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## OH DEER!

*Increased wildlife activity  
calls for increased awareness*

**By Jeremy Henderson**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Wildlife encounters on the roadway can be unpredictable and increased deer activity on post should be met with increased vigilance by people behind the wheel.

Motorists should always be mindful of their surroundings, according to Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker community police chief, but certain roadways are experiencing increased deer activity.

“Both ends of Andrews Avenue near the Ozark and Enterprise gates, Hatch Road and Christian Road outside the housing area,” he said. “Deer activity this time of year is peaking just after dark and in the early morning hours.

“The high activity season for deer is normally from the beginning of January to the end of February,” he added.

Dumais said the increased activity arrives on the heels of population growth and the need to feed the next generation young deer.



“Deer are going through the annual ‘rut’ or breeding season, which leads to much more movement because of deer being chased by the bucks,” he said.

What should motorists do in these areas of increased activity to help reduce the likelihood of an accident?

“Slow down a little and really pay attention to the wood line along the roadways,” Dumais said. “Most people hit

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, William G. Kidd, USAACE and Fort Rucker deputy to the commanding general, Command Sgt. Major. Christopher D. Spivey, Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, and Sgt. Maj. Andrew D. Shaw, Directorate of Public Safety sergeant major, along with firefighters and DPW officials, help push the new fire engine into the apparatus bay of the new fire station at Knox Army Heliport Jan. 10.

## New fire station opens at Knox Army Heliport

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Firefighters have to be alert and ready to jump into action at a moment’s notice, and that readiness can only be as good as the facility they work out of.

Knox Army Heliport welcomed a new fire station as Chief Jeremy Evett, Fort Rucker

fire chief, along with William G. Kidd, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker deputy to the commanding general, and Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, cut the ribbon to officially open the facility during a ceremony Jan. 10.

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## UNITS WELCOME NEW LEADERS



COURTESY PHOTO

Command Sgt. Maj. George S. Webster, ATSCOM command sergeant major, assumes responsibility as the unit colors pass from Command Sgt. Maj. James R. Schley, outgoing command sergeant major, to Col. Michael E. Demirjian, ATSCOM commander, to Webster during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 9.

### ATSCOM

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Air Traffic Services Command welcomed a new command sergeant major during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 9.

Command Sgt. Maj. George S. Webster assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. James R. Schley as the unit colors passed from the outgoing command sergeant major to Col. Michael E. Demirjian, ATSCOM commander, to Webster.

“It is very humbling to be part of this organization, to be part of the air traffic service community and to be able to work with all of the incredibly professional civilians and military members that make up the organization,” said Webster. “I want to try to do whatever I can to assist with making Air Traffic Services better as far as the readiness of our tactical equipment across the enterprise. In general, I want to try to improve air traffic services as far as the ability to carry out the mission that the Army needs.”

Webster enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1994 and completed his Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before attending Advanced Individual Training on Fort Rucker.

He’s held numerous duty and

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Command Sgt. Maj. Johnathan D. Logan, 110th Avn. Bde. command sergeant major, accepts the unit colors from Col. Chad E. Chasteen, 110th Avn. Bde. commander, as he assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Lloyd S. Ankrum during a change of responsibility ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 10.

### 110th Avn. Bde.

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

As the installation settled into the new year, the 110th Aviation Brigade welcomed a new command sergeant major.

Command Sgt. Maj. Johnathan D. Logan assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Lloyd S. Ankrum during a change of responsibility ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 10.

Col. Chad E. Chasteen, 110th Avn. Bde commander, presided over the ceremony and took the opportunity to thank and bid farewell to the outgoing CSM while welcoming the new command team.

“We’re not here today just to witness the change of responsibility between two great men, but we’re here to honor the diverse team that they represent,” said the brigade commander. “I’m proud and grateful to be the commander of this amazing unit, and I bear the bittersweet privilege of saying goodbye to one great leader and welcoming another.

“Ankrum is an exceptional leader, a standard bearer and a trusted adviser. He invested his time, his reputation, in forging the 110th into what it is today – a proud professional unit with a positive command climate and a relentless commitment to excellence,” he said, before

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Sgt. Maj. Jerry M. Cowart Jr., ACLC sergeant major, accepts the unit colors from Col. Michael J. Best, ACLC commander, as he assumes responsibility from Sgt. Maj. Antonio R. Lopez during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 11.

### ACLC

**By Nathan Pfau**  
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The Aviation Center Logistics Command welcomed a new senior NCO as Sgt. Maj. Jerry M. Cowart Jr. assumed responsibility from Sgt. Maj. Antonio R. Lopez during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 11.

The organizational colors passed from Lopez to Col. Michael J. Best, ACLC commander, to Cowart during the ceremony, signifying the relinquishing of responsibility from the outgoing to the incoming sergeant major.

Best said he’s fully confident that Lopez is the right leader to help lead the organization.

“As we bid farewell to the Lopezes, we welcome the Cowarts to the ACLC family,” said the ACLC commander. “We couldn’t ask for a better noncommissioned officer to lead our team. Sergeant Major Cowart will move our command to even newer heights as he takes command with us today. We welcome you and your family, and I look forward to working with you.

Cowart has been a staple on Fort Rucker, coming to ACLC from his most recent assignment on the installation as the senior NCO for the 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment.

Cowart has served in every leadership position from squad leader to command sergeant major, and his previous assignments span

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## Post hosts Gate Guard Job Fair

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Fort Rucker’s gate guards are the post’s first line of defense and officials want to make sure the most qualified candidates are guarding the entrance to the home of Army Aviation.

Fort Rucker will host a Gate Guard Job Fair Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. at Bldg. 5700 where applicants should come prepared to interview for a job, according to Mike Kozlowski, Army Community Service employment readiness program manager.

“It will be a one-stop shop where all the agencies that will be involved in the hiring process will be there,” he said.

One issue many people have had when applying for a federal job is poorly constructed resumes that don’t properly identify the qualifications of applicants, resulting in too few hires, he said.

“In the past, (DPS) has received a slew of applications or resumes – hundreds of them – and out of that stack only (a couple) might get hired,” he said. “They asked me to teach these folks how to write a resume because the major glaring thing that they noticed is that people wrote (inefficient) resumes.”

One of the main culprits of a poorly constructed resume that Kozlowski said he noticed were that people tend to focus more on themselves than their accomplishments.

“People pretty much created autobiographies, or what I call chronological obituaries,” he said. “They talked a lot about themselves, but did not connect the dots between their experiences to the job requirements.”

For more information, call 255-2594.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Tony Freeman, Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Safety gate guard, scans for proper identification to grant gate access at the Daleville gate last year.



# PERSPECTIVE

## Complacency can lead to a deadly trap

By CW4 Paul Madrid  
Budingén, Germany

(Editor's note: This article originally appeared in "Knowledge" the Army's safety magazine.)

Have you ever driven home and couldn't remember all the details of the trip? Statistics show most traffic accidents happen within 25 miles of home.

Is this because we're so used to our surroundings that we've become conditioned and assume nothing will ever change? Or is it we're satisfied nothing will ever be different and, as a result, become complacent?

I was on a TDY trip when I learned how both of these factors can get you into trouble, even when you're hundreds of miles from home.

I was on a week-long TDY to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, to inspect a National Guard drug interdiction program. It started off like all the other TDY trips I'd taken in the past – I packed, got the plane tickets and launched. Once there, I picked up my rental car and headed for the hotel.

After checking in, I decided to visit the unit, which was about 15 miles away. Along the drive was a four-mile-long straight stretch of highway that went up a gradual slope. On the return trip there were 11 red lights along the road, and another one by the overpass at the bottom of the slope. I'd driven the road enough during the first three days that it was becoming routine, and I wasn't counting on things changing late at night.

So what was different on that long stretch of highway after



USACRC GRAPHIC DESIGN

The combination of complacency and conditioning can lead you into a deadly trap. Whether you're 25 miles from home or TDY 2,500 miles away, keep your head in the game all the time. Not doing so can get you killed.

10 p.m.? To make things easier late at night, those red lights changed to flashing yellow caution lights so you didn't have to stop at every other traffic signal. Made sense to me. After making this trip for three days and nights I was getting comfortable with this section of road - maybe a little too comfortable.

On the fourth night things were going well for the unit. The only thing left to do was outbrief the command the next day, so a few of the Guard guys decided to follow me back to the hotel for a small get-together. I was in the lead with three other cars behind me. No problem, right? Wrong!

As I started down the slope, I could see all those yellow caution lights flashing away. I

cruised down the slope expecting yellow lights all the way, but as I went under the overpass, a Jeep Cherokee suddenly pulled out in front of me. My first thought was, "What is this guy doing?!" I was traveling 50 mph and he was only 20 yards in front of me. I didn't have much time to react. My rental car became a knife and cleanly shaved the Jeep's front end. I won't go into all the details of the damage done to both vehicles. Let's just say it was severe enough that they couldn't be towed and had to be loaded onto slide-bed wreckers.

So what happened? Remember all those red lights that changed to flashing yellow at 10 p.m.? Well, not all of them had

changed. The one that hadn't was the one behind the overpass. As I came down the slope I could see every light except that one.

This accident could have been catastrophic. I realized had I entered the intersection a second later I would have T-boned the Jeep. That would surely have killed its driver and done who knows what to me.

Had I become complacent and unaware of the actual danger, or had I become conditioned and assumed the lights all did the same thing at the same time? Either way you look at it, the story is the same.

So what's the point of this? The combination of complacency and conditioning can lead you into a deadly trap. Whether

you're 25 miles from home or TDY 2,500 miles away, keep your head in the game all the time. Not doing so can get you killed.

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## Rotor Wash

“The nation and Fort Rucker celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, which is a day of community service. Why is it important to give back to the community?”



Jordan Baskins,  
civilian

“You should always do what you can to try and improve your community.”



Michael Janik,  
civilian

“Supporting your community is vital. If you want to immerse yourself in your community, giving back through volunteerism or donations, whether it's money, food or your time, is important.”



Daniel Robinson,  
military family member

“It's important to give back, especially when you're in a military community, because Soldiers are fighting for our freedoms, so we need to contribute in any way that we can.”



Alain Perez-Majul,  
military family member

“If it weren't for those who came before to fight and serve their community, we couldn't enjoy everything that we have today. Giving back isn't about you or how it can serve you, but about how it can serve those around you.”



Cody Lensmeyer,  
civilian

“This is where you live, so you need to try and make it a better place.”

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# EDUCATIONAL SERIES

## WWI ‘Aces’ had Alabama ties

By Kelly P. Morris  
USACE Public Affairs

Fort Rucker highlighted the service of World War I era Army pilots that had a connection to the state of Alabama in an educational program at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum here Jan. 10.

The event was part of an ongoing series of monthly programs provided by the Fort Rucker Center Library, the Aviation Technical Library and the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I.

Ken Tilley, Aviation branch historian, in his remarks said the qualifying criteria to be one of the Flying Aces was five aerial victories in the war.

“These Army Aviators did amazing things way before we even had our first helicopters or the modern Army Aviation,” Tilley said.

Three of the World War I Aces were born in Alabama: 1Lt. William T. Badham (Birmingham, Ala.), Capt. Charles R. D’Olive (Suggsville, Ala.), and Maj. Ernest G. Joy (Anniston, Ala.), Tilley said.

1Lt. Murray K. Guthrie grew up in Mobile, Ala. after his mother died.

Maj. James A. Meissner eventually moved to Birmingham, Ala. to work in the coal and steel industry.

These early Army pilots flew French and British planes in the war, and they received awards and decorations from the U.S. and other nations, Tilley said.

“My biggest surprise is with the great accomplishments that these guys did in combat, hardly anyone knows what they did, even some



PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

A child looks at a vintage photograph during an educational program about Alabama World War I Aces at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 10.

family. That is partly because these guys were humble and did not brag about accomplishments and also partly because many just never talked about their experiences, even with family,” Tilley said.

Tilley shared with attendees the unpublished firsthand accounts of the servicemembers based on more than a decade of travel and personal research of the Aces from two world wars and the Korean War, including interviews with family members and historical relics that are not included in museum displays.

He and the Aces’ family mem-

bers learn from each other, he said.

“One lady brings out a box out of the closet she had not looked at for years, and couldn’t believe anybody was interested in seeing it. They learn a lot about their ancestor. I can learn from them and at the same time they learn from me, and it fills in gaps, where they were, where they moved to that I would not find any record of anywhere. You can only get that from a family firsthand account,” Tilley said.

“I also let them know—they were the first Ace in the Pacific or

wherever, a lot of times they don’t know what aircraft their ancestor flew.... I have photographs I show them they’ve never seen before. It’s a thrill to see them look at it for the first time. It’s all about learning more—myself and them,” he said.

The research is like a scavenger hunt, and starts at the unit history and then the descendants.

“Originally I could call the Aces up and talk to them. I talked to about five of them,” Tilley said.

“I did a little leg work, found out where they were buried, went to the house where they grew up and took a picture of it,” he said.

## Combat adviser teams train for Afghanistan deployment

By Spc. Noelle Wiehe  
For Army News Service

FORT POLK, La. — The convoy of American Soldiers and their Afghan counterparts came to a sudden halt as a group of Afghan villagers crowded the road. With raised voices, the villagers claimed that U.S. forces had attacked their livestock, and vehemently stated that they would not let the convoy pass until they received compensation for their damaged property.

The Soldiers, members of the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, used their specialized combat advising training to work with their Afghan National Army partners to effectively negotiate a solution that was amenable to the villagers.

After this, the American and Afghan soldiers moved onto their final objective of seizing a government building that had been taken over by oppositional forces — all part of a simulated training scenario at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk Saturday.

The 1st SFAB Soldiers, headquartered in Fort Benning, Georgia, will deploy for the first time to provide training and advising assistance to Afghan National Defense Security Forces in the spring. The unit is the Army’s new permanent, additive force structure developed and deployed as a solution to the Army’s enduring advise and

assist requirement in support of the defense strategy.

The situational training exercise in Fort Polk is part of a month-long rotation to polish their skills as teams working together to accomplish theater objectives by training, advising, assisting, accompanying and enabling allied and partnered indigenous security forces before their deployment. Other Soldiers participated in the training by serving as actors who role-played as Afghan villagers, soldiers and oppositional forces.

“I think this is a great experience because (this is) a new team, new people — we have to learn how to overcome with what we have,” said Capt. Justin Alexander, a team leader with a combat adviser team, 1st Battalion, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade.

Different than typical JRTC rotations in the Army, Soldiers were expected to take on an advisory role for the Afghan National Army to be able to resolve situations rather than take a hands-on approach. A normal JRTC rotation, Alexander said, has a set mission, while the 1st SFAB learns their mission as they go through the exercise.

“ANA were in front; ANA were leading,” said Capt. Cody McBroom, a team leader for a combat advisor team, 1st Battalion, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade. “ANA did everything. As far as tactics, the basics of the infantry — shoot, move and communicate — (the ANA) did it all. It was all on them.”



PHOTO BY PFC. ZOE GARBARINO

Afghan National Defense Security Forces role players talk to Capt. Justin Alexander, a combat team adviser team leader assigned to the 1st SFAB during a simulated event at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., Jan. 13.

McBroom said the exercises at JRTC helped the 1st SFAB Soldiers come together and work as a team by learning from their strengths and deficiencies as they conducted the missions.

“It allows us to see where our deficiencies are on understanding the battalion roles and functions,” McBroom said. “I think it will make everyone more well-rounded.”

## News Briefs

### Retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker will conduct its quarterly retirement ceremony Friday at 2 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are invited to attend and honor the quarter’s retirees for their service to the nation.

### AAFES inventory hours

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service on Fort Rucker will conduct inventory Saturday-Monday, and the effort will affect business hours at several AAFES facilities. All facilities will resume normal hours Tuesday.

