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D-DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY 6 June 1944 This Piper L-4B Grasshopper is in the markings of Division Artillery, 82nd Airborne Division. Liason aircraft accompanied the assault divisions on 6 June, most arriving unassembled on 2-1/2 ton trucks and taken ashore by landing craft. The aircraft were reassembled and went straight into action. They were among the very first Allied aircraft to operate directly from continental Europe. The black and white invasion stripes were applied immediately prior to the invasion to all Allied aircraft which would be operating over the invasion area. This was to assist Allied troops in identifying friendly aircraft. The Army liason planes and their crews contributed greatly to the insasion's success.

PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Fort Rucker's U.S. Army Aviation Museum put its newly refurbished Piper L-4B Grasshopper on display June 6 in front of the museum in honor of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. This Grasshopper is painted similarly to the same type of liaison aircraft that accompanied the 82nd Airborne Division's artillery to the beaches of Normandy during D-Day. The aircraft was refurbished courtesy of the Army Aviation Museum Foundation. For more information on the museum and its many storied aircraft, visit the museum or https://www.armyaviationmuseum.org/.

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FREEDOM FEST

Fort Rucker to celebrate Independence Day July 3

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Staff Report

Fort Rucker will host its annual Freedom Fest July 3 from 4-10 p.m. on the festival fields with the Maneuver Center of Excellence Band headlining the event.

The free event celebrating the nation's independence will be open to the public, although people will need the proper identification to enter the post, and will feature fireworks, music, food and family fun, according to post officials.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Vendor Field

4-10 p.m. - Food and craft vendors open. 4-10 p.m. – Rides operation – fees vary, some activities may close early.

Kids Fun Zone

4-9 p.m. - Kids Confidence Course - free. 4-9 p.m. - Inflatable Fun World - fees apply.

Main Stage Field

7 p.m. – Opening remarks.

7 p.m. - Historic and national colors posted, National Anthem.

7:10 p.m. - Commanding general's welcome. 7:15-8 p.m. - MCOE Band first set with a tribute to Gold Star Families.

8-8:10 p.m. – Intermission.

8:10-9 p.m. - MCOE Band second set.

9-9:30 p.m. - Fireworks.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

• Cell phone use is prohibited when operating a vehicle on post without the use of a



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

People check out the UH-60 Black Hawk static display at last year's Freedom Fest.

hands-free device. Drivers must safely exit the roadway to a hard stand to use their cell phone if driving without a hands-free device.

- No coolers, tote bags, backpacks or containers are allowed on the grounds except for medical and baby care items.
- Fireworks of any kind are prohibited on post.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Pets are not allowed due to safety concerns. All service dogs must be clearly marked on their harness or collar. If animals are not properly marked, owners will be asked to take their dog home.
- · Weapons of any kind, including guns, knives, mace and pepper spray are prohibited.
- No roller blades, bicycles, skateboards or scooters are allowed.

VISITOR ACCESS POLICY

Unescorted visitors planning to attend Freedom Fest must obtain a visitor's badge from one of the visitor control centers, or be escorted on post by an authorized escort.

VCCs are located at the Daleville and

Ozark gates. Operating hours for the Daleville VCC are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Sundays. Operating hours for the Ozark VCC are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

To obtain a visitor's badge, people will need valid government-issued picture identification, such as a driver's license, state-issued ID, or passport. When accessing Fort Rucker, visitors must present a visitor's badge and a valid government-issued picture identification card in order to access Fort Rucker.

The current access policy permits anyone with a valid Common Access Card, retiree ID, military dependent ID, DA Form 1602 Civilian ID Card, or any other U.S. government-issued personal identity verification credential to access Fort Rucker without a visitor's badge.

Of these groups, only active-duty and retired U.S. service members and their dependents (18 and older), and DA civilians with a valid DOD-issued ID card may escort unvetted visitors. Those who escort visitors are vouching for their guests and must escort them everywhere while on-post.

Fireworks over a previous Freedom Fest.

SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS

Post closes out successful AER awareness campaign

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Fort Rucker reaffirmed its commitment to Soldiers helping Soldiers with one of its most successful Army Emergency Relief awareness campaigns that ran March 1-May 15.

