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ABOVE THE BEST

USAACE, Fort Rucker get new commanding general

By Kelly Morris

USAACE Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. David J. Francis assumed command of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker from Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler during a ceremony on Howze Field June 17.

Ceremony host Lt. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, commanding general of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, said the event marked a special day.

"There's nobody who is more ready to take the reins than Dave Francis and Jodie," Lundy said. "Our branch is in great hands, and our Army will be in great hands."

Francis comes to Fort Rucker from his most recent assignment as the director, Army Aviation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Army Pentagon.

No stranger to USAACE and Fort Rucker, Francis held multiple positions here in the past. Most recently, he served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center/director of Army Safety. He served as the USAACE deputy commander when Lundy served as USAACE commanding general. He also previously served as a small group instructor for the Aviation Captain's Career Course here, and as battalion S3, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, in addition to having completed flight school training here.

Francis said he was excited to be back at Fort Rucker, and thanked Lundy and Gayler for their leadership.

"It's an absolute honor to stand on the

field with you two who have led this branch over the last five years and set the wheels in motion for the future of the branch and the future of our Army. It's been an honor to serve with you and we have big shoes to fill, a lot of work to be done – but you set that in motion," Francis said.

He thanked his wife and family members, former branch chiefs, and community leaders for their support.

"The partnership and the teamwork with the local communities here is evident by those of you in attendance – our mayors, our (Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army), our representatives in government. We appreciate everybody being here, and we look forward to continuing that partnership on behalf of our Soldiers and our families and the local communities," he said.

During the ceremony, Lundy lauded the Gaylers for being "great teammates," and for leading change during a time of transformation for the Army as it prepares for complex threats it has not faced in the past 17 years.

"As we look at what the National Defense Strategy lays out, having to be able to really focus on great power competition and great power conflict, that required us to make significant changes, and to continue to make changes, across our Army. I would tell you this branch, under Gayler's leadership, has led the way across our doctrine, organizational design, our training that we're doing here at the schoolhouse, as well as the materiel solutions we're pursuing – all those things that the proponent is responsible for," Lundy said. "I'm very proud of the work you



PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

Maj. Gen. David J. Francis accepts the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence colors from Lt. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., commanding general, as he assumes command of USAACE and Fort Rucker from Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler during a change of command ceremony on Howze Field June 17.

have done here."

Developing Soldiers and leaders, the Army's true combat power, is integral to the Army's success.

"And that's what you've been focused on – developing Soldiers of character that are fully committed, masters of what they need to be able to do, and that's happened under your leadership. So, Bill, I want to thank you and Michele. You've been absolutely phenomenal," Lundy said.

Gayler in his remarks thanked his family for their support, area leaders who create a "world class" community, and the staff members and Aviation professionals that made it the best job he has had in the Army.

"We ask a lot of you. In fact, every combatant commander continues to ask for more Aviation. You serve and you sacrifice and you deliver, time and time again, as the finest aviation force in the world. And I want to thank you and your families for what you've done and what you will do in the future," Gayler said. "You make us very proud."

Gayler's next assignment is the director, J-3 Operations/Cyber, U.S. Africa Command, Germany.

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FILE PHOTO

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.

 $8\mbox{-}8\mbox{-}10$ p.m. – Intermission.

 $8{:}10{-}9~\text{p.m.}$ – 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.

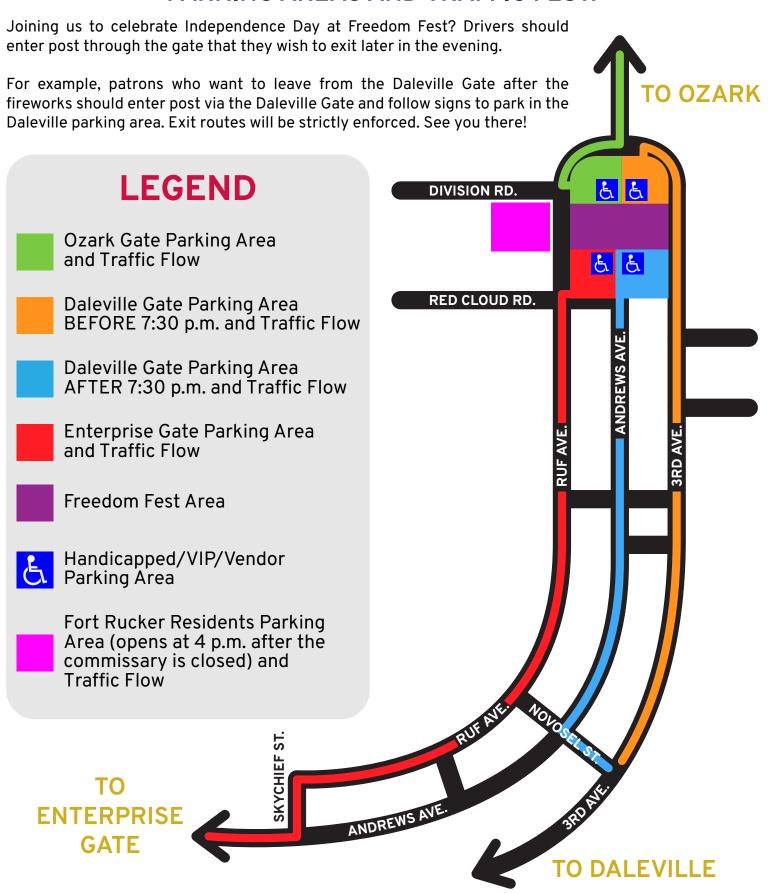
The current access policy permits anyone with a valid Common Access Card, retiree ID, military dependent ID, DA Form 1602 Civilian ID Card, or any other U.S. government-issued personal identity verification credential to access Fort Rucker without a visitor's badge.