Exchange Inventory Dates:

Saturday — Triangle Express will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday — The main exchange will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday — The mini-mall will be open 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the military clothing store will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Community Strengths and Themes Survey

Fort Rucker continues its Community Strengths and Themes Survey through March 16. The survey is located at <https://usaphcapps.amedd.army.mil/Survey/se.ashx?s=25113745152ACC87>. All Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian employees should complete the survey. Family members and retired military are welcome to take part in the survey, as well. The survey is designed to help leadership assess the community’s health, according to officials.

### AAFES, DECA meeting

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371A, to discuss what is happening at the commissary and post exchange. This is a time for people to provide feedback and let their voices be heard. The meeting is open to authorized patrons of the commissary and PX.

For more information, call the PX at 334-503-9044, Ext. 210, or the commissary at 255-6671, Ext. 3302.

### Tobacco cessation program

The Lyster Army Health Clinic tobacco cessation program consists of four weekly sessions each month. Each class is one hour. Classes are Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon at the Army

Wellness Center.

For more information, call 255-7930.

### Alcoholics Anonymous meets

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Rm. 147 of Bldg. 4502. For more on the group, call 334-237-1973.

### Lunch and learn

The Fort Rucker Army Wellness Center will host lunch and learn sessions in collaboration with the Fort Rucker Ready Resilient Training Center. All lunch and learn sessions are open to all eligible beneficiaries, including active-duty Soldiers and their dependents, retirees and Department of Defense civilian employees.

All sessions will be located at LAHC in V-130 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

For more information, call 255-3923 or 255-9218.

### Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop needs people’s unwanted items. People can drop off dona-

tions at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call 255-9595.

### Military pay briefing

The Defense Military Pay Office briefing for Soldiers scheduled to separate due to expired term of service or involuntary separation (non-retirement) is offered as a weekly group briefing. The ETS briefing is held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371B. Soldiers should bring the following documents to the briefing: two copies of separation orders and amendments, DA 31 - Request and Authority for Leave (if approved) and the original or notarized copy of documents to support changes in marital status not previously reported to the DMPO.

The DMPO will continue to provide desk-side briefings for Soldiers who do not receive orders in time to attend a group briefing. Command teams with Soldiers who cannot attend a regularly scheduled briefing due to time constraints should call 255-3939, 255-9182 or 255-3115.



# GENERAL:

## Commanders need latitude to employ offensive cyber

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — “The limiting factor for cyber effectiveness continues to revolve around policy and process,” said Gen. Raymond A. Thomas III.

The process to approve cyber operations at the tactical, operational and strategic levels is detailed and lengthy. China and Russia are not as inhibited, he said, summarizing a recent statement from Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr.

Thomas, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, spoke at an Association of the U.S. Army-sponsored forum on cyber issues in December.

“The speed of decision making and action must keep pace with the speed of war,” Thomas said, referring to offensive cyber latitude needed by commanders.

Having said that, he added that military leaders and policy makers are pushing for the necessary authorities “that will be effective and consistent with our American values and applicable statutes, such as the law of armed conflict.”

It essentially boils down to trusting the commander and the team to do the right thing, he said.

Additionally, he said, while many U.S. allies have greater authorities in which to operate in the cyberspace domain, current methods of classification don’t facilitate sharing with them.

### SOCOM’S APPROACH

Early on, SOCOM’s approach, Thomas said, was not to outsource cyber to the chief information officer or J-6. Cyber was viewed as a commander’s tool and it has been integrated into everything SOCOM does.

Taking the initiative, he said, has driven policy discussions.

“Special operations forces thrive in a world that’s often ahead of policy,” he said. “Many of our approaches over the last decade-and-a-half of continuous combat were previously undefined in the policy realm. This can be



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PEGGY FRIERSON

said about cyber capability and [tactics, techniques and procedures] development.”

Thomas outlined how, during a recent unnamed operation, SOF and partners combined offensive cyber operations with information operations, financial disruption and kinetic effects to “destroy that adversary on an epic scale.”

He added that “we should be conducting operations like that all the time, but we’re not there yet. Exploitation must be the mindset.”

### TALENT MANAGEMENT

Besides policy and authorities, the force must get the right talent in place, Thomas said.

The Army is building effective cyber

teams and is now direct commissioning talented cyber officers, he noted. The decision to make cyber a branch was a good one as well.

However, he cautioned to “resist the institutional tendencies to hold [cyber operators] to the same standards” as the rest of the force.

They might not be marathon runners or cross-fit fanatics, he said, alluding to providing some flexibility in standards.

Once those talented cyber operators are in place, they need to be incorporated into all training exercises, he advised, returning to the point of infusing cyber into every activity.

Thomas also touched on the antiquated acquisition system, which he said is much

too slow to deliver new technology to the cyber operator.

“Cheap cyber tools enable terrorist organizations to act like nation states, and small nation states can act like global powers,” he said, meaning that the U.S. must keep ahead with new technologies that relate to cyber, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Lastly, Thomas compared cyber to Sputnik and the space race.

“We can win this, but we need to bring in the right people,” he said. “And like special operations forces, it needs to be lean, quick to respond, and flexible, with a flat administrative structure, with top-tiered skills and broad authorities to conduct effective cyber operations.”

## EXPERTS: Getting youth excited about cyber good for everyone

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army offers a number of cyber programs tailored for youth, even those with no interest in being part of the military, said Col. Andrew O. Hall, director of the Army Cyber Institute.

Hall said it’s important that all Soldiers, particularly junior officers, get a grasp of the cyber domain in order to be effective on the battlefield. Additionally, he said that growing a cyber workforce benefits all Americans, since cybersecurity in government and industry is inextricably linked to national security.

Hall and others spoke at an Association of the U.S. Army-sponsored forum on cyber issues in December where they outlined various cyber entry points for youth.

### CYBER LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Several years ago, the ACI developed and implemented the Cyber Leader Development Program for cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Hall said that program has now been extended to ROTC programs at colleges across the country for all military services.

The CLDP is not just a cyber course given in isolation, Hall said. It’s a multidisciplinary effort cutting across coursework from math and engineering to legal and ethical topics. That means teachers and students collaborate across domains.

Researchers at ACI are on hand to provide support to those students, wherever they might be, he added.

Retired Col. Dr. Daniel Ragsdale, director of the Cybersecurity Center at Texas A&M University, said his 2,500 ROTC cadets are among the beneficiaries of CLDP.

The program, he said, goes well beyond classroom learning and involves internships with industry, extracurricular activities and cybersecurity competitions.

“We’re preparing young officers to rapidly acquire skills,” he said. “Half won’t seek a commission, but the knowledge and skills they acquire will contribute to federal, state and local governments, nonprofits, the private sector, wherever they’re employed.”

### CYBER COMPETITIONS

Hall said cyber competitions fuel a tremendous amount of interest in cyber among young people. One example, he said is the All-Army CyberStakes for those in a military service pre-commissioning program. Challenges include binary exploitation, reverse engineering, forensics, cryptography and web exploitation.

Another example, he said, is CyberPatriot, a national competition involving kids at middle school and high school levels. Students are tasked with finding cybersecurity vulnerabilities in various systems.

In that program, teams compete at multiple levels in an effort to make it to a national competition involving an all-expense paid trip to Baltimore. There, the winning team earns national recognition and scholarships, according to the USCyberPatriot website.



PHOTO BY PAUL REHG

**Nearly 60 college and high school students work in teams of two to solve a series of real-world scenarios to test their technical skills and knowledge of cybersecurity during the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee’s Cyber Range capture the flag event Dec. 1 at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Army National Guard is a member of the OCS.**

Ragsdale noted that cyber competitions started as far back as the 1990s, with the National Science Foundation leading the charge. The Army took notice, he said, and the NSF effort led to the Army creating CyberPatriot.

A concern with CyberPatriot, he said, is that as students participate in “capture-the-flag” type cyber competitions that involve offensive aspects, they might become attracted to some of the more criminal cyber activities.

However, that hasn’t happened yet, Ragsdale said. And for now, the benefits of such competitions have so far outweighed any perceived drawbacks.

Natasha Cohen, director, Cyber Policy and Client Strategy, BlueVoyant, said Cyber 9/12 Student Challenge is a competition that focuses on realistic, evolving cyberattacks. Besides responding to the attacks, students must analyze the threat posed to national, international and private-sector interests.

An Army team from West Point won the competition last year, she noted.

Competitions like this one and CyberPatriot and others, helps to build trust and enduring relationships between students, faculty and the military, she added.

The Cyber 9/12 Student Challenge, now five years in running, is an international student competition at the undergraduate and graduate level. It is named for what policymakers might do the day after a “cyber 9/11 digital Pearl Harbor,” according to its website.

### OTHER CYBER ENTRY POINTS

Ragsdale said the National Security Agency has a National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense, which is an accredited program offered at over 200 universities, leading to degrees in cyber security, cyber defense research and cyber operations.

Col. Robert Kewley, head of the Department of Systems Engineering at West Point, said that the Department of Defense has what is called a Collaborative

Research and Development agreement.

He explained that this agreement involves the military, academia and private industry.

For example, he said the Army has such an agreement with universities and Lockheed-Martin, involving missile defense, lasers and cyber. That collaboration has been mutually beneficial to all three institutions, with students providing their own research into new innovations that could further advance cyber technology.

Hall said U.S. Army Cyber Command at Fort Gordon, Georgia, is reaching out to universities across the country, particularly in Georgia, to collaborate on a number of cyber research initiatives.

### REAL-WORLD PROBLEM SOLVING

Kewley said that while learning theory and doctrine in a classroom setting is valuable, nothing substitutes like hands-on learning that competitions can bring with real-world challenges. “That reinforces students’ understanding of the value of their education and the value of skills they’re learning and gets them fired up.”

Timothy D. Bloechl, a retired Army officer who now works in the private sector, said it’s important for youngsters to get on keyboards and do operations. “People get excited by that.”

He added that everyone experiences cyberattacks, not just the military. The experience students gain will contribute to national security, whether or not they chose to go into the military, government or the private sector.

Tyson B. Meadors, director for cybersecurity policy on the National Security Council, said there’s a shortage of about 300,000 cybersecurity experts across the U.S. in both government and private industry.

With these competitions and an increasing cyber focus in universities, “we’re trying to bridge that gap,” Meadors said.

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# Innovation Board approves recommendations at meeting

By Lisa Ferdinando  
*Defense Media Activity*

WASHINGTON — The Defense Innovation Board — a federal advisory committee encompassing experts in academia, technology and business — approved two recommendations today aimed at improving innovation in the Defense Department.

The board, chaired by Eric Schmidt, the executive chairman of Alphabet Inc., met in a closed session at the Pentagon, and then in a public session in a separate location in Arlington, Virginia.

In the open meeting, the board approved recommendations for DOD to create a new innovation, science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or I-STEM, career field and to establish a technology and innovation training program for the department’s senior leaders.

## FUTURE WARFIGHTING REQUIRES INNOVATION, STEM

Creating a pathway in the innovation and STEM fields is crucial if DOD wants to retain individuals with those in-demand skills, Marne Levine, the chief operating officer of Instagram, explained.

“We all know that the character of warfare is changing rapidly and the wars of the future will require a workforce equipped with innovation and STEM skill sets,” she said, noting that includes traditional STEM fields as well as areas such as data science and rapid capability development and acquisition.

Board members decided not to vote on



DOD PHOTO

Eric Schmidt, center, executive chairman of Alphabet, Inc., the parent company of Google, and chair of the Defense Innovation Advisory Board, speaks to reporters at the Pentagon following the board’s second meeting last year.

two recommendations today, saying further discussions were needed on those topics. Those items were for the department to design a DOD fast-track for major technology initiatives and to incubate and execute new ideas from the field.

## DEFENSE EXPERTS DISCUSS INNOVATION

In the open session, members heard from experts who provided analysis related to innovation activities with DOD. Members of the public also had time to address the

board.

During the closed portion, defense officials addressed the board about innovation activities to build workforce innovation capacity, promote and optimize operational practices for speed and agility, and leverage advances in technology.

The board, which meets quarterly, holds its next meeting in April.

## MISSION TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENT ADVICE

The Defense Innovation Board launched

in April 2016 with a two-year, renewable mandate. The board, which currently has 13 members, is authorized to have up to 20 members.

The panel has previously approved a dozen recommendations.

The board’s mission is to examine and provide the secretary of defense and the deputy secretary of defense independent advice and recommendations on innovative means to address future challenges in terms of integrated change to organizational structure and processes, business and functional concepts, and technology applications.

In addition to Schmidt and Levine, current board members are Adam Grant, professor at the Wharton School of Business; W. Daniel Hillis, computer theorist and co-founder of Applied Inventions; Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn and partner in Greylock Partners; Walter Isaacson, president and CEO of the Aspen Institute; Eric Lander, president and founding director of the Broad Institute; J. Michael McQuade, senior vice president for science and technology at United Technologies Corp.; Richard Murray, professor at California Institute of Technology; Jennifer Pahlka, founder and executive director of Code for America; retired Navy Adm. William McRaven, chancellor of the University of Texas System; Milo Medin, vice president for access services for Google Capital; and Neil deGrasse Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium.

# INTEGRATED

## Army cyber activities teams playing pivotal role in warfare

By David Vergun  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON — Cyber-Electromagnetic Activities teams are now routinely operating with brigades at combat training centers and sometimes during home-station training, said Maj. Gen. John B. Morrison Jr., commander of the Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon, Georgia.

That was not the case in 2015, when the pilot, known as CEMA Support to Corps and Below, or CSCB, was launched, Morrison said at a Cyber Hot Topics panel sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army in December.

The key word to remember about CEMA teams, he said, is “integration.”

It’s about “integrating requirements, integrating capabilities and integrating formations so literally you can have a combined arms effect inside cyberspace,” he said.

The CEMA teams themselves are becoming integrated as well, with specialists from cyber, military intelligence, electronic warfare, signals intelligence and sometime space coming together to deliver effects to the maneuver commander, he said.

## CYBER BRANCH INTEGRATION

This integration is a new concept and the transition is still in progress, Morrison said. For instance, electronic warfare, or EW, personnel will be rolled into the newly-created Cyber Branch Oct. 1. And beginning this month, mobile training teams will fan out across the Army to pave the way for full integration.

There are discussions with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command regarding moving information operations into the Cyber Branch as well, he added.

Col. Paul “Tim” Brooks, Mission Assurance division chief, Department of the Army Management Office — Cyber, said social network analysis will also likely play a role in CEMA operations and within the Cyber Branch.

Taking the integration concept one step further, Brooks said there are discussions about whether or not CEMA



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PEGGY FRIERSON

Cyber-Electromagnetic Activities teams are now routinely operating with brigade combat teams at combat training centers and sometimes during home station training, said Maj. Gen. John B. Morrison Jr., commander, Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon, Ga.

should be solely an Army warfighting function or joint with the other services.

## SCHOOLHOUSE INTEGRATION

Brig. Gen. Neil S. Hersey, commandant, U.S. Army Cyber Center and School, said that his school at Fort Gordon has also been integrating Soldiers from the various CEMA specialties, and the program of instruction reflects that change.

The goal of the school, he said, is to better train and educate the students so that each has knowledge of what the others are doing. For instance, someone in cyber should know something about EW and military intelligence, or signals intelligence. The reason for that is that there are times when an offensive or defensive CEMA solution might involve just EW or information operations — or a combination — so everyone needs to have that full-spectrum knowledge they can deliver to the maneuver commander.

The other goal, Hersey said, is to produce professionals who can hit the ground running once they leave the school house, with minimal follow-on training at their assigned units.

## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE INTEGRATION

Morrison said that integration can also mean collaborating across the centers of excellence. For instance, in the formulation of a recent cyber requirement, it was beneficial to have both the Cyber and the Intelligence COEs working on an integrated requirement.