The successful effort to educate Soldiers and the Fort Rucker community on how AER helps Soldiers help Soldiers and the \$146,693.94 raised to help the cause made this the second most successful campaign in recent memory, said Maj. Nelson Gray, 1-145th Aviation Regiment and Fort Rucker AER campaign coordinator, at the closing ceremony June 4 at The Landing.

The campaign coordinator credited the

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> - Col. Brian E. Walsh Fort Rucker garrison commander

hard work of the AER staff and unit AER coordinators with the campaign's success.

"Each year, the campaign focuses on two main elements. The primary one being AER education across the formation for all Soldiers and retirees, as well as community support," Gray said. "The other aspect is campaign contributions. This includes active duty, retirees, spouses and community organizations. This year, we trained over 4,000 Soldiers in just over 12 weeks. While this may seem impressive, it was all due to our unit coordinators' significant effort on a day-to-day basis and what they put forward to execute this campaign."

Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, AER chairperson and speaker at the event, was equally enthused with the results of the campaign.

"Soldiers experience financial burdens at times, and many predatory lenders are out there willing to seize on those opportunities," the colonel said. "Yet we have this organization called AER that stands ready to provide the assistance Soldiers need.

"This campaign is essential – a campaign that unit coordinators push through the daily grind to get out there and pass on what AER does, and the ease of use of the thing," Walsh added. "It's ease of use is different now because for many senior NCOs and officers, it wasn't that easy back in our day."

Walsh spoke about the AER Company Commander and First Sergeant Quick Assist Program where company commanders and



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jasper C. Johnson, garrison command sergeant major, present a symbolic check to Beth Gunter, Army Community Service financial counselor who works with AER at Fort Rucker, at the AER Awareness Campaign closing ceremony June 4 at The Landing.

first sergeants can get Soldiers help to the tune of \$2,000. And the post AER coordinator can bump that aid up to \$3,000 and the garrison sergeant major can push it to \$4,000, if warranted – all on the same day it is requested.

"It may not always be a grant, it could be in the form of a loan or a combination of the two – but it's a same-day manifestation of results to help Soldiers experiencing financial burdens," the commander said.

In the past year, AER has issued more than \$146,000 in scholarships to the Fort Rucker community, and provided more than \$157,000 in aid, the colonel said. "That's wonderful, and that's how your work as AER coordinators manifests itself – actually helping Soldiers and families."

The colonel and Command Sgt. Maj. Jasper C. Johnson, garrison command sergeant major, handed out certificates of appreciation to the unit AER coordinators and also a symbolic check representing the amount raised during the campaign to Beth Gunter, Army Community Service financial counselor who works with AER at Fort Rucker.

For more information on AER, call 255-2341.

HONORING THE PAST

Post hosts rededication ceremony for Cairns Army Airfield

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Fort Rucker's rich history is proudly on display in many places above and beyond the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, as each building, road and airfield with a person's name on it harkens back to tales of heroism, sacrifice and the building of Army Aviation into the fighting force of today.

Fort Rucker will revisit its past to honor the sacrifices, achievements, impact and memory of Maj. Gen. Bogardus Snowden "Bugs" Cairns during a rededication ceremony at Cairns Army Airfield June 24 at 9 a.m. at its base operations building.

Cairns AAF, formerly known as Ozark AAF, was renamed after the general in 1959 after Cairns was killed in an H-13 Sioux crash in 1958.

The effort to pull off the ceremony is being led by Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Cairns, a descendant of the general, chaplain with the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College and self-described family historian who said he can trace his family's military history all the way back to the French and Indian War in New Amsterdam – now New York City

- and the great majority of the conflicts the U.S. has found itself involved in.

The chaplain's great uncle, the namesake of Cairns AAF, was brought to Fort Rucker by Gen. Hamilton Howze in 1957 to command the Army Aviation School and Fort Rucker, and also to apply cavalry doctrine to Army Aviation, according to the chaplain.

"The backstory was that he would've been an Olympian on horseback for the Army equitation team, but World War II broke out, so he didn't go to the Olympics in 1940," the chaplain said. "So, he went to the advanced equitation class in Fort Riley, Kansas – he was on horseback in the 30s, tanks in the 40s and was the first to apply cavalry doctrine to air mobility. But after he died, the Howze commission became sort of the standard point of reference for everybody afterwards."

