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U.S. Army CH-77 Chinooks participate in exercise Immediate Response at Vojarna Josip Jovic Airbase, Udbina, Croatia, May 17. Exercise Immediate Response is a multinational exercise co-led by U.S. Army Europe, and Croatian and Slovenian armed forces. The logistics-focused exercise is designed to test and improve the ability to move forces and equipment rapidly from one location to another. The exercise will improve readiness and interoperability among participating allied and partner nations.

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Fort Rucker remembers those who gave all

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Fort Rucker honored the nation's fallen servicemembers at its Memorial Day ceremony May 24 at Veterans Park on post.

Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, Fort Rucker and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence commanding general, and speaker at the event, along with CW5 Jonathan P. Koziol, chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch, and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke, Aviation Branch command sergeant major, laid a wreath at the Memorial Day ceremony to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Serving in the armed forces has always been and continues to be a noble calling," Gayler said. "Our servicemembers have always been willing to fight and, in some cases, die for the freedoms and the ideals that we hold close and dear in our nation. From recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq all the way back to the American Revolution, our servicemembers continuously put the welfare of the nation, their service and their comrades above the needs of their own."

He said that throughout the country's existence, in its most trying times it has been home to "brave warriors" who embody the Army Values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

"And for a moment today, I want to focus on personal courage," the general said. "Famous writer Mya Angelou once wrote that without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. It takes courage to



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general; CW5 Jonathan P. Koziol, chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch; and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke, Aviation Branch command sergeant major, salute with Staff Sgt. James S. Andrus, ceremony wreath bearer, after laying a wreath at the Memorial Day ceremony May 24 at Veterans Park.

set yourself apart and become a Soldier, a Sailor, an Airman or a Marine, and commit yourself to something greater than self -- to step away from some of the comforts that others might enjoy and defend your country.

"It takes courage to confront pain, danger and uncertainty -- for a person to put their life on the line and refuse to accept defeat," Gayler said. "If you think about it, courage is actually the testing point of all other virtues. The great byproduct of passing that test is freedom, and hope, and the great legacy you leave behind of honorable service."

He added that in today's volunteer military, people are its greatest asset, and today's servicemembers and their families continue to sacrifice for their country in causes just as great as those that came before.

"We have events that are happening today and in recent history that are just as crucial as those that have happened as far back as D-Day," Gayle said. "We oftentimes get, perhaps, blinded to the constant activity of our service to this great nation. For 17 years, we have been involved in conflict. And I would charge each of us every single day to

never forget that we have people willing to serve, willing to sacrifice, so that you and I can enjoy the freedoms that we enjoy in this great nation.

"Please remember every one of our servicemembers in every branch, and their families," he added. "Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they are currently deployed around the world and pray for their safe return back to their families in the U.S. We owe such an incredible debt of gratitude to all of them."

BEST OF ABOVE THE BEST

USAACE honors Best Warriors for 2019

By Kelly Morris
USAACE Public Affairs

After four days of competition that tested the mettle of seven Fort Rucker Soldiers and NCOs, the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence selected and recognized its Best Warriors for 2019 during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 10.

Participants from 1st Aviation Brigade, 110th Aviation Brigade, the NCO Academy, and the 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group competed in a series of events focused on Soldier skills May 6-9 to see who would rise to the top and be named this year's USAACE NCO and Soldier Best Warriors of the Year.

The 2019 USAACE and Fort Rucker NCO Best Warrior of the Year for 2019 is Staff Sgt. Justin M. Davis, a medic for the Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Level C training.

The 2019 USAACE and Fort Rucker Soldier Best Warrior of the Year is Spc. Joel A. Bellevue, an air traffic controller with 110th Aviation Brigade.

Event host Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke, command sergeant major of the Aviation Branch, thanked the participants for having the courage to set themselves apart from their peers and compete.

"These NCOs and Soldiers before you today had the courage this week to confront agony, pain, danger and especially uncertain-

ty in our Best Warrior competition," Hauke said. "I'm sure that every competitor at some point had to dig deep to come up with the courage necessary to get through at least one of these events, if not multiple events."

"Competitors, thank you for your courage not only this week, but every day – the courage to get out of bed every day and defend our country and the freedoms we all enjoy," he added.

Hauke also thanked attendees for their support and recognized the leaders and unit personnel for overseeing the event.

Events kicked off May 6 with the Army Combat Fitness Test, followed by an obstacle course at the Air Assault track. Participants moved on to the board, which was comprised of the branch command sergeant major and a panel of brigade sergeants major.