Hersey noted that the Special Operations COE has good information on the cognitive and human dimensions of warfare that can prove useful to a CEMA team and when writing a cyber requirement.

Morrison observed that adversaries are not stovepiped in their planning and execution, so that’s why integrated discussions at the COE level are so important.

## TRAINING INTEGRATION

Maj. Wayne A. Sanders, branch chief, CEMA Support to Corps and Below, ARCYBER G39, said CEMA teams have in the last few years been integrated into exercises at the combat training centers and at some home station training areas.

Col. Robert M. Ryan, commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, has been the recipient of that integrated CEMA effort at his brigade’s home station and CTC training.

CEMA teams, he said, play a key role in decision-making and targeting decisions. For instance, a problem set might be: “Can I turn someone off with EW and collect cyber intelligence and feed that up to division and corps?”

And how can I work authorities to best leverage the end state?”

Sanders said a CEMA team was able to show Ryan the electromagnetic signals his brigade was producing during his home station training. “His brigade was lit up like a Christmas tree.”

The CEMA team showed him how to effectively reduce that signal, Sanders added.

## INDUSTRY INTEGRATION

Retired Col. George Lewis, vice president, CEMA Initiatives, CACI International, said it’s no longer just nation-states that pose a threat in the CEMA environment. Even “low-tech people can outpace us in their requirements and acquisition efforts. We’ve got to adapt quicker.”

Lewis also mentioned the need for integrating better with industry and academia to gain the best technology, tactics, techniques and procedures.

Retired Army Col. Laurie Buckhout, president and CEO, Corvus Group, said contractors are generally a lot older and have a much more diverse set of experiences and skills than Soldiers. They also collaborate well with Soldiers when invited.

Lastly, Maj. Gen. Patricia A. Frost, director of Cyber G-3/5/7, summed up the importance of cyber integration, noting that all Soldiers need to have a basic awareness and knowledge of CEMA. “We’re a digital Army.”



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Second Lt. Ian Reynoso uses a field computer to probe for a targeted wireless network signal during a field training exercise at Fort Gordon March 1.

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# Deer

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deer because they don't have time to react when they see the deer bolt out from the woods.

"Whenever you see a deer crossing the roadway in front of you, always assume there are more following," he added.

"Deer normally don't travel alone. They have three or four in each group. If the deer is just standing by the roadway, slow down. The headlights from vehicles blind the deer, so they can run in front of your vehicle without even realizing they are going into the danger area."

Additional caution should also be taken during the low-

light periods of day, such as dawn and dusk, according to Dumais.

"During these lowlight periods, just slow down and watch for deer activity," he said. "Headlights will reflect the eyes of the deer off the edge of the roadways, so use your lights at dusk and dawn."

# Heliport

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Evelt said the need for the new fire station arose from the deteriorating conditions at the old facility and the firefighters were in need for an upgrade to help them better serve.

"It's called a fire station, but really we call it a fire house, and it's called a fire house because these guys live there," said the fire chief. "They live there for 48 hours at a time – sometimes 72 if there is a manpower shortage and they have to fill in.

"They really do need to have a house that meets their needs. It needs to have a kitchen, bunk-rooms, they need to be able to wash their clothes and conduct their training, as well as house the equipment and the apparatus," he said. "It needs to be a structure to support all of that and protect the equipment, so it's critical."

Kidd added that the new facility allows the firefighters to provide their service to their community

day in and day out, and it's because of that service that it's necessary to make sure they're taken care of properly.

"I hope that we can get facilities like this that are worthy of the hard work that you put into this every day," said the deputy to the commanding general. "Thanks to everyone who had a part in this. It was a long time coming, but we hope that it will be adequate to the needs of you (who are) serving us out here."

The new 5,678 square-foot facility consists of a day room, kitchen, training room, office, six dorm rooms, laundry room, and separate men's and women's bathrooms that include showers, according to Candy Vaughan, Directorate of Public Works chief of engineering design branch. The fire station also includes an apparatus bay that that can accommodate two fire trucks.

Design for the fire station began in 2015, and much was taken into consideration when drawing up the plans for the new facility, said



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Knox Army Heliport's new fire station officially opened Jan. 10 and boasts a day room, kitchen, training room, office, six dorm rooms, laundry room, and separate men's and women's bathrooms, including showers.

Vaughan.

"We have to take into consideration the number of firefighters that will be stationed at the facility, as well as the amenities that are required for their duty hours," she said. "(DPW) officials speak with the customers, and find out what their needs and requirements and wants are – we try to incorporate as much of that as we can within

the legal limitations."

By working together, they are able to create a fire station that will help firefighters better serve their community, said Vaughan.

In addition to the opening of the new fire house, the station welcomed a new fire truck, as well, and did so with a long-standing tradition.

"This tradition stems back from

the 1800s when the fire trucks weren't trucks, but horse-drawn wagons," said Evelt. "To get the wagon back into the station, they would have to push the apparatus back into the bay."

All together – firefighters, Fort Rucker senior leadership and DPW officials – they pushed the new fire engine into its new home as the fire station was officially opened.

# ATSCOM

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leadership positions, including Aviation operations specialist; Aviation operations chief; range control shift leader; MNFI Command Aviation NCOIC; Senior Leader Course small group leader; Advance Leader Course/SLC Branch Chief; first sergeant; air traffic control operations chief; and brigade operations sergeant major.

His assignments have taken him across the globe, serving at Fort Drum, New York; Camp Humphreys, Korea; Cleveland Recruiting Battalion, Ohio; Fort Hood, Texas;

Camp Doha, Kuwait; and Fort Bliss, Texas.

Webster has also served in multiple deployments including Operation Uphold Democracy, two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Haiti.

During his time in the Army, Webster has earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award); Army Commendation Medal (4th award); Army Achievement Medal (5th award); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Army Superior Unit Award; the Army Good Conduct

Medal (7th award); National Defense Service Medal (2nd award); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal (2nd Award); the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (one campaign star); Iraqi Campaign Medal (one campaign star); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral four); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral three); Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Recruiter Badge; Air Assault badge and Master Aviation Badge.

# 110th Avn. Bde.

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welcoming the Logans.

Logan said he was humbled to take the position and looks forward to serving with the Soldiers and family members of the brigade, adding that it's the people of the unit who contribute most to its success.

"Today's ceremony is about the Soldiers and the Department of the Army civilians of this brigade," said the new command sergeant major. "To all the leaders here today, please continue to take care of the Soldiers and the families in your charge and in your care. The greatest asset in the Army's inventory is its people.

"Amy and I are both humbled to serve here amongst you all," he continued. "I look forward to serving alongside each of you in the future as your command sergeant major."

Logan returns to Fort Rucker from his most recent assignment as the command sergeant major of the 112th Aviation Support Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.

He brings with him a wealth of experience, having served in a multitude of assignments and leadership positions ranging from a flight engineer with B Company, 2-160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; platoon sergeant

for both the 2-160th SOAR in Taegu, Korea, as well as A Co., 2-160th SOAR in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; senior NCO Academy instructor and leaders at the NCO Academy in Fort Eustis, Virginia; and first sergeant of the B Co., 12th Aviation Battalion, Army Air Operations Group, Military District of Washington.

"I have the privilege to welcome Command Sergeant Major John and Amy Logan," said Chasteen. "Logan brings to us a deep reservoir of operational and instructor experience. He served in every level of leadership during the last 23 years.

"Welcome to the team. John, you are a warrior, and you will quickly find a home at the helm of the Warrior brigade," continued the brigade commander. "We are fortunate to call you our command sergeant major, and together we will strive to make this great unit even better."

Ankrum echoed Chasteen's confidence in the new command team to lead the 110th to greater heights, adding that the people of the organization is what made his time at the unit great.

"The professionals of the 110th Aviation Brigade do more with less by working seven days a week in some cases in order to meet the demands of the Army," said the outgoing command sergeant major. "John, I wish you

and the rest of team Logan the best of luck. This has been one of the most rewarding assignments of my career – to lead an Aviation

Brigade in an Army that trains our future Aviators. It is a unique opportunity, and I'm proud to say I was a part of it."

# ACLC

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across the globe to include: Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Eustis, Virginia; Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Bliss, Texas; Camp Humphreys, Korea; Camp Page, Korea; and Camp Eagle, Korea.

He has also served in multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With his experience, Cowart said he was excited to join the ACLC team to take the organization to greater levels of excellence.

"I was completely stoked about the opportunity to (join the ACLC team). (I thought) I knew exactly what the ACLC mission was, but over the transition, I quickly learned that I only partially understood what the mission was," said the

incoming sergeant major. "I'm more eager than before to get after it and join this great organization – I look forward to working on your team."

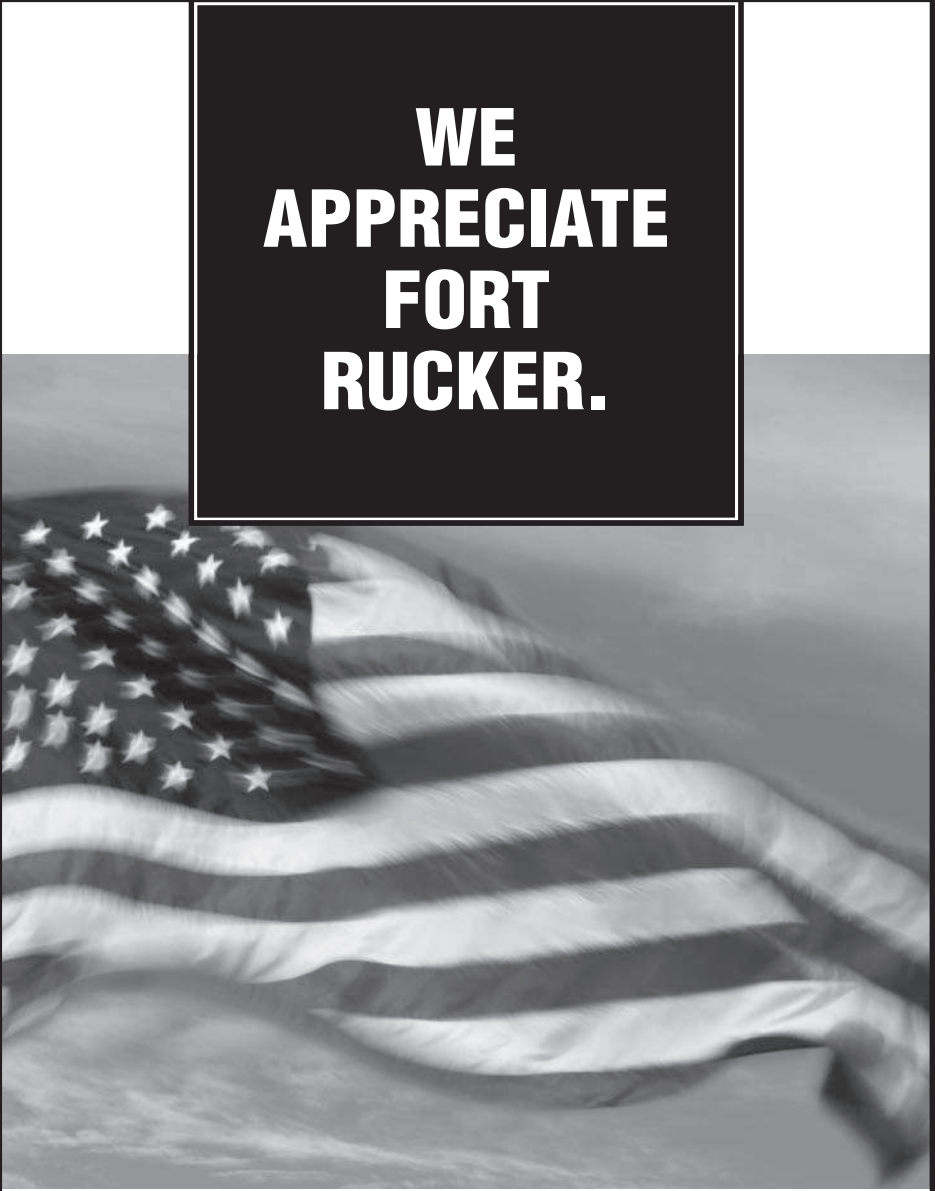
As Best welcomed the new sergeant major, he expressed his appreciation to Lopez for his dedication and leadership to the organization.

"Lopez has carried and facilitated the commander's intent, and through the power of his personal interaction and communications skills, has found an effective way to move our organization forward and set the right foundation for our future," said the ACLC commander. "Our vision is simple here in the Aviation Center Logistics Command – a quality, safe piece of equipment provided to every trainee, every single day. Making all of this hap-

pen in the past six months has been Sergeant Major Lopez. One of the things that (Lopez) has shown us so well is the ability and importance of building teams."

Lopez expressed his gratitude for his time at the organization, and said he has full confidence that Cowart will take the unit to a new level.

"I've really enjoyed my time here at ACLC because we had a great team of civilians and Soldier who come to work every single day to do the best they can," said the outgoing sergeant major. "Now it's time for me to go, but I know ACLC is in good hands. Jerry, I would tell you good luck, but you won't need it. ACLC is run by a great team of Soldiers, officers and civilians that will take care of you."



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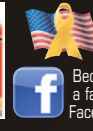


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# BREAKING BARRIERS

*Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors work together to expand knowledge*

By Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ryan Labadens  
403rd Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Members of the 41st Aerial Port Squadron and other Air Force, Army and Navy units teamed up for a joint training scenario called GRIP III Breaking Barriers Jan. 5-7 at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center – Battlefield Airman Center.

Reservists, guardsmen, civilians and active-duty members from the three military branches worked side by side during this event, highlighting the joint effort of this training opportunity.

Members of 1108th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, Gulfport CRTC, provided UH-60 Black Hawks to ferry personnel from Keesler to the CRTC, simulating transportation of personnel from one forward operating base to another.

Master Sgt. Steve Martin, 41st APS ramp assistant supervisor, said the primary goal of this training was to give reservists

and other military members the opportunity to train with aircraft, personnel and equipment that they normally don't get to encounter in their everyday training environments.

"When we deploy, we never know who we're going to have to support. It could be an Army unit with 40 pieces of equipment that's got to be airlifted, it could be a Navy unit coming to us that needs to be shipped out, or somebody coming in that needs to go back to the states," said Martin. "So our guys need this kind of training to give them the chance to mimic what they might encounter downrange."

While at the CRTC, members performed joint inspections of several vehicles, some of which included a CH-47 Chinook, light mobile tactical vehicles, high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles and mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles. The Navy Special Boat Team 22 from John C. Stennis Space

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AIR FORCE PHOTO TECH. SGT. RYAN LABADENS

Reservists from the 41st Aerial Port Squadron and other service members from various units prepare to load a CH-47 Chinook helicopter onto a C-5M Super Galaxy from the 709th Airlift Squadron at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center – Battlefield Airman Center, Miss., Jan. 6.

## CALLED TO ACTION



PHOTO BY AIR NATIONAL GUARD SENIOR AIRMAN CRYSTAL HOUSMAN

Sgt. Matthew Gryzwa, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew chief, prepares to take off from Los Alamitos Army Airfield, Los Alamitos, Calif., Jan. 9. Two California Army National Guard helicopters, along with their crews and rescue equipment, were activated from the airfield's flight facility to assist civil authorities with response to storm-driven mudslides in areas burned by recent wildfires in Southern California. Eight California National Guard helicopters were activated throughout the state.

# TO THE RESCUE

*Army Aviators help Airmen train for life-saving mission*

By James Fisher  
377th Air Base Wing  
Public Affairs

KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. — The cadre at the U.S. Air Force Pararescue School at Kirtland employed a dynamic exercise regimen and the 3rd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, an Army unit from Fort Bliss, Texas, to create the fog of war for students Jan. 4 to Saturday.