To Howze and Cairns, applying cavalry doctrine to Army Aviation made a lot of sense, the chaplain added.

"There's reconnaissance, which was the cavalry's job in the Civil War, and you can deliver troops, so he thought of it as a platform for cavalry. Organizing doctrine in that way is what helped the most senior members of the Army kind of understand the capabil-



COURTESY PHOTO

Gen. Hamilton Howze speaks with Maj. Gen. Bogardus Snowden 'Bugs' Cairns, namesake of Cairns Army Airfield, in the 1950s.

ity," he said. "And Howze understood, even though it might seem weird, you need to pull in someone who has fought with cavalry tactics, who understands them, so that they can be duly applied to this new platform."

Howze knew Cairns from their time together in World War II where Bugs was a sub-commander of Task Force Howze and the Allied push through Italy – including being one of the first into Rome, the chaplain said, adding that prior to Italy, his great uncle was a primary planner for the Allied efforts in North Africa.

"I just want to make sure he's not just a plaque on the wall that people pass by," the chaplain said. "I want to tell the full story of who he was and what his contributions were so he can be better understood. That's the idea, to tell the story."

Many of the general's descendants are scheduled to attend the rededication ceremony, including his children, grandchildren and other family members, and the chaplain and the rest of the family will put artifacts from the general's career on display during the ceremony.

"We'll be highlighting a lot of the history buried under sediment to resurrect the story of Major General Cairns and his contributions to the Army, and Army Aviation in particular," the chaplain said.

Chaplain Cairns has created a Wikipedia page on the general, so those who would like more information on Bugs' impact on Army Aviation and his history beforehand can check it out at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bogardus Snowden Cairns.



PHOTO BY IIM HUGHES

Doug Schwab, Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program manager, inventories items at the Lending Hangar.

EASY AS 1, 2, 3

Lending Hangar helps reduce stress, costs of moving

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Tight budgets can make duty station transitions stressful, but the Army Community Service Lending Hangar provides relief for Soldiers and families on the move.

The Lending Hangar, located in Rm. 177 of Bldg. 5700, offers basic household items to inbound and outbound Soldiers and family members, Department of the Army civilian employees and certain contractors during permanent change of station moves or temporary duty assignments to Fort Rucker, according to Doug Schwab, relocation readi-

ness program manager at ACS.

"Our goal is to support Soldiers and family members when they arrive or depart," Schwab said. "So, if their household items aren't here, we can help give them comfort. And there's the monetary savings, as well – they don't have to buy paper plates or plastic silverware or a new coffee pot while they're waiting for theirs. They can borrow our items and save that money, and it also helps prevent them from having to go out to eat – dining out with a big family can get pretty expensive."

And while the Lending Hangar may not be able to provide Soldiers and family members all of the comforts of home, it can provide temporary respite from being in one place while all of their stuff is in another, he added.

Items available to borrow from the Lending Hangar include folding tables and chairs, rollaway beds, sleeping mats, dishes, utensils, and small appliances such as toaster ovens, microwaves, coffee makers, rice cookers, blenders and irons, Schwab said.

"It's all designed to fit in a small car – except for the rollaway beds, you'll need a truck or SUV for those," he added.

But what it doesn't provide are things like washers and dryers, linens or cleaning supplies, Schwab said.

"We have the essentials to help families so they're not trying to stay in a hotel while they're still paying rent somewhere else," he said. "And when they're leaving, the benefit is they can ship their household goods from here early to help reduce the wait time at their new duty station – it's better to be uncomfortable in a place you know than to be uncomfortable in a place you've never been to before."

And it really is as easy as one, two, three.

- 1. Visit the Lending Hangar Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- 2. Fill out a pre-made hand receipt with basic information like: name, unit, address, etc.
- 3. Grab what you need.

"When they come in, I put a bucket out for them – a big tote they can take with them, so they don't have to try to balance all of those dishes out to their car," he said. I tell them what's on each shelf, and they pick things off of the shelves, I'm checking it off. When they're done, they look over the hand receipt, sign it, and I put a copy of it in their bucket."