The first day also included an urban operations event with some "added nuances" this year, in which participants generated a spot report, conducted a building-to-building search, gathered intelligence, and secured a high-value target, according to Sgt. Maj. Shawn C. McKay, USAACE G3 sergeant major. Soldiers accumulated points based on how well they handled all the tasks.

A new aspect this year on the first day was the grenade range, a timed event where competitors completed a series of engagements in which the objective was to toss the grenades as close to various targets as possible.

The second day included day and night



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land navigation, weapons qualification, stress shoot and weapons proficiency.

Day 3 included a 12-mile foot march, break contact range event, which is a casualty evacuation exercise during which competitors must provide triage and drag the wounded to safety while also engaging enemy targets, as well as a mystery event at the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000.

The competition concluded on the fourth day with a combatives tournament where

participants demonstrated their proficiency in Army hand-to-hand combat training and techniques.

For Bellevue, being named USAACE Soldier of the Year brought feelings of excitement mixed with some nervousness, as he thinks about the next level of the competition.

"I'm happy to be part of this, and can't wait to be part of something bigger," Bellevue said.

BEST WARRIORS *cont.*

A Soldier prepares to throw a dummy grenade as close as possible to enemy targets as part of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker Best Warrior Competition May 6.

Reflecting on the week's events, the activity Bellevue liked the most was also the most challenging for him.

"What tested me a little bit was the break contact range, just because being here we don't get that training as much, so to go out there and just give it your best shot, though, just taking all the instructions from the safetys.

"Getting to the end of the range, doing the medical things like calling in the nine line, doing the tactical field care, all of that had to have been the most challenging part especially because it was just so late in the day, and it was really hot and everybody was kind of weary from the day. That was the hardest part, but still a fun event," Bellevue said.

To prepare for the TRADOC level meet, he plans to continue to work out at the gym, and review warrior tasks and battle drills.

"I will probably try to include my unit, get them involved in the training just so everybody gets the same type of training, so the next person who goes in to the competition, they can be ready for it, too – they're not sitting there second guessing themselves, they can be confident in what they're doing," he said.

For Davis, the break contact range was motivating. Even though land navigation was not his strong suit, he said the true test was the length of the competition.

"The overall endurance of it – just the going, going, going for three days straight. We all kind of kept each other afloat, joking

around and keeping it light when we had some down time, to get through it," Davis said.

"This week was tough. Luckily it was a good group of competitors. We all embraced the hardships together. And it was a great group of people. It was just fun to relate to them," Davis added.

Davis said he plans to continue to train physically and mentally to prepare for the next level contest.

Winners received the Army Commendation Medal, a USAACE coin, trophy and a backpack filled with gifts from post retention, as well as a cooler filled with goodies from the Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale Welfare and Recreation, and other gifts presented by sponsoring or-



Soldiers take the competition to the mat at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center on Fort Rucker during the combatives portion of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker 2019 Best Warrior Competition May 9.

ganizations.

The winners advance to the TRADOC-level competition on Fort Rucker in July.

Drivers need proper license plate or placard to use handicapped parking spots

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Some within the Fort Rucker community are apparently confused as to who can park in handicapped parking spaces and who can't.

While many may think this is pretty much common knowledge, Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker Police chief, said there are reasons for the confusion.

"In Alabama, you can get a disabled veteran tag, but that tag alone doesn't give you the ability to park in a handicapped parking space," he said, adding that people must have either a disabled parking license plate (or wheelchair symbol added to their DV tag) or a placard that hangs from their vehicle's rearview mirror.

Further compounding the confusion is the fact that in neighboring Florida, DV tags make parking in handicapped spaces permissible, Dumais said, but in Alabama, disabled veterans must go a step further and get the disabled parking added on to their tags, which requires a physician's signature.

"We received some complaints that over at Lyster (Army Health Clinic) people with disabled parking permits were finding no spots available to park in – there are 24 handicapped spots there," he said. "But what they weren't telling me is if it was because there were that many people with disabled parking license plates parked in the spots or if there were (unauthorized vehicles) in those spots."

Dumais monitored the handicapped parking situation at Lyster over two weeks and found there were some people without the disabled parking plates or placards in those handicapped parking spaces, he said.