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.

2019 FREEDOM FEST

PARKING AREAS AND TRAFFIC FLOW





HONORING A LEGACY

New historical collection on Cairns Army Airfield namesake

By Jim Hughes

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Soldiers working on Cairns Army Airfield and descendants of the field's namesake honored the memory, accomplishments and impact of Maj. Gen. Bogardus Snowden "Bugs" Cairns during a ribbon cutting ceremony for a historical collection at the base operations building June 24.

The general's great nephew, Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Cairns, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College chaplain, headed up the effort to beef up the display in the VIP section of the building to better honor the legacy of the Aviation School's second commandant.

The display includes articles about the then-lieutenant colonel being on the first tank into Rome in World War II and his efforts in North Africa where he planned operations with the 13th Armor Regiment,

his West Point cadet uniform, his OBE, and various photos from throughout the general's career.

"His World War II career was astonishing," the chaplain said at the event, adding that he even earned an Order of the British Empire for his efforts in North Africa. "He was a cavalryman, and he started out on horseback in the 1930s, went to tanks in the 40s and by the 1950s he was a general officer serving in La Rochelle, France, as commander of Base Section for U.S. Army Europe, where he earned a French Legion of Honor induction.

"This was a highly decorated person, a highly skilled leader, and an amazing person, father and husband by the time he arrived at Fort Rucker in 1957," Cairns said.

The general died in an H-13 accident in 1958 while flying to a nearby range to observe a firepower demonstration, the chaplain added.



Cairns family members, guests and Soldiers who work on the airfield take a look at the artifacts on display at the VIP section.



PHOTOS BY JIM HUGHES

Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Cairns, WOCC chaplain, sings an inspirational song after the ribbon cutting ceremony on the Maj. Gen. Bogardus Snowden Cairns historical display at the Cairns AAF base operations VIP section as the general's three children, Scott, Patty and Douglas, look on.

"He was one of those men who could train in a garrison environment, fight wars and build relationships with communities," Cairns said. "When he died in the accident, the mayors of Ozark and Enterprise are on record saying what an extraordinary job he had done developing relationships in the community. He understood how to be a commanding general: the strategic communications, the training, the innovation, and he was on his way up when he died."

Many other Cairns descendants attended the event, including his three children: Douglas, a retired Air Force colonel; Patty and Scott. Douglas spoke at the event about one of his last conversations with his father.

"As I'm sitting there and he is talking about my father, a remembrance came to me," said Douglas, who lives in Montgomery and said he has visited Fort Rucker numerous times throughout the years with his children. "I was a cadet at the Air Force Academy and visiting over the summer here, and dad and I were playing golf. I asked the major general, and I don't know why, but I asked, 'Dad, what is your job, what do you do?' He said, 'I train my replacement. That's my job.'

"I just thought the Soldiers there needed

to hear that - that's their job, too," he added.

While inspiration is part of his job description as an Army chaplain, the general's great nephew hopes to provide further inspiration with the historical display in the building, he said.

"When you look at history, these people (like his ancestor and other Army Aviation heroes of the past) did amazing things, but a lot of people don't know their stories," he said. "I'm trying to resurrect those stories, so the next generation of leaders knows what it takes to reach and exceed the standard – these guys are the standard. And when I'm down, or when I'm thinking that maybe I should get out of the armed services, or that I'm so tired – then I think about these stories, and what they did and what they went through, and then I wonder why I'm complaining."