The 10-day final evaluation phase was designed to test students comprehensively before they earn the right to where the maroon beret at the end of this month, according to 351st Battlefield Airman Training Squadron (PJ School) commander, Lt. Col. Joe Lopez.

"This is a sequence of missions that we provide these students full mission profiles and we drop several missions per day on them through the course of 10 days," Lopez said.

A mass casualty scenario the morning of Jan. 6 demonstrated the rigor and complexity of a full mission profile, he explained. Incorporating more than 100 Airmen and Soldiers, the scenario included downed helicopters and a conveying response force that came under attack while trying to help. At that point, the PJ and CRO students were inserted via UH-60 Black Hawks from the 3-501st Avn. Regt.

"Students have been given the mission, have planned for the mission and are preparing to arrive on station to render aide to the folks that need it," Lopez said, as small arms fire rang out and Black Hawk rotors began slashing through the



PHOTO BY JIM FISHER

A student from the U.S. Air Force Pararescue School shields a wounded Airman while engaging in small arms fire during a mass casualty exercise Jan. 6 at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. Members of the 3-501st Avn. Regt. from Fort Bliss, Texas, provided the air component with UH-60 Black Hawks.

sky above the training area.

The students were inserted on a hilltop while taking fire, and managed to triage, treat and transport all wounded over the course of the exercise. As the Black Hawks returned to the FOB, Black Hawk pilot and Albuquerque native Capt. Chloe Flores said the exercise was a great opportunity for the Army contingent.

"Things went really well today. This (joint training) provides a good opportunity for us to train with actual pararescuemen, the dynamic mission set that they face really gives us an opportunity to practice how to react to that mission set and support them," said Flores, commander of the 3-501st's C Company. "It was very hasty, we had to move really fast, and aircraft had to split up to support forces (under attack)

on the ground. We were sequencing aircraft out of a (hot landing zone) and were able to pick up the patients and bring them back to the medical facility here."

Flores graduated from Eldorado High School before going on to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. She said it was nice to be stationed close to home and even better to exercise at Kirtland.

"It's really cool to be back home and training in my own back yard here," she said.

Another homecoming of sorts took place during the exercise, as the 351st's director of training, Master Sgt. Aaron Love, linked up with his brother and 3-501st Avn. Regt. Black Hawk pilot CW2 Brian Love. Originally from Akron, Ohio, they

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# SECURE WI-FI

*Army pushes to gain strategic edge over enemies*

By Amy Walker  
PEO C3T/PM Tactical Network  
Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — In support of on-going efforts to make command posts more resilient, mobile and survivable, the Army is pushing to get secure Wi-Fi to the field to help gain an operational edge against potential peer and near-peer adversaries.

Following the relocation of a command post on the battlefield, referred to as a "jump," secure Wi-Fi enables critical network and mission command systems to come up online in minutes, versus waiting many hours for Soldiers to wire a command post for network connectivity.

The 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division successfully piloted this secure Wi-Fi capability for a second time during decisive action training at the National Training Center on Fort Irwin, California, which concluded in November. During this realistic combat training event, the unit fought against a capable adversary and used secure Wi-Fi extensively throughout its brigade command post to speed maneuver, provide continuity of mission command and remain a step ahead of enemy forces.

"The key benefit provided by secure Wi-Fi is the velocity that it brings to [the set up of] my mission command systems," said Col. Michael Adams, commander of 1st ABCT, 3rd ID. "Near-peer adversaries are much more capable than enemies we trained against previously. In a decisive action training environment, [armed with Secure Wi-Fi], we are much faster and more mobile, and that equates to survivability."

The unit successfully used secure Wi-Fi to provide untethered network connections to enable secure wireless voice, video and data exchange on more than 60 unclassified computers and 100 classified computers and mission command systems, such as Command Post Of the Future. At any given point during this event, there were at least 60 active secure Wi-Fi users inside the brigade main command post, known as the tactical operations center, Adams said. The only wired systems that were not allowed to be wired were those Army mission command systems that were waiting to receive Army authority to operate on secure Wi-Fi.

"The win was that once the Wi-Fi system was up, I could get everyone up at the same time across the entire staff," Adams said. "It's a colloquialism; many hands make light work, but it's also an ability to fuse the actions of the entire brigade combat team across all warfighting functions."

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PHOTO BY PVT. AUSTIN ANYZESKI

Vehicles from 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment hold their positions during movement to engage elements of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, in the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., April 2. During the training rotation, secure Wi-Fi enabled fast reliable mission command and network communications in the brigade main command post.



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# Barriers

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Center, Mississippi, provided a riverine command boat, and rigid inflatable boat and trailers for the APS members to practice loading and offloading, as well.

While at the Gulfport CRTC, reservists from 41st APS worked alongside air national guardsmen from the 186th APS, Key Field Air National Guard Base, Miss., on how to load and offload various vehicles on a C-5M Super

Galaxy aircraft from the 709th Airlift Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. This allowed them to train jointly with other military members on these procedures, in addition to vehicle inspections, cargo sequencing, preparing the airframe for aeromedical evacuation, and various other scenarios related to the cargo and personnel this aircraft might deliver.

“My hope with this type of training is to expose them to the

types of problems they might run into so that they can troubleshoot these different issues in a training environment. Then they can minimize the actual operational problems,” said Martin.

Army National Guard Master Sgt. Vernon Dedeaux, 1108th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, helicopter mechanic supervisor, agreed with Martin, noting the importance of communication to the success of this type of training and to work-

ing together in a deployed environment.

“I think the big takeaway is – because it’s a little bit more of a laid back training environment – it’s easier to correct a mistake, to talk it out and resolve it right then and there,” said Dedeaux.

For many of the military members, this was their first time getting to work with a C-5M Super Galaxy airframe and with many of the vehicles that were available for inspection, loading and

offloading. That was the case for Senior Airman Heather Strang, 41st APS air transportation technician, who noted how beneficial this training was.

“As reservists we don’t have a lot of hands-on experience with the bigger aircraft or loading larger equipment onto a bigger aircraft, so it’s good to get the experience here in a relaxed location so that, when you do deploy, you know what you’re doing,” said Strang.

# Wi-Fi

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Similar to the Wi-Fi used in most homes, the Army’s National Security Agency-accredited solution provides wireless network connectivity inside the command post, with added layers of security. Secure Wi-Fi is managed by the Army’s Product Manager Network Modernization, assigned to Project Manager Tactical Network.

Without wireless capability, establishing a network in a typical brigade command post takes many hours and requires dozens of boxes of expensive CAT 5 network cable that weigh hundreds of pounds. Every time a command post is jumped, the cables have to be cut, laid out, configured and plugged in, and often replaced because of damage and continual wear and tear. Protective flooring has to be laid over the wiring, making it difficult to troubleshoot network issues. Secure Wi-Fi can eliminate these hurdles since its small remote access points provide quick and easy network connections throughout the entire command post within minutes.

“Secure Wi-Fi also speeds our mission military decision making process,” Adams said. “If I know that something is going on and I can get ahead of the enemy commander, then I can set the conditions so that he is fighting from a position of disadvantage. With secure Wi-Fi, I gain an exponential increase in velocity, and the deeper the Wi-Fi capabilities in the formation, the more we are able to do.”

To outmaneuver its near-peer adversary at the NTC, 1st ABCT, 3rd ID had to jump its brigade TOC several times during the realistic field exercise. These massive relocation efforts in the harsh terrain of the Mojave Desert were sometimes conducted in the dark of night, and because of mock threats of chemical and biological warfare, Soldiers were required to wear protective



PHOTO BY AMY WALKER

A Soldier from the 1st ABCT, 3rd ID sets up a secure Wi-Fi access point in the brigade main command post as part of a pilot of the capability during the unit’s training rotation at the National Training Center in April.

gear, making it more difficult to set up and wire a large brigade command post. Secure Wi-Fi made it much easier and faster to set up the network (from hours to minutes) under these extreme conditions, and users were able to connect to the network and use their mission command systems earlier and stay connected longer prior to the next jump, Adams said.

“Without Wi-Fi, users were often waiting (depending on position or rank) for wire to be run,” said Maj. Michael Donegan, 1st ABCT, 3rd ID communications officer. “This proves wildly inefficient, as everyone on a TOC floor has an immediate and uniquely important job to accomplish. The ability to rapidly collaborate in planning is critical in order to defeat a near-peer threat. With the introduction of Wi-Fi, you don’t have to choose or prioritize which users get access first.”

Secure Wi-Fi decreased the brigade’s TOC relocation time dramatically, with the unit able to be up on all Army mission command system services simultaneously much sooner after arriving on site. It also enabled the commander to set up the TOC in different configurations to support new locations or mission requirements without having to cut new lengths of wire, Donegan said.

“The ability to have a mobile command post and exercise mission command with Secure Wi-Fi continues to be a force multiplier,” Donegan said.

Adams said he is looking forward to seeing secure Wi-Fi eventually implemented at battalion-level command posts as well, to further increase his brigade’s speed of maneuver. The Army has recently developed a smaller version that reduces the footprint of the server stacks by 60 percent,

to support smaller echelon command posts requiring fewer users. The Army plans to demonstrate this small form factor secure Wi-Fi capability during a risk reduction event in spring 2018 as a rapid acquisition initiative.

The Army continues to use Soldier feedback from pilots, user juries and training events such as NTC rotations to continuously improve and provide the best capability possible, as part of an iterative process where lessons are always being learned and technology continuously is adapted to the way the Army needs to fight.

In December, the Army issued a Command Post Directed Requirement intended to enable experimentation and rapid prototyping to better inform command post requirements. The directed requirement is closely nested with the draft Command Post Integrated Infrastructure capability development document, which would create a new program of record to provide mobile command post solutions to corps, division, and brigade combat teams.

The directed requirement calls for the Army to leverage wireless technology capabilities to facilitate rapid connectivity and displacement. Secure Wi-Fi is proving to be a vital element in the Army’s acquisition of new integrated expeditionary command posts solutions, said Lt. Col. Mark Henderson, the Product Manager for Network Modernization who manages secure Wi-Fi for the Army. Henderson is a member of Project Manager Tactical Network, PEO C3T.

“Lack of mobility and agility are amongst the biggest factors making today’s large command posts vulnerable in near peer threat environments,” Henderson said. “Secure Wi-Fi increases mobility and operational flexibility, and better enables mission command so commanders can do what they do best – fight and win!”

# Rescue

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had previously served in Iraq at the same time, but this was the first time they had trained together in integrated units.

Love said that while they kid each other about the inter-service rivalry, they share a serious mutual respect and everybody else better do the same.

“We mess with each other all the time, but outside of us it’s all about praise and respect,” Love said. “Everybody around here knows all about the Love brothers. We’re real proud of us.”



PHOTOS BY JIM FISHER

Students load patients for aeromedical evacuation during a mass casualty exercise.



A student from the USAF Pararescue School carries a wounded Airman to safety during a mass casualty exercise.

Both have taken on high risk missions in the interest of their nation’s defense. In fact, this sentiment is exemplified in the PJ and CRO motto, “We do these things that others may live.” Students so near to putting on their berets have overcome many obstacles and years of elite military training to get to this point, Lopez explained.

“These gentlemen have been in their course of training for approximately two to three years,” Lopez said. “The end of this training is approximately six months long – the apprentice course – they are now two to three

weeks away from becoming brand new pararescuemen and combat rescue officers.”

Training prior to the apprentice course at Kirtland includes Army airborne, military free fall, survival school, combat dive, and emergency medical technician training and certification. The washout rate for people entering the program is between 85 and 90 percent, Lopez said.

“We are looking for someone that is extremely physically capable, but also mentally resilient and able to bring all that together on the battlefield,” Lopez said.



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# MILITARY HISTORY

## Nearby museums provide view into America's military past

**Army Flier**  
*Staff Report*

While many people enjoy a regular visit and learning experience at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker, fellow military-themed museums also offer people a look inside American military history.

From the Florida panhandle to Alabama's capital, here are several of the many nearby military-themed museums that are worth a visit.

### NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM

The National Infantry Museum, just outside of Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, highlights the journey of the American infantryman, from past to present. According to the museum's website, it hosts a collection of more than 70,000 artifacts that date back as far as 240 years. The museum offers an array of monuments, interactive kiosks, and relics featured in 13 exhibits including the Eras of Infantry, the Vietnam Memorial Plaza, Armor and Calvary Gallery, and the Hall of Valor.

Lara Warren, the museum's director of education and volunteer services, said, "the museum is most unique in how we tell the Soldier's story. We tell not only the story of the infantry Soldier, but that of the American Soldier."

Warren said that, in addition to exhibits, the museum hosts a giant screen theater where visitors can watch documentaries and Hollywood films. A list of showtimes and ticket pricing can be found on the museum's webpage.

Tours are self-guided and it's recommended that visitors dedicate at least three hours for touring. A list of one hour, half day and full day itineraries can be found on the museum's webpage.

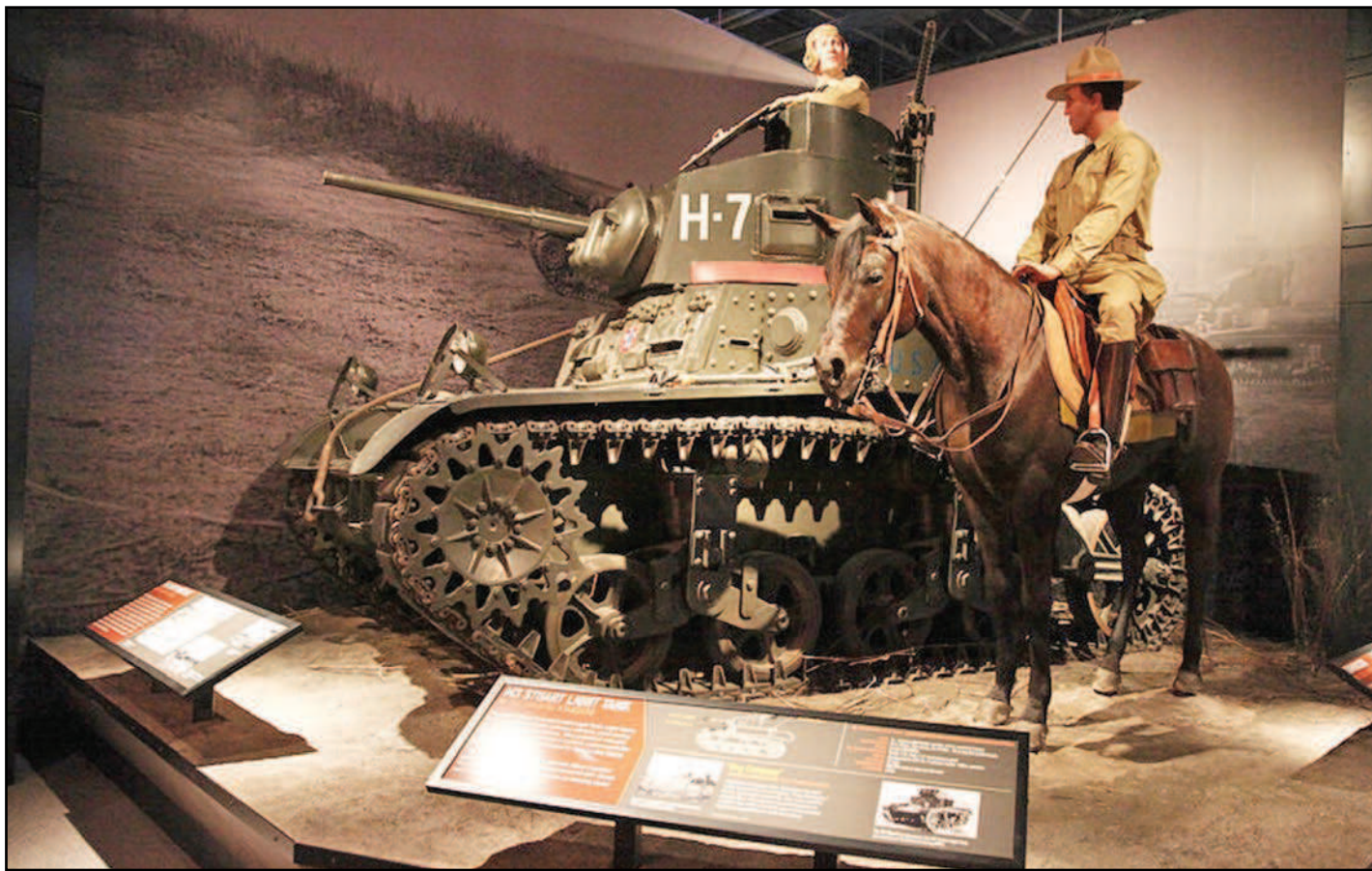
"There are a lot of facets to the museum," said Warren, "it's a great place of honor."