"It was kind of a mix when we looked, so we want to make sure everyone understands

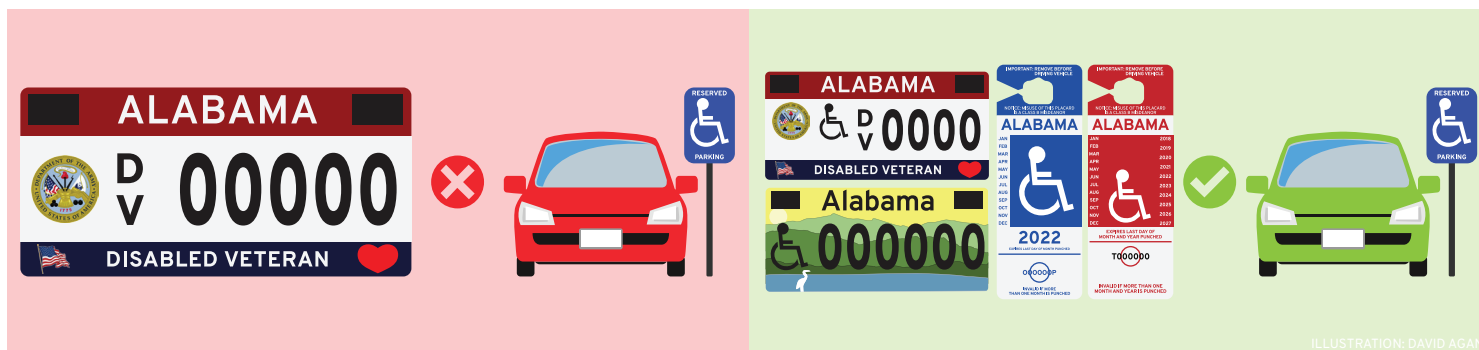


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According to Alabama state law, people must have a disabled parking license plate, a wheelchair symbol added to their Disabled Veteran license plate, or a placard hanging from their rearview mirror in order to park in handicapped parking spaces.

– you have to go that extra step to get the plate or the placard," the chief said.

For more on Alabama's laws on disabled parking, visit <https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/license-plate-information/standard-disability-access-tags/standard-passenger-disability-access/>. The application for a plate, symbol or placard is at <https://revenue.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/MVR326230.pdf>. The form includes a section for the physician to certify the disability.

Alabama Code 32-6-230 lists the following as disabilities qualifying to obtain disabled parking license plates or placards:

- The person cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;
- The person cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;
- The person is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg, millimeters of mercury, on room air at rest;
- The person uses portable oxygen;
- The person has a cardiac condition to the extent that the functional limitation of the person is classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association; and
- The person is severely limited in his or her ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

"We just want to get the word out there that these are the rules – let's play by the rules," Dumais said.

And for those who refuse to play by the rules, there could be parking tickets in their future. The chief said a ticket for parking in a disabled parking spot without a valid license plate or placard will set people back \$75, plus a \$30 processing fee.

In other Fort Rucker traffic news, Dumais said the speed limit has been raised from 20 mph to 30 mph in the area around Farrell, Red Cloud and Division roads to bring it more in line with what people expect in the post cantonment area.

"What we're trying to do is standardize the speed limits on the installation. Years ago, they made most of the cantonment area 30 mph – there used to be a number of dif-

ferent 20 and 30 mph areas, and it's confusing to drivers," he said. "We want to keep everything in the cantonment area 30, housing is 20, parking lots are 10 – it's just easier for people to remember it. That area wasn't within the standard for the rest of the cantonment areas. It was brought up in a meeting and we were asked to take a look at it, and we did, and then made the change."

However, there are a couple of school zone areas within that area, so drivers will need to slow down to 20 and exercise caution when the lights are flashing, Dumais said.

And with the school year coming to a close, drivers need to be extra cautious when driving through post housing areas, he added.

"Now that the kids are out for summer vacation, people who use the roads in the housing areas need to understand that there is a 20 mph speed limit there for a reason -- and that may even be too fast at times with children playing in the neighborhoods," Dumais said. "Be observant and be very focused on your driving – don't be texting or talking on your phone and not paying attention to the roadway, because children can dart out in front of you at any time."

Sergeant Audie Murphy Association inducts 4 NCOs

By Kelly Morris
USACE Public Affairs

Four Fort Rucker NCOs were inducted into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Association during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 20.

The inductees were: Sgt. 1st Class Robert M. Pagan, first sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-14th Aviation Regiment; Staff Sgt. James S. Andrus, instructor/writer and Headquarters and Headquarters Co. platoon sergeant for 1-14th Aviation Regt.; Staff Sgt. Ian C. Kessel, advanced individual training drill sergeant, A Co., 1-13th Aviation Regt.; and Sgt. Moranda J. DeSpain, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence supply NCO in charge.

