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A UH60L Blackhawk helicopter belonging to Charlie Company, 1-52 General Support Aviation Battalion, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, is parked on the airfield at Fort Wainwright while its crew prepares for a mission. The aurora borealis puts on a show overhead. (Photo by CPT Jesse Long)

'I love that bucket of bolts': Army aviator reunites with long lost aircraft



The most popular love stories last a lifetime, but the unfortunate truth is that many end before their expiration date. Self-described Missouri farm boy turned Army aviator, David Schnitker, fell in love in 1969 and was reunited with his sweetheart 54 years later at the Army Aviation Museum on Fort Novosel. Schnitker dreamt of this day for decades leaving his wife envious for nearly just as long. Since the age of five, Schnitker dreamt of flying.

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Ellis D. Parker Elementary School honors Veterans



Ellis D. Parker Elementary School held a schoolwide program to honor Veterans on Nov. 8, 2023. The Program was organized by media teacher, Mr. Robert Amuso, and was attended by all students in grades pre-k through grade six. Many parents attended and all Veterans were recognized in honor of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday.

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"Five-Foot Two Giant" Chief Warrant Officer Five Sharon Swartworth remembered



Buildings and streets across Fort Novosel are often named with purpose, but how often do we stop and consider the story behind them? The Warrant Officer Career College and Judge Advocate General Corps came together on Nov. 6, 2023, to honor the 20th anniversary of the Blackhawk crash that took the life of six service members including Chief Warrant Officer Five Sharon Swartworth – the namesake of Swartworth Hall here on Fort Novosel.

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Quarterly Volunteer Ceremony recognizes individuals who make a difference

The US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) and Fort Novosel held a Quarterly Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on Nov. 7, 2023, at The Landing to honor 28 Soldiers and community members, volunteering with nine different on-post agencies, who were awarded either the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal or the Volunteer of the Quarter Award.

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Mobile food pantry - A place to serve and be served

The towns that surround Fort Novosel play an important role in making this community a welcoming home to Army Aviation. One local county has spent 5 years creating a place to both serve others, when able, and be served when needed. The Coffee County Community Church Mobile Food Pantry, organized by BJ Cardwell and Travis Whittaker, is a much-needed resource in a time when much is needed. Since its inception, the outreach has served 1.4 million pounds of fresh food to families...

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