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free of charge with a suggested \$5 donation. Bags larger than 11" x 6" x 15" are not allowed inside the museum or on the museum campus.

For more information on the National Infantry Museum, visit [nationalinfantrymuseum.org](http://nationalinfantrymuseum.org) or call 706-685-5800.

### AIR FORCE ENLISTED HERITAGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research



COURTESY PHOTOS

A display at the National Infantry Museum, just outside of Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.



A display at the Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery.

Institute, commonly known as Enlisted Heritage Hall, can be found on Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. According to the institute's website, its mission is to "[pre-serve] the rich and dramatic heritage and tradition of the USAF enlisted corps and its antecedents — such as the Aeronautical Division, Signal Corps; Army Air Service; Army Air Corps; and Army Air Forces".

Artifacts, pictorial exhibits, written and oral documentation, art collections, audiovisuals and selected aircraft parts are featured at the museum, according to their webpage.

Bill Chivale, museum curator, quoted in an article by the Air University Foundation, said, "Years of research and study have

gone into some of our displays, and many have won the Air Force Heritage award, the highest honor that is given to facilities like ours."

The museum is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and admission is free of charge. Visitors who do not have a Department of Defense ID or are not escorted by a holder of a DOD ID must obtain a visitors pass through the Maxwell Visitor Center. The visitor center is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and can be contacted at 334-953-4283.

For more information on the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute, visit [AFEHRI.au.af.mil](http://AFEHRI.au.af.mil) or call 334-416-3202.

### NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM

Located in Pensacola, Florida, the National Naval Aviation Museum is the world's largest Naval Aviation Museum. According to the museum's website, over 150 restored aircraft that represent Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Aviation are featured. The museum hosts exhibits inside its 350,000-sq. ft. building and outside on its 37-acre grounds.

The museum offers a wide range of exhibits and displays, including the popular Blue Angels exhibit. The museum's webpage describes the Blue Angels exhibit as a "dazzling seven-story glass and steel atrium that showcases four A-4 Skyhawks in a diving diamond formation".

The museum also offers several 3D flight simulators, including the MaxFlight 360 simulator and

The Motion Based Simulator, which can accommodate up to 15 passengers and moves in six directions. Simulator ticket prices and schedules can be found on the museum's webpage.

Admission is free and the museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. All visitors who do not have a DOD ID or are not escorted by a holder of a DOD ID must enter and exit Naval Air Station Pensacola via the West Gate off Blue Angel Parkway. Visitors (16 years and older) must present valid identification for entry to the air station. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed in the museum (exception for diaper bags).

For more information on the National Naval Aviation Museum, visit [navalaviationmuseum.org](http://navalaviationmuseum.org) or call 850-452-3604.

## Program provides in-home care, employment

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

When it comes to child care, the Fort Rucker Child Development Center and Mini CDC are the installation's main resources for parents, but one program offers a more intimate setting that also includes the same high standards.

The Fort Rucker Family Child Care program provides in-home

child care for up to six children in a home-like environment where children receive the same level of care and education that they would at one of the centers, according to Monteka Freeman, FCC director and Mini CDC assistant director.

"Family child care is in-home childcare that is provided by spouses that live in housing on the installation," said Freeman. "These providers are basically self-employed

daycares, but they fall under [child and youth services] guidelines as far as their training and regulations."

The program also provides unique employment opportunities for those looking to earn income while working from home, said the assistant director.

"This program allows providers to have the flexibility to still spend the time with their family and still be a 'stay-at-home family,' but still take care of other children, bring in income and pursue what they want to do," she said.

"This is a great opportunity for stay-at-home moms," added Kimberly Cardwell, FCC training and curriculum specialist. "If you have a child at home and you're really not ready to go back to work but you want some income, it's a great opportunity."

For Cinthia Gonzales, FCC provider, who started the process to become one of the program's in-home caretakers last year, said the program is a great way for stay-at-home mothers to earn money and become certified.

Gonzalez began the process to become an FCC provider while in her family was stationed in Germany and completed the process when she arrived at Fort Rucker last year.

"I can stay at home and make some income and take care of my baby while I'm working," she said, adding that although the process to become a provider is extensive,

it's well worth the effort. "Don't be afraid to do it. [The process] seems like a lot, but it's not hard at all. People just need to be really patient on the process."

All FCC providers must go through the same training and certifications that CYS program assistants and staff members must complete, including first-aid and CPR certification, safety, health and guidance. This also encompasses social and emotional development training, said Cardwell.

"Their training is a pretty intensive, yearlong training," she said. "Before they are able to care for any children, they must have basic child development training, guidance training and proper medical emergency training."

The providers must also learn to administer any type of medication that is required of them, such as epinephrine injections and nebulizers, said the training and curriculums specialist.

Each of the providers must also go through child abuse training, so they are able to recognize the signs of child abuse and understand what is classified as child abuse, not just with the children, but with the parents, she said, so the level of childcare provided is up to par with what is available at either of the centers.

In addition to the certification and training, each provider's home must pass and adhere to fire, health and safety inspections, and the provider, as well as family members

living in the home, must go through extensive background checks, said Freeman.

"Each of the providers must go through an interview process, and their spouses must also go through an interview process, and if their children are old enough, they must also go through an interview process, as well," she said. "We conduct formal interviews and inspections to make sure the family will be a good fit for the program — the process is very thorough."

Although the process may seem overwhelming, it's meant to provide a safe, healthy environment for children. Freeman said the program is a win-win for providers and families, and the need for quality childcare is out there, which is what she hopes the FCC will be able to provide on a more extensive scale.

"Anyone can babysit, but when you have a provider that has gone through [this level of] training, they're not in it just for the money," she said. "There is a need for this because there are times when we can't accommodate (everyone) here at the centers because we're full or we don't have the space available for the age group that needs it, so to be able to have the FCC provider that can offer the same thing that the centers can offer should mean a lot to not only the parent, but the child, as well."

For more information on the FCC program, call 255-3066 or 255-3106.



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Cinthia Gonzalez looks after her daughter, Judith, in their home last year, where she also looks after other children as an FCC provider.



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For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-2887.

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Army Community Service accredited financial counselors will present a Blended Retirement System Seminar from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in Bldg. 5700, the Soldier Service Center, in Rm. 350. The seminar will be a discussion of the significant changes to the current military retirement system, including continuation pay and the Thrift Savings Plan with matching government contributions. Pre-registration is required by Monday. Free child care will be available with registration.

For more information and to register, call 255-3949 or 255-9631. Registration can also be completed at <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/programs/army-community-service>.

**Gardening by Design**

The Center Library will present Gardening by Design, with Tammy Ziglar from the Dale County Extension Office leading the discussion, Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m. Organizers said the event is designed to let people know what they can do now to prepare for a beautiful spring and summer garden. The free event is open to authorized patrons of all ages and is Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information or to register, call 255-3885 or visit the library.

**Fort Rucker Right Arm Night**

The Landing Zone will host the Fort Rucker Right Arm Night Jan. 25 from 4-6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome.

For more information, call 255-0768.

**Employment readiness class**

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions Feb. 1 and 13 in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about 11:30 a.m. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required.

For more information, call 255-2594.

**Valentine craft**

The Center Library will have a Design your Valentine craft session Feb. 6 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Patrons will have a chance to create a Valentine’s card for that special someone. The free event is open to authorized patrons of all ages and is Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information or to register, call 255-3885 or visit the library.

**Special Ed Connection Webinar**

The Army Installation Management Command Exceptional Family Member Program offers the LRP Publications’ Special Ed Connection® and DirectSTEP® eCourses free of charge. Special Ed Connection® provides resources and tools that Army staff and parents can use to gain a clear understanding of special education requirements and services,



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## Travel Extravaganza

The 30th annual Fort Rucker Travel Extravaganza will be hosted by MWR Central Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing. Over 50 vendors will be present to discuss information and answer questions. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public and Exceptional Family Member Program friendly. Door prizes will be given away during the event. In addition, an MWR Passport scavenger hunt offers additional opportunities to win prizes. Patrons do not have to be present to win. For more information, call 255-2997 or 255-9517. Pictured is a scene from last year’s event.

and how they work, according to officials. This web-based resource is being made available to both Army staff and parents. To find out more about this resource, people are welcome to join a free information webinar from Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. To register for the webinar, visit <https://lrtraining.webex.com/lrtraining/k2/j.php?MTID=tc4d3faf1d97b8eca2182f1d75ab20840>. Once people are approved by the host, they will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session. Registration deadline is Feb. 2 by noon.

For more information, call 255-9277, or 1-800-515-4577, Ext. 6515.

**Care team training**

Army Community Service will host its care team training Feb. 8 from 8:30-11 a.m. at Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The training will cover numerous topics, such as: care team overview, care team operations, Survivor Outreach Services overview, casualty notification, and dealing with loss and grief. Commanders, command sergeants major, senior spouses, family readiness leaders, family readiness group leaders and other key volunteers are welcome to attend.

Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 255-9578 or 255-3161. Free childcare is available with registration by calling 255-3564.

**Healthy eating for children**

The Army Community Service New Parent Support Program will host a class on healthy eating for parents of children ages birth to 5 Feb. 13 from 9-11 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. The course is designed to teach parents what, when and where to feed their children to prevent mealtime struggles and promote a lifetime of healthy eating. The class is free. Registration deadline is Feb. 8. Child care will be provided.

For more information, call 255-9647.

**Mardi Gras Day Trip**

MWR Central will host a day trip to the Mardi Gras festivities in Mobile Feb. 10. The cost is \$50 per person, and includes the bus ride to and from Mobile. To register or get more information, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

**Resilience training workshop**

Army Community Service resilience training is designed to provide family members and civilians with the tools to better cope with and overcome adversity and challenges, as well as perform better in stressful situations, according to organizers. The goal is for students to thrive when facing life challenges, not just bounce back. The workshop will be held from Feb. 9 from 9-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350.

For more information on the workshop or other resilience training, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

**ACS instructor training course**

Army Community Service will host its instructor training course Feb. 12-15 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center. The course is designed to give attendees

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tools on how to present classes and briefings more effectively, according to organizers. The course ends with students conducting briefings from a Knowledge Module Army Family Team Building course. Following the course, students will be able to instruct AFTB modules for ACS.

For more information, call 255-3564.

**Federal jobs workshop**

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop Feb. 14 from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The workshop is aimed at getting people the information they need to increase their federal employment possibilities. Participants will receive a free copy of Kathryn Troutman’s “Job-seeker’s Guide (7th Edition).” Registration

is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 people to register and the workshop is open to authorized patrons only.

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

**International Spouses Get Together**

Army Community Service hosts its International Spouses Get Together the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Community Center. According to ACS officials, the get together is a place for spouses to find support, and help with finding resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, drivers licenses and more. Multilingual volunteers are available.

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# SWAMPERS, SOLDIERS

## AMC Band adds Muscle Shoals sound to legacy

By Lisa Simunaci  
For Army News Service

MUSCLE SHOALS – Armed with their instruments, Soldiers with the Army Materiel Command Band entered what many in the music industry consider hallowed ground.

Script lettering over a wood paneled doorway reflected the essence of others who have walked this same path. “Through these doors walk the finest musicians, songwriters, artists and producers in the world.”

The décor is dated and sparse, but plaques commemorating hit records and framed photos of renowned recording artists welcome visitors to Fame Studios. Within these walls, the legendary Muscle Shoals sound reverberates.

“The history here is just incredible,” CW4 James Bettencourt, AMC Band commander said. “All of us as musicians had a hero or somebody we grew up listening to and it’s almost guaranteed they recorded somewhere here in this town. Every musician has their own story – and I think before each of our Soldiers settles in to do their craft, they stop for a second to take it all in, and appreciate where we are and what we’re actually doing.”

Bettencourt is the third warrant officer to lead the band since it came to its Redstone Arsenal home, and he will also be its last. The band is among several across the service slated for inactivation next fiscal year.

Dwarfed by the photos of his own musical heroes, Bettencourt stepped inside Fame’s Studio A, where his Soldiers were ready to stake their own place in musical history. The AMC Band was capturing its sound and marking its legacy with several recordings in Muscle Shoals. The musical collection, which will be available to the public, will be the lasting testament to the band’s time in the Tennessee Valley.

The band came to Redstone Arsenal in 2011, moving with the Army Materiel Command headquarters as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure. While the headquarters moved from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the band transferred from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Since the band arrived in Huntsville, it has integrated with the community and has made a tradition of connecting with local talent. Playing upward of 300 performances a year, it is common to see members of the community, university musicians and other local groups performing alongside the uniformed band members at public performances.

Building on the band’s tradition of community involvement, Bettencourt reached out to both fellow musicians and the legendary Muscle Shoals music community to pitch in on a project that will live on, long after the band is gone.

Over the period of several months, the band collaborated with top talent, including the Army Field Band’s acoustic group, the Six String Soldiers; Oakwood Univer-



PHOTOS BY SGT. DAVID DORFMAN

During a recording session at Fame Studios in Muscle Shoals, Soldiers from the Army Materiel Command Band and the Army Field Band’s Six String Soldiers join forces.



Jimmy Johnson listens to Army band members during a recording session at Fame Studios in Muscle Shoals. The AMC Band collaborated with many musicians to create a farewell album with the authentic Muscle Shoals sound.

sity’s famed Aeolian choir; and country and bluegrass legend Ricky Skaggs. The final result will be recordings engineered at Muscle Shoal Sound, Wishbone and Fame Recording Studios.

On a September day, when the Six String Soldiers were in town to lay down tracks for a cover version of Country Roads, engineers at Fame Recording Studios quietly acknowledged the abnormality of the situation.

“This is the day the Army invaded Fame Studios,” said singer, songwriter and pro-

ducer Michael Curtis.

Skilled Soldiers riffed on guitars, plucked a bass and strummed banjos and mandolins as they took in the surreal setting.

Overlooking the studio from behind the soundproof glass of the elevated control room, sat Jimmy Johnson – an original member of The Swampers. A black baseball cap that says “Muscle Shoals” covered his gray hair, and reading glasses settled loosely in his T-shirt pocket.

To his knowledge, Johnson said this is the first time an Army band has recorded in Fame. And for him, the time communing with the Soldiers brings back his own military memories.

“I was in the Army in the ‘60s,” Johnson said. He went to basic training and spent six months in the National Guard. “That was

enough for me. I was a 120-day wonder.”

Johnson spent much of that decade playing guitar with the likes of Aretha Franklin and Wilson Pickett and engineering tracks for groups like the Rolling Stones. After more than a half century of success in the music business, Johnson credits his short stint in the Army for teaching him discipline.

“I still fold my socks the same way,” he said.

