques and more. Teens will also have the opportunity to meet with employers and apply for jobs. Business professionals will be on hand to host mock interview sessions, so teens can learn what to expect during an interview. Teens should bring their resumes and have the experts offer recommendations.

The job fair is open to dependents of military members, Department of Defense civilians and full-time contractors on Fort Rucker. This event is for teens ages 15-18, but parents are welcome to attend, too. There will be free hot dogs and hamburgers while supplies last.

For more information, call 255-2271 or visit [rucker.armymwr.com](http://rucker.armymwr.com) to view an updated list of on-site employers.

The top poster is for "MWR CENTRAL'S 31<sup>st</sup> TRAVEL Extravaganza". It features a collage of world landmarks including the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Statue of Liberty, St. Basil's Cathedral, the Great Sphinx, and the Taj Mahal. The text "MWR CENTRAL'S 31<sup>st</sup>" is in a blue box, "TRAVEL" is in large blue letters, and "Extravaganza" is in a large, stylized blue script. Below this, it says "APRIL 9 • 10 AM – 1 PM • THE LANDING". Logos for the U.S. Army, MWR, and the Department of Defense are in the top right corner.

The bottom poster is for the "TEEN JOB FAIR". It features a group of five smiling teenagers. The text "TEEN JOB FAIR" is in large, white, distressed block letters on a purple background. Below this, it says "April 6 • 11 AM – 2 PM • YOUTH CENTER". Logos for the U.S. Army, MWR, and the Department of Defense are in the top left corner, and the "UNITED STATES ARMY CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES" logo is in the top right corner.



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## TAX CENTER OPEN

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 active-duty military, retired military, medically retired military or members of the reserve components on active orders and their family members.

## SEEKING OCS ALUMNI

The Officer Candidate School Alumni Association is looking for graduates of the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School. The OCS Alumni Association fosters fellowship, highlights OCS history and memorializes

OCS graduates lost in service to the nation.

People can learn more about the association by visiting: <https://www.ocsalumni.org>.

## 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.

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Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, congratulates retired Maj. John G. Little Jr., WWII veteran and Dothan resident, after Little received the French Legion of Honor from Louis de Corail, Consul General of France representative for the southeast U.S. out of Atlanta, during a ceremony March 18 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. French President Emmanuel Macron nominated Little for the award at the Chevalier (or Knight) level for his efforts to liberate France during WWII.

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