For those wanting to learn more about the history of the general, Cairns created a page on Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bogardus_Snowden_Cairns. For more on Army Aviation history, visit the U.S. Army Aviation Museum on post or online at https://www.armyaviationmuseum.org/.

CHANGES OF COMMAND



PHOTOS BY IIM HUGHE

Lt. Col. Dennis K. Hill accepts the 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment colors from Col. Chad Chasteen, 110th Aviation Brigade commander, as he assumes command of the unit from Lt. Col. Chris Mariani during a change of command ceremony June 21 on Howze Field.



CW4 Michael W. Shelley accepts the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College Headquarters and Headquarters Company colors from Col. Kelly E. Hines, USAWOCC commandant, as he assumes command of the unit from CW4 Tammy E. Richmond June 14 at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jay Guild, a rated instructor pilot, maintenance test pilot, and maintenance evaluator at the Aviation Center Logistics Command, after his final flight June 12. Guild retires next month following 46 years of service.

ACLC aviator to retire after 46 years of service

ACLC

Press Release

Long-term Aviation Center Logistics Command employee, Jay Guild, will retire in July after 46 years of service.

Guild, a rated instructor pilot, maintenance test pilot, and maintenance evaluator, joined the Marines in 1972, kicking off an aviation career that would take span nearly half a century. His service included serving in the Marines, as an Army aviator and, last but not least, as an Army civilian aviator.

Guild retires with the distinction of being the eighth longest serving Army aviator in the Army National Guard/Reserve. With his total flight time on various airframes, he flew more than 6,000 hours, according to ACLC's Chief of Quality and Standards Division, Phillip Jenison.

In the UH-60 Black Hawk community, Guild is the fourth longest serving aviator, Jenison said.

Guild, a native of Bangor, Maine, will retire close out his career next month, but he took his last flight, June 12. At the end of the flight, a group of friends, family and coworkers were there to congratulate him on his distinguished career. Mr. Guild will be awarded the Order of St. Michael, Silver award.

Guild said he will cherish the precious memories of his career, but he's looking forward to retirement in the hills of Charlotte, North Carolina.

PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Sgt. Ted E. Bear helps the cause during this year's child abuse awareness campaign on post in April.

SGT. TED E. BEAR

Fort Rucker home to famous sergeant

Army Flier *Staff Report*

In many cities across America, mascots can be found that promote esprit de corps – Dothan has its peanut statues and Louisville has its horses – and promoting morale is one of the things that Fort Rucker's Sgt. Ted E. Bear does best.

Located at the corner of Andrews and Novosel, Bear has dutifully watched over Fort Rucker for the last 58 years. Standing watch over the installation near the Daleville Gate, he observes the thousands of people passing by him every day, said Jay Patrick Hughes, former Aviation Branch historian.

"People have fun with that bear," he said. "He was originally designed in Panama City by Lee Koplin, but he was built here and he will stay here. He is now a Fort Rucker icon."

Bear was originally erected as an emblem of the 2nd Battle Group, 31st Infantry Regiment, also known as the Polar Bear Regiment. Construction was commissioned in 1961 by Col. Bennett L. Jackson of the unit to commemorate the action the unit saw while attempting to keep the Trans-Siberian Railroad open during World War I in Murmansk, Russia. It was that operation that earned the regiment the nickname "the Polar Bears," and Bennett received the nickname "Bear," said Hughes.

"Smokey" was originally located next to the 46th Engineer Battalion building after the 31st Infantry Regiment was reassigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1966.

Over the years, Bear has donned many outfits as part of his provided care, ranging from bunny and penguin suits to flight suits. He has also sported superhero costumes and



FILE PHOTO

Sgt. Ted E. Bear makes a permanent change of station from his home outside the 46th Engineer Battalion building to his current location near the U.S. Army Aviation Museum in 2007.

a variety of other seasonable ensembles.

Bear overshadows all of his fellow sergeants, if not by age then by dimensions. At 15 feet high, Bear weighs 2,000 pounds (mostly made of solid concrete), with his weight growing with each outfit he dons.

Eventually, responsibilities passed to 1st Battalion, 210th Aviation Regiment in 1994 when the bulk of the engineer battalion relocated to Fort Polk, Louisiana, and he was then reassigned to the Warrant Officer Career College in 2007.

"With his reassignment to the 210th, he received his new orders, rank and name -- Pfc. Ted E. Bear," said Hughes, adding that Bear received official orders.