Event host Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke, Aviation Branch command sergeant major, congratulated the new members on their achievement.

"These noncommissioned officers are some of the finest leaders in their career fields. They are consistently striving to better themselves, our installation and our surrounding communities," Hauke said.

The group's high standards draw upon the example of leadership and service of Audie L. Murphy, who was one of the most highly decorated Soldiers of World War II. He received the Medal of Honor, as well as many U.S. and foreign citations and medals, including every medal for valor that America gives. After serving in the Army, Murphy became a Hollywood actor and producer, as



PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

The newest members of the Fort Rucker Sergeant Audie Murphy Association: Sgt. 1st Class Robert M. Pagan, first sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-14th Aviation Regiment; Staff Sgt. James S. Andrus, instructor/writer and HHC platoon sergeant for 1-14th Aviation Regt.; Staff Sgt. Ian C. Kessel, Advanced Individual Training drill sergeant, 1-13th Aviation Regt.; and Sgt. Moranda J. DeSpain, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence supply noncommissioned officer in charge.

well as a songwriter and accomplished poet. He is seen as a model of what NCOs should strive towards.

The Training and Doctrine Command Sergeant Audie Murphy Award is earned by exceptional NCOs who set the highest standards for leadership and excellence. They contribute significantly to the development of a professional NCO Corps and combat-ready Army. They also exemplify leadership as characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of soldiers and families, Hauke said.

The inductees were selected based on their demonstrated mental and physical strength, as well as their knowledge of Murphy's biography and their volunteerism. While earning the award is an "outstanding achievement," the real "hard work" remains ahead of the new members, according to Hauke.

Hauke urged the inductees to continue to work during their future career moves to better other Soldiers, families and communities at each new duty station going forward.

For Pagan, the award was a long time coming.

"I owe a lot of it to the Audie Murphy (club) members, they're the ones who guided me along and everything and showed me what it's like to be an elite NCO, so to be a part of this is awesome," Pagan said.

According to Pagan, the board was more challenging than other boards because rather than focusing on specific areas, it covered a broader array of topics.

Through volunteering at child and youth services he learned a lot about himself, he said.

For Andrus, his goal is to continue to excel and show his peers that nothing can hold a person back if they set their mind to something.

"To be a part of 1 percent of the population and to become a percentage of that percent is very humbling," he said.

According to Kessel, the main challenge was making time to study, with being a drill sergeant and having three children. He enjoyed the volunteerism aspect over the past

two years.

"Not very many people are in this organization, so I did it not only to help the community, but also this is a stepping stone in my career," Kessel said.

DeSpain said she learned about the award through a conversation with the branch command sergeant major.

"I haven't been in the military that long, and he kind of schooled me up on what it was and said, 'I think you'd be great.' I took that to heart, because if someone sees something in you then you should take advantage of that. So I started studying and preparing, and here we are today," DeSpain said.

"It takes a lot of time energy and being away from family to prepare yourself and to study, so it's a very big honor," she said.

Inductees were presented with the coveted Sergeant Audie Murphy medallion, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club certificate of membership, a TRADOC certificate of achievement, and the Army commendation medal for meritorious achievement during the Sergeant Audie Murphy selection board.

McConville confirmed as next chief of staff, 'people' to be his top priority

Army News Staff Report

FORT MEADE, Md. -- The No. 1 priority for the next Army chief of staff will be people, whom Gen. James C. McConville says are the Army's greatest strength.

"Winning requires unit cohesion, a cohesion built on a foundation of trained, disciplined, and fit Soldiers who treat each other with dignity and respect," McConville said, May 2, at his confirmation hearing.

On May 23, senators agreed and confirmed McConville to be the Army's top officer, a position he said will allow him to ensure the service remains the most lethal and decisive land force in the world.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the next chief of staff of the Army," he said after the announcement. "I look forward to the honor of having another opportunity to lead the Soldiers, civilians and Families serving our nation's Army."

A senior aviator who has qualified on several helicopters, McConville was the vice chief of staff under Gen. Mark A. Milley, who has been nominated for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In his hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, the general said he is committed to eradicating sexual assault and harassment among the ranks, reducing suicides, and making sure families have quality housing, healthcare and childcare.

"The Army expects a lot from their Soldiers and families, and really to maximize the readiness of our Soldiers, they must know that the Army is caring for their families," he said.

With 37 years of service, McConville also stressed the Army faces a critical point as it



McConville

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shifts from irregular warfare to great power competition.