People can even drive to the dock after

they've gathered their items, back up to the dock, put the items in their car and drive away, Schwab added.

"There's no time limit – I don't care how long it takes them, as long as they're happy." he said.

And with that stress relief and cost savings, they should be happy. Based on his calculations over the past three years, Schwab estimates the Lending Hangar saves its patrons in the neighborhood of \$100,000 a year.

To benefit from the Lending Hangar, no appointment is necessary. Just show up during its hours of operation and Schwab will be at the ready to provide the help.

For more information on the Lending Hangar, call 255-3161 or 255-2887.



SOLDIER FOR LIFE

On the job hunt: The importance of self-assessment

By Bryan Tharpe

Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center

What occupation will you pursue after you separate from the Army? Think hard. Is that what you really want to do?

For some Soldiers, the transition back to civilian life is relatively easy. They have ideas, goals and back-up plans for civilian employment. They are undaunted, open-minded and flexible about how to get what they want.

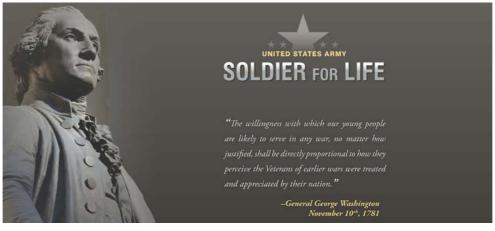
But for other Soldiers, this transition is not so easy. Over the years, they may have set aside personal goals or lost sight of a few dreams. They felt too busy for hobbies or college classes, and let military service envelop them. Consequently, it became more and more difficult for them to identify what it is that makes them truly happy. When it is time for these Soldiers to separate from military service, even the smallest decisions can become difficult.

Much to their dismay, the job search process does not start with resume writing. It must necessarily start with a comprehensive, honest self-assessment. If Soldiers have been out of touch with their true values, interests and strengths, they run the risk of pursuing the wrong vocation or drifting toward the path of least resistance.

Don't let that happen to you. It is never too early to begin and maintain your vocational self-assessment. There are many ways to keep in touch with the feelings that will lead you to the right civilian vocation.

Answering the following types of questions is a good start.

• Do you prefer working with people, data or things?



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- Do you prefer working indoors, outdoors or a mix of both?
- Do you want to work for a large or small company?
- Do you want to interact with others a great deal, a little bit or not at all?
- Do you want to work independently or on a team?
- Are you more comfortable as a team leader or member?
- Which of your jobs in your past did you enjoy the most? Why?
- What do you like to do in your spare time?
- What are your hobbies?
- Do you want to create, design, install, troubleshoot, teach, travel, coordinate, answer questions, ask questions, inspect, write, build, analyze, or synthesize?
- If you had to describe five or six of your happiest moments at work, would they have a common thread?
- What was it about those moments that gave you true satisfaction and what type of civilian environment might give you

the same enjoyment?

There are thousands of similar questions to ask yourself in pursuit of self-knowledge. I recommend reading "What Color is Your Parachute," by Richard Bolles, or any other book that offers self-assessment, long before your separation date.

As you learn more about your own vocational values and preferences, you will be able to piece together a picture of what your next career will look like. As a result, when you finally do arrive at your transition point, deciding on objectives, writing resumes, interviewing and evaluating job offers will be considerably easier. And your new civilian career will be financially, professionally and personally rewarding.

Soldiers and their spouses are encouraged to take a pre-separation counseling 18 months prior to separation or two years prior to retirement.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 255-2558.

FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE

FOR JUNE 13-30

Thursday, June 13

Dark Phoenix (PG-13)7 p.m.
Friday, June 14 Dark Phoenix 3D (PG)7 p.m.
Saturday, June 15 Ugly Dolls (PG)
Sunday, June 16 Ugly Dolls (PG)1 p.m. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13)
Thursday, June 20 The Intruder (PG-13)7 p.m.
Friday, June 21 Toy Story 4 (PG)4 & 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 22 Toy Story 4 (PG)4 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 23
Toy Story 4 (PG)1 & 4 p.m.
Toy Story 4 (PG)
Toy Story 4 (PG)1 & 4 p.m. Thursday, June 27
Toy Story 4 (PG)1 & 4 p.m. Thursday, June 27 Toy Story 4 (PG)7 p.m. Friday, June 28

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.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston selected as 16th sergeant major of the Army

Army Public Affairs

Press Release

WASHINGTON -- Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, announced today Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Grinston will assume responsibilities as the 16th sergeant major of the Army.