The respect and admiration the Soldiers expressed during their time in Muscle Shoals, Johnson said, is mutual. Assisting the AMC Band form its lasting legacy is a point of pride for the producer.

“They say they’re honored to be here,” Johnson said. “That definitely goes both ways.”



Soldiers from the AMC Band and the Army Field Band sing “Country Roads” during a recording session.



Spc. Trenton Frizzell from the AMC Band gears up for the recording session.

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# PARTNERSHIP

## Army builds sustaining military partnership with Saudi Arabia

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Saudi Arabian National Guard has enormous capacity and the U.S. Army helps them develop that into powerful capability, said Maj. Gen. Frank Muth.

Some 130,000 personnel within the SANG are divided into 17 brigades, with assets that include both AH-64E Apache and UH-60D Black Hawk helicopters. The SANG also has 1,900 light armored vehicles, the largest LAV fleet in the world, said Muth, Office of the Program Manager-SANG, which falls under U.S. Army Materiel Command.

“One of our missions is taking that capacity, which is part of the foreign military sales process, and building capability. Otherwise, it’s just sitting there in the motor pool collecting dust,” said Muth, during a military conference in October.

Helping SANG develop capability to make use of that capacity are 130 U.S. Soldiers and a group of contractors. Muth said that in time he’s been on board as the OPM-SANG, he’s seen vast improvements in SANG’s capability.

The U.S.’s advise, train and assist mission with the SANG includes such things as vehicle and aircraft maintenance as well as flight training, Muth said.

When one of the SANG brigades returned from fighting at the border with Yemen, for instance, 19 of their LAVs were shot up pretty badly, Muth said. The U.S. advisers there learned the SANG didn’t have a battle damage and repair facility to fix the vehicles.

Working with the Saudis, Muth said, his team found an old building that was rebuilt and converted into a repair facility.



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS SUZANNE RINGLE

Foreign and U.S. dignitaries view teams comprised of their combined special forces emerge from a purple and green smoke screen during an explosive training mission demonstrating the successful interoperability of Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United States as partner nations, and part of Operation Eagle Resolve involving both land and air elements April 2.

Another issue involved maintenance problems with the fleet of LAVs and other vehicles, he said. For example, when a maintenance spot check was conducted, it was found that one vehicle still had its original 1992 oil filter on it and a 1993 air filter.

A discussion with SANG leaders emphasized the importance of maintenance, and a 10-year cyclical maintenance plan was implemented.

Besides maintenance, vehicles were not receiving block upgrades, he said. The result was that vehicles were underpowered and lacked critical combat capabilities.

A program was started to begin upgrading vehicles with more powerful engines, improved suspensions and add-ons like laser range finders and other modifi-

cations similar to what the U.S. Army did with its Stryker fleet, he said.

Another issue was the lack of a period of time following combat to reset equipment, rest the troops and re-train them before returning to combat. Muth said an Army Forces Generation model that the U.S. used in Iraq and Afghanistan to rotate units in and out was implemented for the SANG brigades.

### SAVING LIVES

A particularly troubling finding, Muth said, was that a large percentage of SANG soldiers who were injured in combat were not surviving. The U.S. mortality rate, he noted, is two percent, while the Saudi figure is much higher (the exact percentage is classified, he said).

The U.S. team found that the reason many were dying was a lack of proper combat care and equipment, he said. The U.S. team trained medics to immediately take action to start the breathing, stop the bleeding, treat or prevent shock and move the injured quickly to a medical treatment facility.

SANG medics were also issued kits with basic first aid equipment, Muth said.

That effort, he said, is not just saving lives, but is also giving a psychological boost to SANG soldiers who now know that if something happens, someone will be there for them.

And finally, the U.S. team has effectively conveyed to SANG leaders that a big reason the U.S. Army is effective has to do with non-commissioned officers “who are the backbone of our Army,” he said.

“They hadn’t tapped into that capability,” he said.

So the U.S. team went about designing a six-week warrior leader course for NCOs, doing the basics like patrolling, communications, land navigation, physical training, weapons training and how to lead by example, he said.

SANG leaders adopted the training and are now infusing it into their formations, Muth said. “It was a big shift for them.”

None of the improvements, Muth said, would have been possible without first establishing a trusting relationship with the Saudi military and the nation’s leaders.

“You’ve got to get to know the soldiers and make them believe you care and are committed to getting them better,” he said. “You’ve also got to know how they think and where they come from.”

### MODERNIZATION EFFORTS

Currently, the last two LAV brigades are being modernized and 350 more LAVs will be delivered by November through the FMS process, Muth said.

Two new aviation brigades will be fielded by 2023, he said, and by 2020, a flight school will be stood up.

Currently, Saudis and members of the Gulf Cooperation Council nations go to the U.S. for flight training, he said. The hope is that GCC nations can use the new Saudi school instead.

In all, the U.S. team oversees 123 contracts in the kingdom, worth \$120 million per month.

All of that contract funding, as well as the entire salaries of U.S. military and contractors on the team who assist SANG, comes from the kingdom, he pointed out.

## Task force fights Boko Haram, terrorism in Cameroon with youth outreach

By Staff Sgt. Christina Turnipseed  
For Army News Service

GAROUA, Cameroon — In Task Force Darby’s efforts to support the Cameroonian military’s fight against the violent extremist organization Boko Haram, other humanitarian opportunities often present themselves.

One such opportunity was for a civil affairs-led team from Darby, to provide food, soccer balls and moral support to the boys of Saare Jabbama, which it is a youth rehabilitation center for boys ages eight to 18. The team was made up of 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; 806th Adjutant General Detachment; Civil Affairs Team 4032; and other service members.

According to Capt. Scott Wyly, the Civil Affairs Team 4032 commander, many of the boys living at the center either can’t find jobs, can’t find their parents, or are homeless.

“The Civil Affairs team has had a strong relationship with the center for the last couple years and visits the center on a monthly basis. Private donors from the United States frequently send donations

for the CA team to give to the children at Saare Jabbama,” Wyly said.

Some of the Soldiers cited a love for giving as the motivation behind volunteering for the humanitarian mission.

“Giving to the boys’ home was the best feeling for me,” said Sgt. Adrian Cordova, a mail clerk assigned to the 806th Adjutant General Detachment.

“It was great to be able to see the excitement and smiles on their faces when we arrived. Playing soccer with the boys was an even greater feeling,” Cordova said.

Sgt. John Marshall, who is also a mail clerk with the 806th Adjutant General Detachment, described similar feelings about the visit.

“I wanted to give back to other families and children that are less fortunate than I am,” he said. “I feel really blessed to be able to help others in their time of need. I know what it’s like to hit rock bottom. So for me, it is a blessing to give back.”

Spc. Ryan Worwood of the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment stated his reason is a general love for children.

“I’ve always wanted to do this since I got here,” he said. “I love little kids a lot. So, it was no surprise to my family that I volunteered.”



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CHRISTINA TURNIPSEED

Sgt. Adrian Cordova, Task Force Darby mail clerk, and a young boy of the Saare Jabbama youth rehabilitation center for boys carry food donated by American soldiers and civilians Dec. 23 in Garoua, Cameroon.

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# TROPICAL TOPOGRAPHY

## Corps of Engineers works to restore power to Puerto Rico

By Staff Sgt. Eric W. Jones  
For Army News Service

AGUADILLA, Puerto Rico — Terrain, tropics and topography are among the challenges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are overcoming as part of the ongoing operation, Task Force Power Restoration, throughout the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, following the catastrophic hurricanes Irma and Maria in September.

The island is roughly rectangular, approximately 100 miles east to west and 30 miles north to south, comparable to the size of Connecticut. The Cordillera Central mountain range covers 60 percent of the island running east-west.

The island's power lines were severely damaged by wind speeds of up to 155 miles per hour. Puerto Rico has 2,400 miles of transmission lines across the island and 30,000 miles of distribution lines with more than 300 sub-stations. It is estimated that 80 percent of the grid has been affected.

Gaining access to the power transmission lines in the range has been difficult.

"Some crews have some tough terrain, they show up to the site and have to use a bulldozer to make a road, just get down to the area," said Tom Nguyen, a project engineer who works as a contractor liaison with the Corps.

Currently, USACE has 2,496 personnel on the ground, including 2,309 contractors from Fluor and PowerSecure, working directly on distribution and transmission lines.

Puerto Rico is located 5 degrees inside the Tropic of Cancer, and a long and wet growing season has added different difficulties not seen in the continental United States. About three months after the storms, an attempt was made to recover conductor, galvanized steel core wire, with a 10,000-pound lift helicopter. With the passing months, the conductor was too overgrown to pull up.

Another issue was the growth of Ivy between the twisted strands of the conductor.

The majority of the areas that are still without power are located in the mountainous regions where the work sites are harder to get to and get around in.

"It's slow going, it's challenging terrain," said Andy Costello, a manager



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ERIC W. JONES

Emergency relief crews working with Army Corps of Engineers, Task Force Power Restoration, pull a wooden power pole up a newly created road to as part of the ongoing effort to restore power to the Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, on Christmas Eve.

with PowerSecure. "Three miles from here you have mountains to get up. The streets there are a little bit on the narrow side, and the equipment we have is on the broad side, it is eight-foot-wide, and with the outrigger, it's a little larger." On several occasions, the power poles were dragged into place with a bulldozer, and some transmission towers were helicopter into areas not accessible by road. "Sometimes we have to use a bulldozer

to make a right-of-way if the right-of-way is not there," said Jason Becker, a USACE quality assurance engineer. "The terrain is soft and swampy, or a really thick jungle, and the hills are exceedingly steep."

USACE is partnering with the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, the Department of Energy, FEMA and contractor to restore safe and reliable power to the people of Puerto Rico. As assigned by

FEMA, USACE leads the federal effort to repair the hurricane-damaged electrical power grid in support of the Government of Puerto Rico.

As of January 5, PREPA reports 59.4 percent or 875,500 of the 1.47M customers who are able to receive electric power have their service restored.

The Corps estimates it will restore power to the majority of customers by the end of February.

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- Ask the question directly: Are you thinking of killing yourself?

**Care for your buddy**

- Calmly control the situation; do not use force; be safe
- Actively listen to show understanding and produce relief
- Remove any means that could be used for self-injury

**Escort your buddy**

- Never leave your buddy alone
- Escort to chain of command, Chaplain, behavioral health professional, or primary care provider
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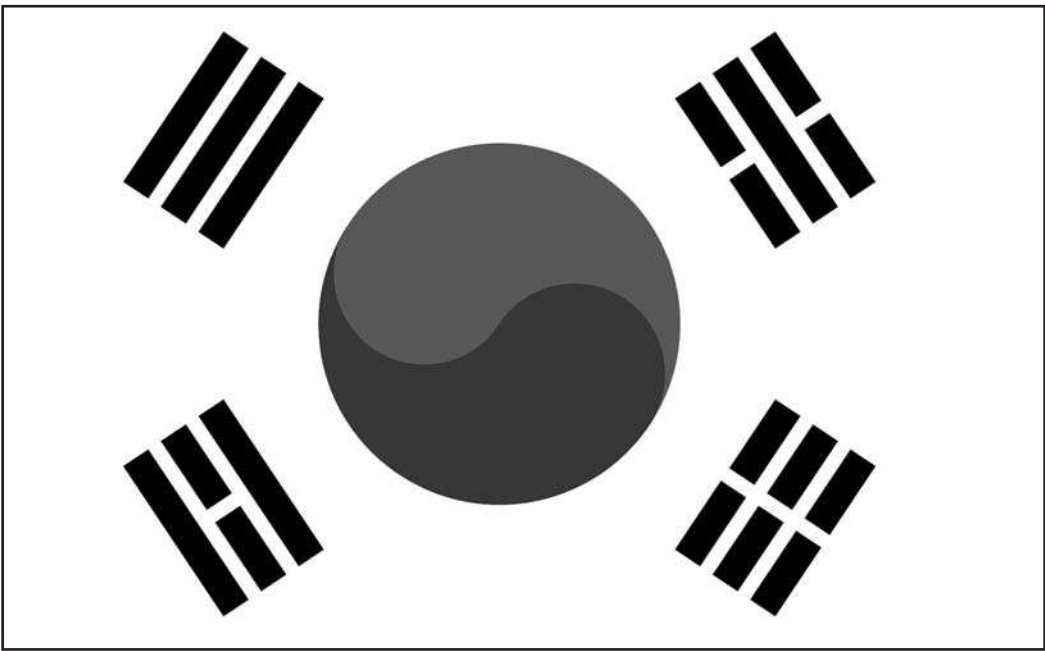


# Event brings taste of Korea to Montgomery

Army Flier  
Staff Reports

The Alabama-Korea Education and Economic Partnership will host its third Korean Cultural Experience Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Davis Theatre in Montgomery. The title and theme for this year’s performance is “The Fragrance of Spring.” It will be an hour and a half performance. This year’s show will feature the musical, Broadway-styled performance of “The Fragrance of

Spring,” a story about a young girl who overcomes evil and persecution in ancient Korea, according to organizers. Her story is one of the most famous folktales in Korean culture. The Performing Artists will also perform individual showcases of Korean UNESCO intangible cultural heritage properties in song, dance and musical ensembles. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for students with ID. For more information, visit [www.akeep.org](http://www.akeep.org) or call 334-625-8515.



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## ANDALUSIA

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www.andalusialegionpost80.org](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 80 hosts a dance with live music every Saturday from 7:30-11:30 p.m. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www.andalusialegionpost80.org](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

## DALEVILLE

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6020 Franchise J. Ballard Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters on State Road 84 every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Breakfast is served Sundays, and games and TVs are available for entertainment. Meetings are open to all. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells. For more information, call 598-6211, 598-1297, 598-6211 or 379-9187.

**ONGOING** — Daleville Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center. For more information, call 598-6331.

## DOTHAN

**ONGOING** — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 87 meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Doug Tew Recreation Center. For more information, call 334-86-0217 Ext. 122 or email [davchapter87@gmail.com](mailto:davchapter87@gmail.com). The chapter maintains office hours at 545 West Main St. (Mixon Business Center, Rm. 122), Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist, free of charge, disabled veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims and other benefits.

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 12 holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the post’s facility at 3087 Hwy. 605, which is Brannon Stand Road at the intersection of Park Avenue. For more information, call 400-5356.

## ENTERPRISE

**JAN. 25** — The Wiregrass-Enterprise Chapter, National Active and Retired Federal Employees will hold its monthly lunch program at 11 a.m. at PoFolks Restaurant. The guest speaker will be Eugene Goolsby, Enterprise city councilman, who will talk about current developments, concerns and challenges for the progress of Enterprise, as well as answer questions that relate to individual citizens and the NARFE membership. NARFE is the organization dedicated to maintain and protect the benefits of active and retired federal employees. All federal employees, active or retired, are invited to attend and benefit from the information that relates to them at the Enterprise NARFE

lunch programs regularly scheduled every fourth Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. at PoFolks. For more information, call 334-393-0492.

**JAN. 22, 29 AND FEB. 5** — Beginning Foxtrot dance lessons are being offered at the Hildreth Building, 202 N. Main Street from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person per evening. For more information call 393-4811.

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 73 meets at the American Legion building at 200 Gibson Street on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning at 9 a.m. The building is across the street from the Lee Street Baptist Church. For more information call 447-8507.

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post monthly membership meetings for the VFW Post 6683 and Auxiliary are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the post headquarters building located at 2615 Coffee County Road 537. The post mailing address is P.O. Box 311752 Enterprise, AL 36330. For more information, call 334-464-1171 or the auxiliary at 334-464-2222. The post also has a Facebook site at [vfwpost6683](http://vfwpost6683).

## GENEVA

**ONGOING** — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call 248-4495.

## MIDLAND CITY

**ONGOING** — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

## NEW BROCKTON

**JAN. 25** — The January meeting for Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will be at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For more information, call at 334-718-5707.