"We will win by aggressively pursuing our priorities of readiness, modernization, and reform," he told lawmakers.

Among the Army's six modernization priorities, McConville highlighted long-range precision fires as a key to gaining overmatch against near-peer competitors.

An extended-range cannon that can shoot rounds at least 70 kilometers is being developed, he said, as well as a precision strike missile and a strategic long-range cannon and hypersonic missiles.

"Future chiefs will no longer have to say that they are outgunned or outranged as we go into the future," he said.

Modernization efforts, he added, will not only be about new equipment, but also implementing the multi-domain operations concept and a new talent-management system.

ASIAN AMERICAN / PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



Members of the Dothan and Enterprise Martial Arts Academy perform a demonstration at the Fort Rucker Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance May 17 at the spiritual life center. The event also featured free food, traditional dance performances, a Chinese tea ceremony and guest speaker Dr. Rui Feng from Troy University. The event was hosted by the 110th Aviation Brigade with support from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. (Photos by Jim Hughes)



SOLDIER FOR LIFE

Networking provides valuable employment contacts

By Bryan Tharpe

Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center

During the job search, you will be on constant alert for job leads. The first place you will probably look is the want ads.

Believe it or not, less than 20 percent of the jobs available will be advertised. That doesn't mean you should not check the want ads on a regular basis -- it means you should spend 80 percent of your time looking for a job in other ways.

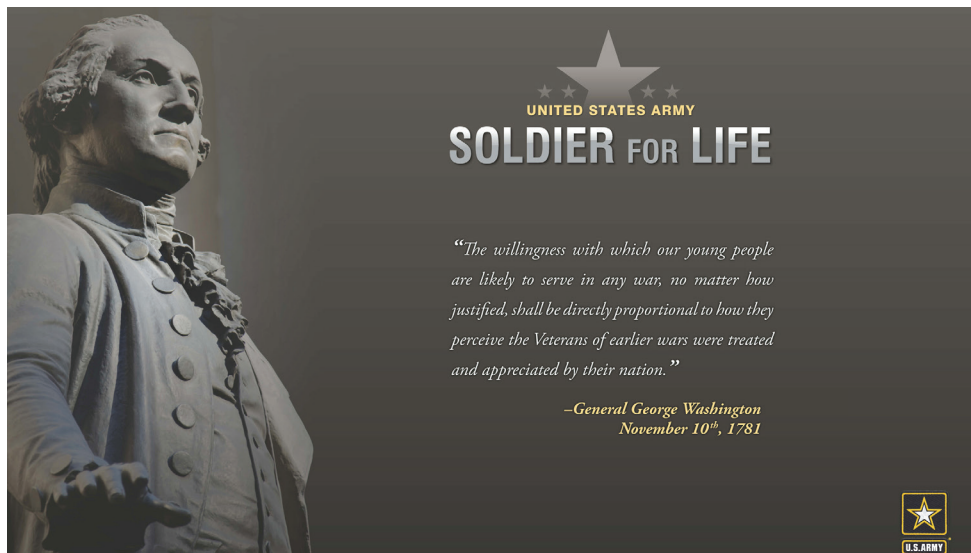
By far, the most effective method of looking for a job is networking. Simply put, networking means speaking to others-as many as possible-about your job search and asking for their assistance.

For many, networking seems like an unpleasant activity. We all like to be self-sufficient and independent. It is uncomfortable having to rely on others for something as important as the next job. Images of the old boy network come to mind.

Networking, however, doesn't need to be uncomfortable. Keep in mind you have probably networked all of your life.

While you were in school, did you talk to other students who had taken a certain course about the teacher or subject matter? If you need to get your car repaired, do you ask others about whose service they have used? If you have a problem with your personnel records and you have a friend who works in that organization, would you hesitate to ask them for advice on who to contact?

As a matter of fact, networking can be mutually beneficial. Everyone likes to help



others when possible. In addition, if someone asks for your assistance with locating a job, it may imply you know others in positions of authority and you gain prestige.

The exception to this rule is when your network contacts feel you are pressuring them and they feel you expect a job from them. This puts them on the spot and hinders the transfer of information.

When you network, you should not ask your contacts for jobs -- you should ask them for information, especially about others who may be hiring. Once you explain to network contacts what kind of job you are looking for and what you have to offer, you will find they are usually quite willing to refer you to others who hire people like you or who have job openings.

If you expand your contacts through talking to your network's referrals, you will

eventually talk to one person who has a job opening. Hopefully, it will be the perfect one for you.