He was promoted to sergeant Sept. 19, 2007, in an official ceremony approved by Maj. Gen. Virgil L. Packett II, then U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker commanding general, and at the time

it was stated that his weight issues kept him from being promoted higher.

It was at that time he was moved from his original home on Ruf Avenue to his new home near the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

"People would notice if he was moved or removed in a heartbeat," said the historian. "It was somewhat controversial when they moved him to his new post. Can you imagine what would happen if he was taken down permanently?

"Many Soldiers return to Mother Rucker," he added. "If Bear could not be found, it would be like losing a friend you always expect to see when you return home."

In a real sense, Bear serves as a colorful community bulletin board, and many organizations have upped the ante when it comes to decorating him -- giving him 3D accessories like banners, hats, sporting equipment and large polar bear-sized packages.

"Countless generations of Aviators have come through here and seen him. He has always been a very prominent figure in the community," he said. "Aviators see him and they identify with him, and I know it is usually one of the first things family's notice when they arrive here.

"He is now part of the tradition of being at Fort Rucker, even though his origins do not lie in Aviation. He is part of the experience of becoming an Army Aviator," he continued.

Bear's fame continues, as has been featured in local newspapers more than 10 times and his likeness is featured as a trophy at the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center.

But people should exercise care when taking photos with Bear. Although he loves the attention, is dressed to impress, is wearing a smile and his arms are open to receive hugs, the intersection he serves at is a high traffic area.

AER offers \$2,500 relicensing aid for spouses

By Thomas Brading

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Army spouses can now apply for reimbursement of up to \$2,500 in professional relicensing expenses through Army Emergency Relief when they move to another state.

Last month, top Army officials announced a \$500 limit on relicensing costs for military spouses for permanent change-of-station moves. However, if additional funds are needed for relicensing, AER will help off-set those costs for eligible spouses.

The new category of AER assistance went into effect June 5.

"We at AER are constantly looking to expand our categories of assistance to even better support the Army team," said retired Lt. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, AER director. "One key is the challenge of PCS moves and the demands that it places on Army Families; this is especially true for working spouses whose jobs require certification/licensing for every new state they live in.

"This is the right thing to do for our Families who give so much to their Soldier and our nation," he added Wednesday during the Association of the U.S. Army "Hot Topic" symposium on installation management.

The first step for spouses is knowing the certification requirements in their new state. If assistance is necessary, spouses who are eligible for the reimbursement will need their Soldier --- whether active-duty, National Guard or Reserve -- to apply for the reimbursement at their command.

They will need a completed SF 1034 form; a copy of their PCS orders; and copies of the old state license or certification, the new license or certification, marriage certificate, and proof of fees paid.

Soldiers and their spouses will be able to apply for this assistance within 180 days of arrival to their new location by presenting the license or certification from the previous state along with their application, which they can find on aerhq.org.

"AER will provide a loan for the initial \$500 up front, so spouses are able to enact their recertification or licensing right away, knowing the Army will reimburse them," said Krista Anderson, military spouse ambassador for AER. "If the costs exceeds \$500, they'll be able to apply through AER for additional funds. The application process better determines if it should be a loan, grant, or combination of both."

The change came as a response to multiple surveys that show the rate of underemployment among military spouses increases exponentially with each move, and that it's a top stressor according to Soldiers and their Families. AER hopes that with this new category of assistance in place, more spouses will be able to gain or maintain employment with each move.

The program is intended to assist Army Families by lessening the financial burden faced when moving to a new duty location. The requirements for local and state-level occupational licenses and certifications can vary depending on the career. Many spouses are unable to practice their professions until they meet the requirements of the new state. The financial strain of regularly relicensing can take a toll on talented, professional individuals.

"How this helps spouses is assistance in certification licenses portability," said Col. Steve J. Lewis, chief of Family programs for the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. "Community partners are investing in human capital and the talents military spouses have. Employers benefit from their skills."

AER is the Army's emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to helping the Army take care of its own.

"We are very excited AER is taking the \$500 service cap limit all the way to \$2,500 for spouses' licensures," said Lt. Gen. Gwendolyn Bingham, assistant chief of staff for installation management.

"We want our spouses and service members to know how important they are," she said. "We are doing everything we can to help spouses find meaningful work and sustain their careers."