**ONGOING** — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton Town Hall (old armory building) at 706 McKinnon Street. The office will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, Veterans Affairs pensions, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans job programs, homeless veterans services and other veteran services. All veteran services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 334-406-6700.

**ONGOING** — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler

St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school. Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

## OZARK

**JAN. 30 AND FEB. 9** — The First United Methodist Church of Ozark will be an official host for the Night to Shine event sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is a prom night experience, centered on God’s love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older, according to organizers. The event will take place at more than 500 churches around the world simultaneously. For more information, contact the church office at 334-774-2569, or visit [www.ozarkfumc.org](http://www.ozarkfumc.org) or [www.timtebowfoundation](http://www.timtebowfoundation). This is a free event for those with special needs ages 14 and older who live in the Wiregrass area. Registration forms can be downloaded from <http://www.ozarkfumc.org/special-needs.php>. The deadline to register is January 30.

**ONGOING** — The Friends of Ozark holds a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Ozark-Dale County Library. For more information, call 477-6221 or email [wcholmes53@hotmail.com](mailto:wcholmes53@hotmail.com).

## PINCKARD

**ONGOING** — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church. For more information, call 983-3064.

## SAMSON

**ONGOING** — The Samson City Council meets monthly the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Community Center.

**ONGOING** — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## TROY

**ONGOING** — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex. The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s with finger foods and refreshments. For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

## WIREGRASS AREA

**ONGOING** — A German coffee takes place the last Thursday of every month except November at 10 a.m. at The Landing on Fort Rucker. The group has been meeting for more than 40 years.

# Beyond Briefs

## Run the Beach

Vacationers looking to incorporate fitness into their travels in the new year should consider Run the Beach – Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Sports Commission’s half-marathon series designed to encourage travel outside of summer. The 2018 three-race series includes the Big Beach Half-Marathon Jan. 28, Sea Turtle Half-Marathon Feb. 17 and Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half-Marathon Nov. 24.

Participants who register for all three races by Jan. 21 will receive a \$30 discount and other special offers. After completing the series, runners will earn a medal and shell jacket.

For more information or to register, visit <https://www.gulfshores.com/Sports/RunTheBeach/> or call 1-800-745-SAND.

## St. George lighthouse climb

People are welcome to watch the sun set and the full moon rise from the top of the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St., George Island, Florida, Jan. 31 from 6-7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 850-927-7745. For more information, visit <http://www.floridasforgottencoast.com/things-to-do/lighthouses/>.

## Volunteer day at Montgomery Zoo

Volunteer Spring Serve Day at the Montgomery Zoo is scheduled for Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with landscaping, trimming bushes, planting flowers, raking leaves, painting and overall prepping of the zoo for the spring season, according to organizers. Volunteers can be adults, teens, civic groups, school groups, church groups, businesses, military units and families. Volunteers ages 12-16 years old must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or a designated group chaperone. Volunteers under 19 must obtain parent or legal guardian permission.

Everyone serving at least six hours of volunteer time during zoo serve day will receive one complimentary ticket to Zoo Weekend. Also, all volunteers serving at least six hours will receive morning beverages with snacks, lunch and afternoon beverages with snacks.

For more information or to register, call 334-625-4900 or register at <http://montgomeryzoo.com/volunteers>.

## Mardi Gras Barkus Parade

The Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers will host the Apalachicola Mardis Gras Barkus Parade Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. at Riverfront Park in Apalachicola, Florida. This year’s theme is BourBone Street Blues.

For more information, visit <http://www.floridasforgottencoast.com/events/mardi-gras-barkus-parade/>.

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## Panama City Beach Mardis Gras and Music Festival

Panama City Beach, Florida, will host its Mardis Gras and Music Festival Feb. 9-10 at Pier Park. In conjunction with the Krewe of Dominique Youx’s Mardi Gras at the Beach parade, the festival features entertainment for the whole family, according to organizers.

For more information, visit <https://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/mardigras/festival-schedule/>.

## Mobile Delta: Glass & Light

The Mobile Museum of Art is hosting the exhibit, “The Mobile Delta: Glass & Light” through March 11. Rene Culler’s site-specific work is a mural in glass that celebrates the species-rich delta and its atmospheric qualities. The delta is a changeling environment that is constantly shaped and molded by the weather and waterways, according to museum officials. As the grasses, almost transparent, catch the light, Culler’s drawings and painting in glass suggest the landscape that southern Alabama holds so dear. The composition is a wall of natural light utilized as a glass canvas for drawing, painting and printing with vitreous enamels. The museum is located at 4850 Museum Drive in Mobile.

Admissions is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for military members and students, and children under 6 are admitted for free.

For more information, visit <http://www.mobilemuseumofart.com/>.

## Jacksonian Guard Colors Ceremony

People are welcome to celebrate Florida becoming a U.S. territory in Pensacola, where the original ceremony took place on July 17, 1821. The Jacksonian Guard is a Pensacola re-enactment group of Jacksonian era and Spanish soldiers, fifers and drummers who perform a colors ceremony the third Saturday of each month at noon in Plaza Ferdinand on Palafox Street downtown.

For more information, visit <https://downtownpensacola.com/businesses/jacksonian-guard>.

## Palafox Market

Downtown Pensacola hosts its Palafox Market Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at Martin Luther King Plaza. Admission is free to the market that features fresh produce, live plants, baked goods, fine art, antiques and more. Items originate directly from onsite vendors who grow, make, or create the fruits, vegetables, herbs and art for sale, according to organizers. The event takes place rain or shine.

For more information, call 850-434-5371 or visit <http://palafoxmarket.com/>.



# TF POWER COUPLE

*USACE husband, wife team delivers ‘inseparable’ disaster support*

**By Gerald Rogers**  
*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Evan and Leah Morgan have been inseparable since 2010, their freshman year at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

The husband and wife team from Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, knew they wanted to support the recovery mission in Puerto Rico. The only consideration was timing: would the stars align so this couple could deploy together?

The answer came on Nov. 14, when Leah, a district contract purchasing agent, deployed to Puerto Rico to support the Task Force Power Restoration mission. Evan, a civil engineer, wouldn’t join her until Dec. 22.

Leah is an administrative support assistant for TF Power. Her position became available first. Once she arrived and settled into the job, a light clicked on in her head one day.

“I create the tasker requests to bring people down here, so I said, ‘Evan is an engineer – he can do this work.’ So I alerted him when civil engineers were needed here,” said Leah.

The Morgans are native West Virginians. In fact, Leah was born in Cabell Huntington Hospital, just eight blocks away from the district office. Evan hails from Clarksburg, about a three-hour drive from Huntington.

Leah began working at the district in 2010, as a student employee, when she was 18. She transitioned to a permanent employee in 2014.

“We were married Dec. 13, 2014, in the same church where my parents exchanged their vows,” said Leah.

Evan graduated the next day with an undergraduate degree in civil engineering. Leah had graduated seven months earlier with an undergraduate degree in biology.

“We agreed that it would be easier for my family to travel here for our wedding, since my graduation ceremony was the same weekend and they only had to travel once,” said Evan.

Leah and Evan say they are both curious, adventurous people.

Evan scuba dives and flies a single-engine Cessna aircraft. He earned his 10-month training certification and license 18 months ago, and has logged about 140 flight hours.

Leah likes flying with Evan, who says it’s grown on her.

“Oddly enough, the first few flights were the best for me. As Evan progressed in his training, I kind of learned secondhand sitting behind him, but also discovered all the things that could go wrong,” said Leah.

A particularly nerve-wracking experience one day when Evan was practicing crosswind landings, would literally bring Leah back to earth.

“It was a very gusty day, and as we approached our landing, we were getting rocked every which way,” said Leah. “I was sitting in the back seat completely terrified!”

After that experience, Leah has been a bit more hesitant to board the aircraft.

“I take flying very seriously,” stressed Evan. “Every time we go up, I perform all my pre-flight checks: check over the airplane, check the fuel, study the day’s weather, call the tower and get a weather briefing, get a second opinion about the forecast. There’s a lot that goes into flying before you lift off.”

Leah bravely took one hour of instruction, and decided then that being a pilot wasn’t for her, and resolved that she would mainly keep her feet firmly planted on terra firma.

“I love getting into a really good book,” said Leah. “My favorite genre is fantasy. I like books that take me out of reality – medieval fantasy stories that don’t really matter. They don’t contribute to your intellect very much, but it’s kind of like taking a vacation,” said Leah.

Their reason for volunteering to deploy to Puerto Rico is clear: their motivation is straight from the heart.

“Now that I’ve had time to think about it, I wanted to step out of my comfort zone,” said Evan. “I had family that wanted me to spend the Christmas holidays with them, but they were understanding. I really wanted to be with my wife and to help my fellow Americans.”

“I yearn for adventure, so I like to take those giant steps,” Leah said. “Where I come from, families are close-knit and not spread out. Most people are content with that: why would you want anything more? But, for me, I want to go out and experience the world and, of course, I want to contribute and help people who are suffering.

“So I saw deployment here as a golden opportunity to develop professionally and



PHOTO BY GERALD ROGERS

**Leah and Evan Morgan, husband and wife team deployed to Puerto Rico from the Huntington District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, share the hand-drawn Christmas tree, sent to them by their Sunday school, age group 7 to 11, of First Missionary Baptist Church, Culloden, W.V. Leah, an administrative support assistant, deployed Nov. 14, and Evan, a civil engineer technician, joined her Dec. 22, to support the Corps Task Force Power Restoration mission.**

personally – not only because it is a good stepping stone for my career, but I love Spanish. I’m not fluent, but I did study for four years in college. I wanted to take hold of the opportunity to experience the one-on-one personal conversation.”

Leah’s Spanish has improved, although she’s still a bit rusty speaking it.

“I’ve always been good at reading and writing Spanish, almost fluently,” said Leah. “I’m picking up more from listening to the language. I struggle because most citizens here want to speak English and show you they can speak it well. Practically no one I know or come across in public back home speaks Spanish, so I never get the opportunity.”

Evan says he’s actually thinking about extending, and that means he’ll have to give up a sweet project that he’s been working on back home involving hydraulic modeling of two major river systems. “The models help the Corps plan for major storm events by identifying structures in the floodplain that would be affected should the water rise to a certain level.”

It’s clearly evident that when you spend time with the Morgans, you come away with the sense that they respect and care deeply for each other.

“I’m so attracted to Leah because of her intellect, her professionalism,” said Evan.

“Evan has such a big heart. His love for his family and his siblings is contagious, it’s genuine. I feel it when he plays and interacts with them and I want that for my kids one day,” said Leah. “As the oldest, he also plays a dual role of brother and father figure to his two brothers and sister, and quite a few step siblings. I really respect him for that because it shows his leadership qualities.”

Both Leah and Evan have been here over the holidays, with Leah even missing Thanksgiving Day at home.

“I often hear people say, ‘somebody else will take care of that.’ I’m very much the opposite,” said Leah. “If I see a need I have this instinct to act. I saw the need for volunteers to come down here, especially over the holidays, a time when it’s most inconvenient. So I thought, ‘if no one else is going to step up at this time and support this critical mission, I want to be the one to do it, and be able to say that I did it!’”

The Morgans are also very firmly rooted in their faith.

“When we were dating, we spent a year every day reading the Bible together. And we read it cover to cover. It was really rewarding and awesome because we enjoyed a lot of good conversations that stemmed from reading Scriptures,” said Leah.

“At times it was exhausting because we were in college and had to get around academic work and our jobs, so we had to read three or four chapters every night to complete the Bible in a year,” added Evan.

Evan and Leah pressed on and completed their goal.

“It made us realize that we were right for each other,” said Leah.

Evan is an usher at First Missionary Baptist Church, Culloden, West Virginia, and Leah serves as a Sunday school teacher.

“I teach a great group of girls, ages 7 to 11. I usually have five or six on Sunday mornings. While here, they sent me a package and it contained a hand-drawn Christmas tree with ornaments and notes and messages on it, and a big star on top. It was about 3 feet wide and 4 feet long, and it made me tear up. When I opened it, it had hand cut-out paper snowflakes,” said Leah.

Leah, who was scheduled to return home Friday, said this deployment has definitely been one of the most challenging experiences of her life and, by far, the most rewarding.

The Morgans said it’s like “we are on a launching pad.” There are so many Corps offices throughout the world with endless job opportunities. All the networking we are doing here is positioning us to go somewhere else and explore new opportunities, they said. Leah also imagines one day working in her chosen field of biology in the Corps Water Resources Development program.

The great comedian Milton Berle coined the phrase: “Laughter is an instant vacation.”

Evan said almost everything makes him laugh. “My wife says I have ‘chronic enthusiasm.’”

“Evan makes me laugh at the most unexpected times and I love his sense of humor. He’s very much a kid at heart, which is a good thing in a lot of ways, but he’s also very mature when it counts, such as flying an aircraft,” said Leah.

Once again, Leah Suzanne Morgan will redeploy home first, but Evan James Morgan will not be too far behind.

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# COOL MOVES

## *Fitness class takes dance moves to the water*

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Easing into a new fitness routine can be a challenge, especially for individuals with reduced mobility or joint pain, but one group fitness course reduces the pressure by hitting the water.

Aqua Zumba, which debuted at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center on Andrews Avenue in October, blends the fun philosophy of Zumba with water resistance in the pool.

“Since October, the class has grown mostly from the word of mouth,” Ryan Clark, aquatics branch assistant manager, said. “Individuals have told me how much they enjoy and love the class. So, every class someone is bringing a friend with them.”

Sherri Longoria, military spouse, is one of those enthusiastic participants.

“This class is fantastic,” she said. “I burn 500-800 calories every class. Ryan [Clark] is an amazing instructor. I love Aqua Zumba.”

Joann McCaffrey, military spouse, joined the class when it was first offered and has seen amazing progress attending the class.

“I started in October, just going to the two classes a week,” she said. “My weight is down. My A1C is down three points. My thyroid medication is down.

“I can’t do what [Clark] does up there because I have bad knees, but I can do it in the water. I used to synchronize swim, and I’ve always been attracted to the music and the water.”

Clark said success stories inspire him to keep creating fun



PHOTO BY JEREMY HENDERSON

Ryan Clark, aquatics branch assistant manager, leads participants through a series of dance moves designed to increase heart rate and tone muscles.

and exciting routines for future classes.

“It is great to hear when a participant has made a change in health,” he said. “It is also amazing to see participants making new friends or overcoming something in their personal life because the class is uplifting and fun.”

Aqua Zumba is currently offered Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.

“With only being two days a week, Aqua Zumba gives you enough cardio and resistance

training for your body that it has time to recover,” Clark said. “It also allows you to try other fitness classes and personal exercises so that your body can get an overall workout.”

According to Clark, water creates natural resistance that makes every step more challenging and helps tone muscles.

“Once the Latin and world rhythms take over, you’ll see why Zumba classes are often called exercise in disguise because it makes you move and feel the beats

to get you moving your body to get your energy up,” he said.

According to Clark, Aqua Zumba is designed for individuals age 14 and older and provides less impact on joints than a traditional Zumba class. Options are also available for individuals hesitant to dip into the pool because they have difficulty swimming or never learned to swim.

“Adult swim lessons are held monthly,” Clark said. “Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Participants will receive

seven to eight sessions in a month. Classes are taught by a certified American Red Cross water safety instructor.

Participants must be age 18 and older to attend. Adult swim lessons are open to active duty military, military spouses, military dependents, contractors and Department of Defense civilians.

Active duty Soldiers receive a 50-percent discount on the cost of swim lessons.

For more information, call 255-2296.

# TAKE COMMAND —

## TRICARE changes in effect for 2018

### *TRICARE pharmacy copayments to increase*

TRICARE  
Press Release

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — On Feb 1, copayments for prescription drugs at TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery and retail pharmacies will increase.