A lot of informal networking goes on at the Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center and during our TAP employment workshops. A client in the process of looking for a job may find out about other types of jobs that are available, and then they share it with other clients.

Again and again, clients tell us they found their job through a network contact. We have concluded, as we say in our class, "the opposite of networking is not working."

For more information on networking or other subjects related to transition, contact the Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center at 255-2558. You can also log on to www.sfl-tap.army.mil.

FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE

FOR MAY 30 - JUNE 16

Thursday, May 30

Aladdin (PG) 7 p.m.

Friday, May 31

Aladdin 3D (PG) 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

Ugly Dolls (PG) 4 p.m.

Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 2

Breakthrough (PG) 1 p.m.

The Mustang (R) 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 6

The Curse of La Llorona (R) 7 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Dark Phoenix (PG-13) 4 & 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Dark Phoenix (PG-13) 4 & 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

Dark Phoenix (PG-13) 1 & 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

Dark Phoenix (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Dark Phoenix 3D (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 15

Breakthrough (PG) 4 p.m.

Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 16

Ugly Dolls (PG) 1 p.m.

Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) 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



Visit Fort Rucker Army Community Service on Facebook for a calendar of our activities!

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Does your child struggle with reading? Center Library will host its Tail Waggin' Tutors program June 1 from 2-3 p.m. where children are able to read to a furry, non-judgmental friend – the registered therapy dogs provide a safe space for children to practice and improve their reading skills. Children who can read on their own can sign up, as well. Space is limited to the first 15 registrants. For more information or to register, call 255-3885.

GIFTS FOR DAD

The arts and crafts center will host a Gifts for Dad event June 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to allow people to personalize gifts for their dad. People can customize a coffee mug with a piece of artwork or picture. Artwork can be created at the center, or brought in from home and then transferred to a coffee mug. The price for the coffee mug is \$15. A variety of ceramics will also be available for people to paint, including piggy banks, mugs, motorcycles, trains, tanks, trucks, cars and more. Ceramic prices vary. For more information, call 255-9020.

WWII EVENT: D DAY

The Center Library will host its WWII: D-Day presentation June 4 at noon at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. The free presentation will be led by CW5 Chris Braund. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 255-3885.

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

Fort Rucker Youth Sports will host its Functional Fitness program at the youth sports football fields complex, Bldg. 8923, June 4-27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This program

will be both challenging and rewarding. The program is intended to push children beyond their normal comfort zone, both mentally and physically. Workout includes low crawling, tire flipping, pulling rope, running, and sled pushing. Cost for the event is \$25 per participant. Registration for this event is open through May 31. Register by contacting parent central services at 255-9638. For more information regarding Functional Fitness, call youth sports at 255-2257.

TEEN BABYSITTER COURSE

Interested in babysitting? Not sure where to start? The youth center will host its babysitter course June 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for all the training teens need to kick start their babysitting career. The training course will cover the following: American Red Cross CPR and first aid training, home and fire safety training, basic childcare and feeding, diaper changing, and basic child abuse reporting and prevention training. Participants must be ages 13-18 and be a CYS-registered member. Youth must complete the one-day training to receive certification. Event is limited to 14 participants. Participants are asked to bring a lunch and snack. Permission forms must be signed by a parent for the child abuse reporting and prevention training, and a release form for the youth's names to be placed on the CYS babysitter list. For more information or to register, call 255-9638 or 255-0621.

SUMMER READING: BRIGHT STAR THEATER

It's Showtime! As part of its Summer Reading Program, the Center Library presents Bright Star Touring Theater, one of the

nation's largest touring theater companies. Their performance entitled, "Once Upon a Time," will take place June 6 at 2 p.m. at the school age center. The event is open to all ages. For more information, call the Center Library at 255-3885.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the next scheduled employment readiness program workshop June 6 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. Attendees 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.

COFFEE AND FRIENDS

Do you need help understanding military life, or are you new to Fort Rucker, or are you just looking to make some new friends? Army Community Service will host its next Coffee and Friends June 7 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.

JOY OF PAINTING

The Center Library and Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center will host a Joy of Painting workshop, led by a certified Bob Ross instructor, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the arts and crafts center. People are welcome to paint the Northern Lights and dress up as Bob Ross for even more fun. There is a limit of 15 spots available. All supplies are

included. The event is open to authorized patrons, ages 16 and older. For more information or to register, call the Center Library at 255-3885.