"I look forward to working with Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston," Esper said. "The Army is in the midst of a renaissance, and he is a great choice to carry on our readiness, modernization and reform efforts."

Grinston currently serves as the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Army Forces Command -- the U.S. Army's largest command and provider of expeditionary land

forces. He is a combat veteran who has served in every leadership position from team leader to division command sergeant major.

His deployments include two tours each to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, as well as Desert Shield, Desert Storm and to Kosovo. Grinston also served as the senior enlisted leader for the Army's first deployment of a division headquarters, with 1st Infantry Division, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve from October 2014 to June 2015.

"Congratulations to Command Sgt. Maj. Grinston and his family," Milley said. "He is a world class leader who stands out among our exceptional Noncommissioned Officer Corps. He is the right Noncommissioned Officer to lead our Army into the future."

As the FORSCOM command sergeant



ARMY PHOTO

Grinston

major, Grinston played a key role in the development of training and preparation of combat units as a globally responsive force as the Army simultaneously builds and sustains readiness to meet the needs of national defense. He will succeed Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, who has served in that position since January 2015.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Grinston is the right

leader," Dailey said. "He possesses all of the character and leadership qualities necessary to lead our NCO Corps into the future, and he will continue to serve the best interests of our Soldiers, their families and the Army."

The 16th SMA will serve as the Army chief of staff's personal adviser on matters affecting the enlisted force. Much of the sergeant major of the Army's time is spent traveling throughout the Army to observe training, and talk to Soldiers and their families.

The SMA recommends quality-of-life improvements to Army leadership and sits on numerous councils that make decisions affecting Army families. The sergeant major of the Army also routinely testifies before Congress on these issues. Additionally, Grinston will serve as the public face of the Army's NCO Corps to the American people, in the media, and through business and community engagements.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve the great Soldiers and families of the United States Army," Grinston said.

Grinston will be sworn in as the 16th SMA during a ceremony at the Pentagon on Aug. 16, 2019.

His awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2), and 5 Bronze Stars (2 with 'V' devices). He has earned the Ranger tab, Master Parachutist badge, Air Assault badge, Drill Sergeant Identification badge, and the Combat Action Badge. He has attended every level of the NCO Education System, and is a graduate of Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault Schools. He's also a graduate of the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School and the Equal Opportunity Course.

Grinston possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from the University of Maryland University College. He is married and has two daughters.



SGT. STEVEN LOPEZ

So you want to be an SFAB advisor?

Here's how

By Sgt. 1st Class Mark Albright

Security Force Assistance Command

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Soldiers who believe they have what it takes to join one of the six Security Force Assistance Brigades must first pass the three-day Security Force Assistance Command Assessment and Selection Course that's designed to ensure they meet the standards of a SFAB advisor.

Assessment and Selection Course candidates undergo a process designed to test their mental, physical and teamwork skills to ensure they possess the attributes that the SFAB teams are looking for in an advisor.

Some of these attributes include discipline, sound judgment, moral conduct, and the ability to remain calm and collected while seizing the initiative during mission uncertainty.

"What we are looking for is someone who is physically fit, works well in a team, who is intelligent, and comfortable making decisions while operating with a certain level of ambiguity," said Sgt. Maj. Robert George, SFAC Assessment and Selection sergeant major.

The assessment process is something new candidates are curious about once they decide to join the SFABs.

"I heard about the SFABs while I was deployed in Afghanistan and when I came back some senior NCOs I worked with had joined and let us know more about them," said Sgt. Skyler Lewis, SFAC assessment candidate and Signal support systems specialist from 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. "I looked more into it and then de-



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS MARK ALBRIGHT

cided that, yes, this is for me."

The assessment process starts with in-processing on Day 0 and then moves onto Day 1. Day 1 starts the non-stop process that lasts through Day 2. It begins with the candidates conducting an APFT, team events, a leader reaction course, a warrior skills test, MOS proficiency and ethical dilemma tests, peer evaluations, a subject matter expert interview, and culminates with a challenging foot march.