These changes are required by law and affect TRICARE beneficiaries who are not active duty service members.

While retail pharmacy and home delivery copayments will increase, prescriptions filled at military pharmacies remain available at no cost. You can save the most money by filling your prescriptions at military pharmacies.

“Military pharmacies and TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery will remain the lowest cost pharmacy option for TRICARE beneficiaries,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Ann McManis, Pharmacy Operations Division at the Defense Health Agency.

Using home delivery, the copayments for a 90-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$0 to \$7. For brand-name formulary drugs, copayments will increase from \$20 to \$24, and copayments for non-formulary drugs without a medical necessity will increase from \$49 to \$53.

At a retail network pharmacy, copayments for a 30-day supply of generic formulary drugs will increase from \$10 to \$11 and from \$24 to \$28 for brand-name formulary drugs.

In some cases, survivors of active duty service members may be eligible for lower cost-sharing amounts.

TRICARE groups pharmacy drugs into three categories: generic formulary, brand name formulary and non-formulary. You pay the least for generic formulary drugs and the most for non-formulary drugs, regardless of whether you get them from home delivery or a retail pharmacy.

To see the new TRICARE pharmacy copayments, visit [www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts). To learn more about the TRICARE Pharmacy Program, or move your prescriptions to home delivery, visit [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy).



TRICARE GRAPHIC

### *TRICARE Select helps people get their ounce of prevention*

TRICARE  
Press Release

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — On Jan. 1, TRICARE Select replaced TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra.

As a result, beneficiaries will notice improved coverage for preventive services with TRICARE Select. Preventive care helps you take command of your health and manage potential issues before you experience symptoms. This type of health care allows you to address health problems before they become life threatening. Examples of TRICARE-covered preventive services include cancer screenings and vaccines, in addition to well-woman and well-child exams.

TRICARE beneficiaries using Standard or Extra didn’t pay anything for some preventive services, but for all other preventive services, beneficiaries paid between 15–25 percent of the cost after their yearly deductible is met, depending on the plan and beneficiary category.

“With TRICARE Select, beneficiaries don’t pay anything out-of-pocket for covered preventive services if they are provided by a network provider,” said Valerie Palmer, a TRICARE health care policy analyst with the Defense Health Agency. “However, if they use a non-network provider, fewer preventive services are paid by TRICARE. This is why it is important to see a network provider for your preventive care if you want to save money.”

The additional, no-cost preventive services beneficiaries can receive under TRICARE Prime that TRICARE Select now covers include the following.

- One Health Promotion and Disease Prevention exam: This is covered annually for beneficiaries age 6 and older. This exam will no longer require the inclusion of a



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President Donald J. Trump addresses service members during a Troop Talk Nov. 5 at Yokota Air Base, Japan. President Trump signed an executive order Jan. 9 that allows transitioning service members and veterans to receive up to a year of mental health care from the Veterans Affairs Department after discharge from the service.

## President signs order to improve mental health care for transitioning veterans

By Terri Moon Cronk  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Transitioning service members and veterans can now receive up to a year of mental health care from the Veterans Affairs Department after discharge from the service, according to an executive order President Donald J. Trump signed Jan. 9.

The order, “Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed Service to Civilian Life,” directs the Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security departments to develop a joint action plan to ensure the 60 percent of new veterans who now do not qualify for enrollment in health care – primarily because of a lack of verified service connection related to the medical issue at hand – will receive treatment and access to services for mental health care for one year following their separation from service.

“We look forward to continuing our partnership with the VA to ensure veterans who have served our country continue to receive the important mental health care and services they need and deserve,” said Defense Secretary James N. Mattis.

“We want them to get the highest care and the care that they so richly deserve, and I’ve been working very hard on that with [VA Secretary David J. Shulkin] and

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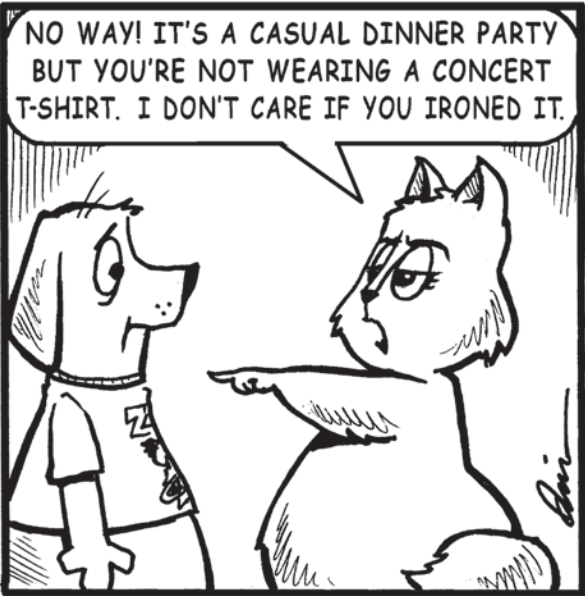


# DOWN TIME



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

# T R I V I A

1. LITERATURE: Which 18th-century statesman and inventor sometimes used the pen name "Silence Dogood" in his writings?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many emirates make up the United Arab Emirates?
3. AUTOS: What does the name Volkswagen mean in German?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first Roman Catholic to become vice president of the United States?
5. ARCHITECTURE: What is the location of the Pitti Palace, built mainly during the Renaissance?
6. MOVIES: What was the name of the monkey in the Disney movie "Aladdin"?
7. GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees a speedy public trial for criminal offenses?
8. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the seventh day?
9. U.S. STATES: What is the smallest state in land area?
10. HISTORY: What Greek statesman was considered the greatest of all orators?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

9 B.C.

### ACROSS

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5 "Yes, yes, Juan!"  
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26 Frito Lay chip  
27 December mall hires  
28 Teeny  
29 Greeting sent by a cosmetics company?  
31 "Agnus —"  
32 Cache  
34 Southeast Kansas city  
35 Where lots of mail deliverers scuba-dive?  
40 Not at all high  
44 Most robust  
45 Kazan of film directing  
46 Hilo "hello"  
47 In days past

- 48 "Lo-o-vely!"  
49 Set crossword hints to music?  
53 Prefix with pathology  
56 The Big Apple, briefly  
58 Fissile rock  
59 Midday sleep  
60 Divide by type  
62 Contract out  
66 TV title alien  
67 Water whirl  
68 Required maintenance items?  
73 Face cover  
76 From — Z  
77 Big fair  
78 Character  
82 "Scat!"  
83 Prologue  
85 Upsilon's follower  
88 Qoba treats  
89 Inelegance five-member band?  
94 66-Across et al.  
96 Salt's "Help!"  
97 Muslim palace area  
98 Haul around

- 99 Number of magazine subscribers, e.g.  
102 Writer Haley  
103 Long to look at a periodic table?  
107 Feng —  
108 Poetry Muse  
109 White-haired  
110 Library cubicle in which Chablis is served?  
116 Jackie O.'s "O"  
117 New York state prison  
120 Is wild for computer programs?  
121 Writes hacky school subj.  
125 Nursing  
126 Bit of help  
127 In awe  
128 Naval units  
129 Car-lot sticker abbr.  
130 Barley brews  
131 Guru's discipline

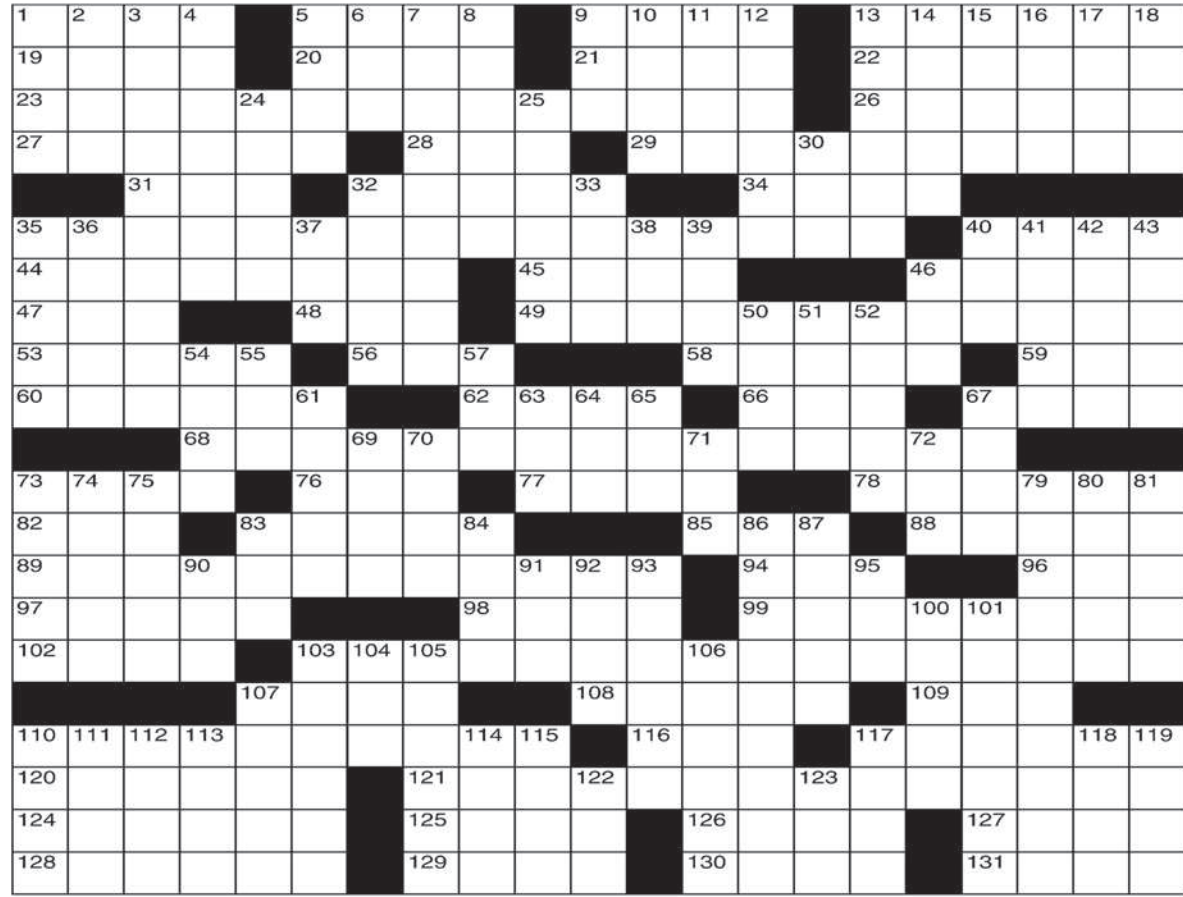
### DOWN

- 1 Essentials  
2 "Fame" star Irene

- 3 Very loud  
4 Alternatively  
5 — -chef  
6 Unruly kid  
7 Fit for sailing  
8 Ready to be driven  
9 Pugilist  
10 Muhammad  
11 1942 role for Ingrid  
12 "The Dick Van Dyke Show" surname  
13 Ballet dancer Nureyev  
14 "Sitting on — ..." ("Mrs. Robinson" lyric)  
15 Blood bank fluids  
16 Nero's 404  
17 Quintillionth: Prefix  
18 "Crazy" bird  
24 Aristide's land  
25 Eagles' nests  
30 Female deer  
32 Is sporting  
33 Hoagie shop  
35 Its capital is Accra  
36 Is very angry  
37 Co. kahuna  
38 — Tin Tin

- 39 Tatty cloths  
40 Exclusively  
41 Ran across  
42 In the future  
43 Harsh-toned  
46 Top gun  
50 Spicy cuisine  
51 Stop moving  
52 Pixieish  
54 Stone  
55 — pro nobis  
57 Amigo of Fidel  
61 Sedative drug, informally  
63 Berg stuff  
64 Stout of mysteries  
65 Seer's skill  
67 This, to Pedro  
69 Dying rebuke  
70 "Me neither"  
71 Sponge up  
72 Scarf down  
73 Coffee flavor  
74 Auditory  
75 Rubberneck  
79 West Coast coll. in La Jolla  
80 Hen's perch  
81 Swirly letters  
83 Suffix with 90-Down  
84 Being aired, in a way

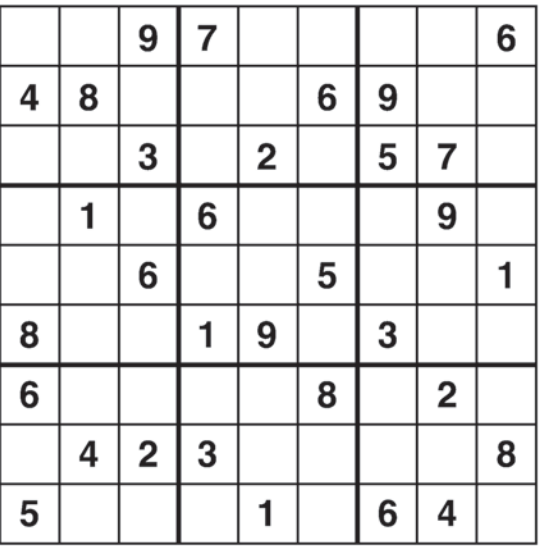
- 86 Like religious dissenters  
87 Writer Calvino  
90 Gender  
91 Tip of a sock  
92 Suffix with major  
93 Azadi Tower locale  
95 Holy Fr. woman  
100 Ham it up  
101 City-circling route  
103 Goes after  
104 1921 Karel Capek play  
105 Stability-improving auto part  
106 Vocalist Kitt  
107 Hound's trail  
110 Homeless kid  
111 Sacred cow  
112 Center point  
113 The "E" of HOMES  
114 Practically forever  
115 Jet name  
117 Gets the total  
118 Stop up  
119 Kelp, e.g.  
122 Brand of motor oil  
123 A single



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

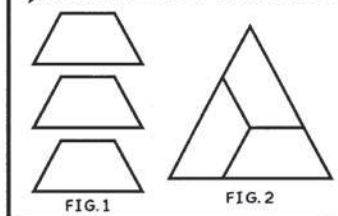
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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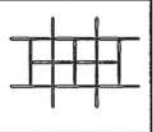
# KID's CORNER

## The PERFECT PYRAMID!



THE PERFECT PYRAMID! Cut out the three puzzle pieces in fig. 1 and challenge your friends to arrange them to form a perfect pyramid. The answer to this tricky triangle is shown in fig. 2.

A CLEVER WAGER! Place 15 toothpicks on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them so that they form eight squares, all of equal size. No square can be formed inside another, and no toothpick can overlap another or be broken. The solution is pictured to the right.



FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "WALLET." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.



## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



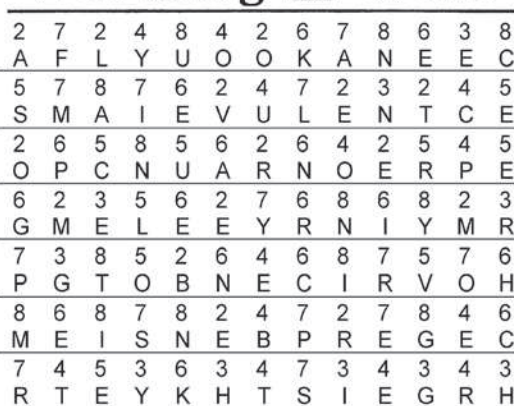
### FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

- DEFINITION:  
1. He had a foot problem.  
2. A cluster of flowers.  
3. Devotees of modern jazz.  
4. Having no pity.  
5. Eccentric people.  
6. An ancient weapon.  
7. A racing fool.  
8. A gradual discontinuation.

ANAGRAM:  
case + hill  
slob + moss  
rest + ship  
hurl + sets  
solid + bald  
sobs + crow  
tars + dreg  
soup + heat

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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