ACTIVE PARENTING

ACS' Family Advocacy Program will offer parenting classes for parents with children between the ages of birth to 18 years old June 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Parenting can be a challenging yet fulfilling responsibility, and most parents don't receive any type of training. This program provides parents with the essential tools necessary to be more effective parents at any age of their child's life. Instructors use the Active Parenting curriculum. For more information or to register for an upcoming class, call 255-3359 or 255-9805.

ARMY BIRTHDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Army Birthday Golf Tournament June 14. Registration will begin at noon with announcements following at 12:45 p.m. The format is four-person team scramble with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch and awards will follow play. Entry fee is \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members. Mulligans are sold separately for \$10 each or \$40 for the team. Entry fee includes course fees, range balls, tee gifts, tournament meal and prizes. For more information, call 255-0089.

FORT RUCKER TRIATHLON, 5K

The Fort Rucker Triathlon and 5K is scheduled for June 15 at 7 a.m. at West Beach, Lake Tholocco. For additional information, call the race director at 255-1951.



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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 federal job workshop with ACS June 20 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. The workshop is open to authorized patrons only. For more information or to register, call 255-2594.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

The next newcomers welcome is scheduled for June 21 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Landing. Active duty, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and family members are all encouraged to attend the informative event. A free light breakfast and coffee will be served. For free childcare, register children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomers welcome. For more information, call 255-3735.

QUILTING WORKSHOP

The Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center hosts free quilting workshops conducted by the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Attendees will learn to piece together quilts under the instruction of experienced quilters. Finished quilts will be presented to wounded warriors, as a show of honor and comfort. Any skill level can participate. The free work-

shops are open to the public for ages 16 and over. RSVP a minimum of two days prior to the workshop. For more information or to register, call 255-9020.

EFMP SUPPORT GROUP

The Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group will be held June 27 from 6-7 p.m. at The Commons. The group is open to anyone with an exceptional family member diagnosed with autism. It will focus on parent teaching. For additional information, call EFMP at 255-9277.

RIGHT ARM NIGHT

Leaders, bring your right-hand man or woman out for Fort Rucker Right Arm Night June 27 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.

Enterprise Gate will **CLOSE** for two weekends in June to help expedite the resurfacing of Andrews Avenue near the gate.

Faulkner Gate will be **OPEN** during these times.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 8, AT 5 A.M.
TO
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AT 7 P.M.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your patience.



CID warns about social media impersonation of Soldier accounts

U.S. Army CID

Press Release

QUANTICO, Va. – The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command Computer Crime Investigative Unit is once again warning Soldiers and the Army community to be on the lookout for social media scams where cybercriminals impersonate service members by using actual and fictitious information, not just for trust-based relationship scams, also known as romance scams, but for other impersonation crimes, such as sales schemes and advance fee schemes.

“By monitoring your social media identity, you can protect your Army family and your reputation,” said Special Agent Marc Martin, deputy director of operations for CCIU. “The criminals will use factual data from official websites and Soldiers’ personal social media sites, then prey on vulnerable people’s trusting nature and willingness to help the Soldier.”

Frequently, CID receives notifications from individuals stating they were scammed online by someone claiming to be a Soldier, but in reality it was an online scammer who has used an unsuspected Soldier’s name and available social media photos to commit a crime.

No one is immune from becoming a victim. Scammers steal the identity of senior officers, enlisted personnel, contractors and civilians. Scammers, using this information from legitimate profiles, will capitalize on the trustworthy reputation of individuals associated with the Army.

According to Martin, CCIU has seen a resurgence of scammers using fake Common Access Cards, a smart card that is the standard identification for active duty personnel, selected Reserve, DOD civilian employees,

and eligible contractor personnel. Scammers use the cards to give their ruse a greater level of legitimacy.

“Using a fake CAC is not a new tactic,” said Martin. “At first glance, it could look almost legitimate, but if you look closely you will notice errors such as incorrect pay grades and other inaccurate markings.”

Another recent scam that is gaining steam begins when a Soldier receives a letter in the mail demanding money or embarrassing information about him/her will be released to their spouse. The letter purports to be from someone who knows the Soldier and the sender claims to have information that, if released to their spouse, will be very humiliating. The sender does not identify any specific misconduct or crime in the letter, and demands large payments in Bitcoin or they will expose the alleged secret to the Soldier’s spouse, family and friends.

Mitigating fraudulent social media accounts can simply start with searching for your name on various social media platforms. Since scammers may use your photo but change the name, you should also conduct an image search of your social media profile pictures.

If you find yourself or a family member being impersonated online, CID warns that you should take immediate steps to have the fraudulent sites removed. Victims should immediately contact the social media platform (company) and report the false profile.