"They briefed us on what it was going to be like when we got here and it was a little different than I thought it would be and a lot harder, but it was worth it. I thought it was a good process, and I had to stay focused and push hard," said Lewis.

The final portion of the assessment process is the selection board on Day 3, after which the candidates find out how they did and if they were selected. If selected, they

receive information about the reporting process and continue their SFAB advisor training there.

The opportunity to continue to training, mentoring and advising others is one of the reasons Fort Benning Drill Sergeant Joshua Tobin felt he needed to go through the assessment course and become a SFAB advisor.

"I have been training and mentoring Soldiers for the past 12 years and really getting more into it with the new privates at Fort Benning for the last 33 months. I feel that this opportunity is the same, but bigger, you are still training, mentoring, and advising, but this time it's with our partners," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Tobin, SFAC assessment candidate with 2nd Squadron, 15th Cavalry Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade.

The assessment and selection process is still relatively new, and constantly adapts to the current needs of the SFABs and will continue to change and facilitate any of their future needs.

Force

work through an obstacle at the

leader reaction course, May 29 at

Fort Bragg, N.C. The assessment

course is part of the process of

becoming an advisor in a security

force assistance brigade.

Security

Command

Selection

Assistance

Assessment and

Course candidates

"How we assess the Soldiers has changed since I got here almost a year ago. We have changed and added events that better identify the attributes that make a good military advisor," said George. "We will continue to change things to better identify candidates who will make the best military advisors."

The SFAB Recruiting and Retention Team continues to look for Soldiers who are interested in becoming SFAB advisors in one of the five active-duty and one Army National Guard SFABs. For more information and details about joining, visit the SFAB Recruiting and Retention Team website at www.goarmy.com/sfab or contact them at one of the following: Officers (910) 570-5159 and Enlisted (910) 570-9975/5131 or email them at usarmy.bragg.forscom.mbx.g1-ag-sfab@mail.mil.

FROM DFMWR



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ARMY BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING

People are welcome to stop by The Landing during lunch for a slice of free cake in celebration of the Army's 244th birthday June 14 beginning at noon. This special is available while supplies last. For more details, call 255-0768.

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 or visit https://rucker.armymwr.com/calendar/event/fort-rucker-triathlon-5k/3164613/39265

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.

CAR SEAT SAFETY CLASS

The Fort Rucker New Parent Support Program will offer a car seat safety class with a certified child passenger safety technician June 20 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F. Come and learn how to properly install your car seat. The CPST will also conduct car seat checks for anyone interested. For additional information, call 255-3898.

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.

DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP

MWR Central will host a deep sea fishing day trip on the Vera Marie, a 70-foot

walk-around party boat, June 22. Anglers must register in person at MWR Central no later than noon Wednesday the week of the trip. Cost is \$110 per person. A minimum of 14 participants is required. Lunch is not provided, so organizers recommend bringing a personal size cooler with snacks and drinks, however items may be purchased on the ship. The trip includes round trip transportation departing from Fort Rucker, a five-six hour fishing trip, gratuities, equipment rental, licensing and cleaning of your catch.

For more information, call 255-2297.

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.

READY, SET, RUN! REGISTRATION

Fort Rucker Youth Sports and Fitness is offering an opportunity for youth to achieve something that most adults can't do, to spend time with friends chatting and exercising, and to be a part of a national program featured on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter with its Ready, Set, Run! program. This is an opportunity for youth, ages 8-13 years old, to be a part of a national running program that focuses on character development and physical training for a 5k run.

The program equips youth with the physical training and goal-setting mentality needed to accomplish their running goals. Issues like enhancing confidence and

self-esteem, respecting authority, dealing with peer pressure and fueling their bodies through proper nutrition are covered during the 12-week session. Above all, the youth have a blast seeing what they are capable of achieving.

The youth will participate in three runs throughout the 12-week session. Cost is \$30 and registration is July 1 to Aug. 15. The season will be Aug. 19 to Nov. 16. All of the runs will be on Fort Rucker.

For more information, call 255-2254 or 255-9105.