A Defense Finance and Accounting Service representative speaks with a potential candidate Sept. 19 during a hiring fair at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE

FOR JUNE 27- JULY 12

Thursday, June 27

Toy Story 4 (G) 7 p.m.
Friday, June 28 Toy Story 4 3D (G) 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 29 A Dog's Journey (PG)
Sunday, June 30 Pokemon Detective Pikachu (PG) 1 p.m. Saving Private Ryan (R) 4 p.m.
Tuesday, July 2 Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13) 4 & 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 4 Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13)7 p.m.
Friday, July 5 Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13)7 p.m.
Saturday, July 6 Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13) 4 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 7 Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13) 1 & 4 p.m.
Thursday, July 11 Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13)7 p.m.
Friday, July 12 Spider-Man: Far From Home 3D (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 12 Pokemon Detective Pikachu (PG)

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.

John Wick Chapter 3 (R) 7 p.m.

The Hustle (PG-13)

FROM DFMWR



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.

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.

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. 2800.

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 shot-gun 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.

DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP

MWR Central will host a deep sea fishing day trip July 6 on the Vera Marie, a 70-foot, walk-around party boat. 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-sized cooler with snacks and drinks, however items may be purchased on the ship, as well. The price includes roundtrip transportation, a five- to six-hour fishing trip, gratuities, equipment rental, licensing and cleaning of fish.

For more information, call 255-2297.

BASKETBALL COURT CLOSURE

The basketball courts at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center will be closed July 8-14 for repair. For more information, call 255-3794.

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 show time 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.



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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.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: GREEN SCREEN

As part of its summer reading program, the Center Library presents a program especially for teens. July 15 from 2-4 p.m., 321 Films will be presenting "I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Green Screen," where participants will discover the magic of a green screen and how to be transported anywhere. The event is open to ages 12 and up, and registration is requested.

Stop by or call the Center Library at 255-3885 for more information or to register.

WWII EVENT: D DAY PART II

The Center Library presents its WWII history event "D-Day Part II" July 18 at noon at the Aviation Technical Library. The free event will be led by Ken Tilly, historian, and is open to the public.

For more information, stop by or call the Center Library at 255-3885.

AVIATION INDUSTRY DAYS

Fort Rucker Aviation Industry Day is slated for July 24-25 at The Landing. The twoday event will include an expo daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with over 30 industry displays. The event offers the opportunity for Aviation industry representatives to interact with Soldiers and trainers. Get a firsthand look as Aviation industry representatives showcase new equipment, services and sim-

ulators, and discuss the latest in Aviation technology. The expo display area is open free of charge to the Fort Rucker community. Soldiers and DOD civilians are welcome to attend the expo.

For more information, call 255-9446.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT SPLASH!

SPLASH! Outdoor Pool and Spray Park will host its Christmas in July event July 27 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event will feature fun activities and games for the whole family. Santa will visit, as well. The event will be open to the public. Regular admission fees will apply.

For more information, call 255-2296.

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 ACS federal job workshop July 29 from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284 with a handson breakout session from 1:15-2:15 p.m. This informative and interactive workshop is aimed at getting you the information you need to increase your federal employment possibilities. Participants will receive a free copy of Kathryn Troutman's "Jobseeker's Guide" (7th Edition). Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 to register. Open to authorized patrons only.

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

Coming to Freedom Fest? Please leave the following items at home:

NO COOLERS, TOTE BAGS OR BACKPACKS (EXCEPT FOR MEDICAL AND BABY ITEMS)

NO PETS*

NO GLASS CONTAINERS

NO FIREWORKS

NO WEAPONS TO INCLUDE GUNS, KNIVES AND PEPPER SPRAY

NO BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, ROLLER BLADES OR SKATEBOARDS

* SERVICE DOGS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THEIR HARNESS OR COLLAR. IF ANIMALS ARE NOT PROPERLY MARKED, OWNERS WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE THEM HOME.

See you there!



NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Fort Rucker Schools registration for the 2019-2020 school year is ongoing. People should start the registration 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 (22210 Artillery Road) to finish registering students. They will need to bring the following documents: original birth certificate, orders, housing lease agreement and Alabama shot card. Registration hours will be from 8-11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 255-2822.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

* 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. Jason Miller.

* The 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.

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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HONORING THE FALLEN

Command Sgt. Maj. Devon M. Weber, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment command sergeant major; retired CW4 Gary Knight, who served with the 170th Assault Helicopter Company in Vietnam; Capt. Noel E. Walton, then-B Co., 1-13th Avn. Regt. commander; and Lt. Col. Juan-Carlos Segura, 1-13th Avn. Regt. commander, pose with the shadow box Knight made after the veteran presented it to Walton prior to the B Co. change of command ceremony June 24 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. During the Vietnam era, the 170th AHC fell under the 1st Aviation Brigade, and Knight made the shadow box as a memorial to the fallen Soldiers of the company. The shadow box will be displayed in the 1-13th Avn. Regt. headquarters.

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