Keep in mind that criminals create impersonation accounts to look just like the real account of a service member by using very similarly spelled names and replacing characters with dashes, spaces, and/or homoglyph characters. Be on the lookout for simple changes such as zeros (0) used instead of the letter “O” or a number one (1) instead of the letter “l.”

“Always remember that effectively searching yourself requires creativity because of the misspelled names and other identifying information slightly different to disguise the criminal activity or just because the scammer doesn’t have command of the English language,” CID officials said. “Criminals will hijack photographs found on the Soldiers official and personal social media page and create a similar or identical biography.”

Officials also warned that impersonations can be classified as Confidence Based/Romance Relationship, Sales Schemes or Advance Fee Schemes.

- **Confidence Based/Romance Relationship:** Scammers defraud victims by pretending to be service members seeking romance or in need of emotional support and companionship. In these scams, cybercriminals often derive information for their fictionalized military personas from official military websites and social networking websites where military families post information about their loved ones. Scammers gather enough detailed personal information, including pictures, to concoct believable stories tailored to appeal to a victim’s emotions and then lure unsuspecting victims (most often women) into sending money to help them with transportation costs, marriage processing expenses, medical fees, communication fees such as laptops and satellite telephones. They typically promise to repay the victim when they finally meet; however, once the victim stops sending money, the scammer is not heard from again.
- **Sales Schemes:** Most frequently carried out on sites that facilitate sales of various products, scammers lure victims by offering goods well below market price. Most scams involve vehicle sales, house rentals

or similar big-ticket items. The scammer advertises an item for sale, at a too-good-to-be-true price, and describes it in the broadest of terms. A person showing interest is soon contacted by the seller who claims to be a service member with a military unit that is being deployed abroad. The scammer uses the pending deployment to explain the need for a quick sale and, hence, the below market sales price. The scammer insists that money changes hands quickly using some untraceable and irrevocable means, such as Western Union, MoneyGram or gift cards. The merchandise is never received and the scammer is not heard from again.

- **Advance Fee Schemes:** These schemes defraud potential victims by promising big profits in exchange for help in moving large sums of money (or gold, oil, or some other commodity or contraband). Claiming to be high-ranking or well-placed government/military officials or the surviving spouse of former government leaders, the perpetrators offer to transfer significant amounts of money into the victim’s bank account in exchange for a small fee. Some use photographs and biographical information of high-profile American military officials obtained from the Internet. Scammers that receive payment are never heard from again.

The Computer Crime Investigative Unit has found that the longer an imposter account is active, the greater the likelihood of misleading others,” Martin said. “Protect yourself by conducting Internet searches on yourself and your family. Expediency is paramount.”

For more information, visit the Army CID website at <https://www.cid.army.mil/cciu-advisories.html>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Fort Rucker Religious Education Center will host its annual vacation Bible school June 10-13 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939 on Red Cloud Road.

The theme is “Emmanuel God With Us.” The event will feature Bible lessons, crafts, music, recreation, snacks and daily celebrations. The children will focus on learning about the Bible and also develop friends within the chapel while having a great time, according to chaplaincy officials.

For more information, call 255-3946 or 255-2989.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

* 1-14th Avn. Regt. – The 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment will host a change of command ceremony June 11 at 8:30 a.m. on Howze Field. Lt. Col. Michael C. Shaw will

assume command from Lt. Col. Michael S. Johnson.

* USAACE – The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker will host a change of command ceremony June 17 at 8:30 a.m. on Howze Field. Brig. Gen. David J. Francis will assume command of USAACE and Fort Rucker from Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler.

* 1-223rd Avn. Regt. – The 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment will host a change of command ceremony June 21 at 8:30 a.m. on Howze Field. Lt. Col. Dennis K. Hill will assume command from Lt. Col. Chris Mariani.

* USAARL – The U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory will host a change of command ceremony July 1 at 10 a.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Mark McPherson will assume command of the unit from Col. Craig Taylor.

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WINGS OF FREEDOM

Lt. Col. Gregory L. Gabel accepts the colors of the 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment from Col. Chad E. Chasteen, 110th Aviation Brigade commander, as he assumes command from Lt. Col. Cecil C. Nix during a change of command ceremony May 17 at Howze Field. Gabel takes over the 'Wings of Freedom' after an assignment as the Combined Readiness Center Directorate of Assessments and Prevention Ground Division chief. Nix will move on to become the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence deputy chief of staff.

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