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.

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for youth fall soccer runs July 1 to Aug. 15. Practices for soccer start on Aug. 19. Cost is \$25 for ages 3-4 and \$45 for ages 5-14. Children must meet the age requirements and the age groups are: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Youth must be registered members with child and youth services, and have a current sports physical to register. There will be a parents meeting Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. at the youth center, Bldg.

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Hours of Operation:

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Prospective coaches are needed. If you are interested in coaching, call 255-0950 or 255-2254.

For more information, call 255-2254 or 255-9105.

YOUTH SPORTS FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration for youth flag football runs from July 1 to Aug. 15. Fort Rucker Youth Sports and Fitness Flag Football is open to both girls and boys. A CYS membership and current sports physical is required. Eligible ages are 6-12 years old. The age cutoff is Aug. 1 – meaning that a player cannot register if they are older than 12 years old. The fees for the program are \$45. The season will be in September. There will be a parents meeting Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. at the youth center, Bldg. 2800. For more information, call 255-2254 or 255-9105.

INDEPENDENCE DAY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Independence Day Golf Scramble July 4. Registration and breakfast will be at 7 a.m., announcements at 7:45 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Lunch and awards will immediately follow play. Cost will be \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members. Mulligans are sold for \$10 for two or \$40 for the team. The fee includes tournament course fees, range golf balls, tee gifts, tournament meal and prizes. The format will be four-person team scramble. Registration deadline is July 1.

For more information, call 255-0089.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the scheduled employment readiness program workshop July 11 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 your seat, call 255-2594.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

It's showtime at the Center Library. Before movies came into existence, people entertained themselves with moving pictures. For centuries, men and women have been fascinated with optical illusions. One example is the praxinoscope, which is the pre-cursor to modern movies. The library staff will explore the praxinoscope and other optical illusions during this special summer reading program event July 11 from 2-3 p.m. at the Center Library. The free event is open to all ages and registration is requested.

For more information or to register, call 255-3885 for more information or to register.

FUN RUN AND RESILIENCY FAIR

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host the Fort Rucker Fun Run and

Resiliency Fair July 13 at 9 a.m. This free event offers a 5K fun run along with fun activities for the entire family. Participants can run or walk, or just stop by to visit the numerous resiliency fair booths. The event promotes resiliency for our Fort Rucker community and will showcase information to improve physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being.

The event is open to the public. Strollers and leashed pets are allowed.

For more information, call 255-2296. People can pre-register at the Fortenberry-Colton PFC, Fort Rucker PFC, or MWR Central.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CERAMIC DAY

The Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center will be celebrating Christmas in July with a special ceramic day July 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The center will have different size Christmas tree ceramics with light kits and color pegs included. The highest priced tree is \$65. People are encouraged to call ahead and save a tree as they go fast. Nativity and other Christmas ceramics are also available.

For more information and to reserve a spot, call 255-9020.

Enterprise Gate will **CLOSE** Saturday, June 22, to help expedite the resurfacing of Andrews Avenue near the gate.

Faulkner Gate will be **OPEN** during this time.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 6 A.M. TO 6 P.M. FAULKNER GATE OPEN SATURDAY, JUNE 22 6 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

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



NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Fort Rucker Schools registration for the 2019-2020 school year is ongoing. People should start the process on-line at: www.dodea.edu/DORS. Once people have completed the on-line portion, they must come to the Fort Rucker Primary School to finish registering students. The following documents are needed: original birth certificate, orders, housing lease agreement and Alabama shot card. Registration hours are 8-11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. For more, call 255-2822.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The 1st Aviation Brigade will host a change of command ceremony July 11 at 8:30 a.m. on Howze Field. Col. Tammy Baugh will assume command of the unit from Col. Iason Miller.
- U.S. Army Garrison Fort Rucker will host a change of command ceremony July 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Whitney B. Gardner will assume command of the unit from Col. Brian E. Walsh.



TOMAHAWKS

Lt. Col. Michael C. Shaw accepts the 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment "Tomahawks" colors from Col. Chad Chasteen, 110th Aviation Brigade commander, as he assumes command of the unit from Lt. Col. Michael S. Johnson during a change of command ceremony June 11 at Howze Field.

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