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HONORING A HERO

World War II bombardier ‘home at last’



PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, gives remarks at a homecoming service celebrating the repatriation of the remains of World War II hero, 1st Lt. Ewart T. Sconiers at the Southwide Baptist Church cemetery in Defuniak Springs, Fla., Jan. 27.

By Kelly P. Morris
USACE Public Affairs

It’s been said that as long as people keep searching, the answers come.

The adage proved to be true in the community of Defuniak Springs, Fla., as more than 450 people gathered to celebrate the long-awaited return of a World War II hero’s remains to his hometown Jan. 27.

First Lt. Ewart T. Sconiers, a U.S. Army Air Forces bombardier, died in German-occupied Poland in 1944 from complications following an injury while a prisoner in the Stalag Luft III Nazi prison camp that was made famous in the 1963 Hollywood film “The Great Escape.”

The funeral service at South-

wide Baptist Church cemetery marked 74 years to the day he was first interred in Poland.

Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, during his graveside remarks said unlike traditional funeral events, this ceremony was a “homecoming.”

“The nation works tirelessly and dedicates significant resources to honor its solemn pledge to bring home every veteran and Prisoner of War,” Gayler said.

Gayler noted a special link between the ceremony and the burial 74 years prior. He spoke about a large photo, displayed near the flag-draped casket, that showed the original interment

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Post kicks off African-American History Month

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker will highlight and celebrate the contributions African Americans have made throughout American history with a month-long observance.

Fort Rucker and the 1st Aviation Brigade Equal Opportunity Office will kick off African-American History Month Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the post exchange to educate people on the contributions that African Americans have made throughout the nation’s history, said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Castillo, 110th Avn. Bde. equal opportunity adviser.

This year’s theme for the observance month is “African Americans in Times of War,” and highlights the contributions that African Americans have made throughout the various conflicts in U.S. history, said Castillo.

The event will feature cultural singing and dancing, as well as food and entertainment provided by volunteers.

The Fort Rucker Education Center will also host a small education expo during the kickoff to highlight the various educational opportunities available to those on the installation.

“I feel that education is the cornerstone of diversity and I believe through education we can bring each other together,” said the EEO adviser.

In addition to the kickoff event, the Center Library will host a story time and craft session Feb. 9 from 10:15-11 a.m. where children will get the opportunity to learn about the contributions of African Americans throughout the nation’s history.

“We’ll do crafts and talk with the children about the culture itself and the contributions that they’ve made, and also why it’s important to be one rather than



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

People line up to get a taste of traditional African-American cooking during last year’s African-American History Month kickoff event at the post exchange.

be divided,” said Castillo. “I think if we can catch them at a young age and they’re taught when they’re little, then we can bridge that gap early. It’s very difficult to change someone’s mindset once they’re set in that mindset, but if we can catch them when they’re young, and show them that everybody is equal and we treat each other with dignity and respect, then I think that will go a long way for future generations.”

The main observance for the month will be a luncheon Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing. It will feature guest speaker 1st Sgt. Anthony Thomas, Lyster Army Health Clinic first sergeant, who will speak about his experiences as an African American in the military.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 and menu choices include barbeque chicken, grilled salmon or vegetable lasagna. Each meal will be served with vegetables, rice or potatoes, and will be served with sweet tea, coffee and water.

Space is limited, so people should reserve their tickets early, said Castillo.

Although many of the observances are meant to entertain those who attend, the main focus is to educate people not only on the contributions of African Americans, but of all Americans throughout history, said the EEO.

“The importance of having these observances is to learn about each other,” he said. “People are afraid of the unknown – they’re afraid to get into things that they don’t understand with different cultures, so what we do is we try to bring those different cultures to them so that they can get a taste of it, then maybe they can go explore it on their own.”

“I think that’s the only way we’re going to bridge that gap and bring people together,” Castillo said. “We try to center (these events) around the education aspect rather than the entertainment aspect. The entertainment and food are always great, but our aim is to actually get people to open up their minds and start learning about other cultures.”

For more information or for tickets, call 255-2363, 255-2669 or 255-9950.

Army rewards BOSS Soldiers for volunteer efforts



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

BOSS vice president Spc. Shyyandria Walker, U.S. Army Veterinary Command, is presented with the Army Achievement Medal by Col. Jason Miller, 1st Avn. Bde. commander, during the first BOSS awards at the BOSS facility Jan. 24.

By Nathan Pfau
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Fort Rucker recently renovated its Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers facility to improve the life of single Soldiers on the installation, but that endeavor wouldn’t have happened without the efforts of the Soldiers behind the program.

Eleven Soldiers were awarded two Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals and two Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals during the post’s first BOSS awards, which were presented by Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey, Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, and Col. Jason Miller, 1st Aviation Brigade commander, at the BOSS facility Jan. 24.

“This is all for their efforts and what they’ve done with this building to get it going for the grand opening,” said Spivey.

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Tax center opens Monday

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

For some, a new year brings about one of the most dreaded times of the year – tax season. But the Fort Rucker Tax Center will do its part to take away that dread to make it easy for Soldiers and families to get their taxes out of the way.

The tax center, located in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F, will hold a grand opening ceremony Friday, but will officially open its doors for business Monday. The center began accepting appointments today – offering its free help with returns and electronic filing for authorized patrons Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 17, said Tod Clayton, volunteer income tax assistant coordinator at the tax center.

The center, which offers its free services to military, family members and retirees, is designed to make people’s lives a little easier by saving them money, he said. People must have a valid military ID and be sure to bring in last year’s tax returns to take advantage of the services provided at the tax center, and Soldiers on Reserve status must be on Title-10 orders and bring their call-to-active duty orders in order to use the center.

“This is a free service and people need to take advantage of it,” said Clayton. “The average return typically costs between \$75-150, depending on the forms that they use. It can get costly, and they don’t tell you that it costs extra to do the state return, and these days, everybody needs help saving a little money.”

Last year, thousands of returns were filed through the tax center, and both federal and state returns can be handled at the tax center at no charge, added the tax coordinator.

Clayton said that people should use a professional when filing taxes because they may miss some credits or deductions that they might be entitled to, adding that those at the tax center are all specially

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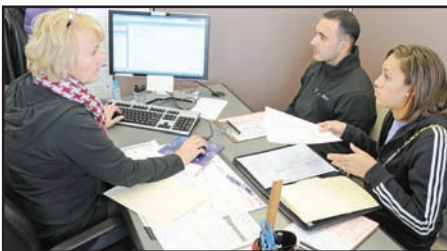


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Gail Evelyn, tax preparer at the Fort Rucker Tax Center, helps CW2 Ralph Hernandez and his wife, Brittany, with their tax return in this file photo.

PERSPECTIVE

ACS offers tips for healthy New Year

By Jo Close
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The first of the year brings both the promise of new beginnings and the burden of self-improvement. Fueled by the nostalgia of the holidays and armed with a year's worth of regrets, some 45 percent of Americans decide to make New Year's resolutions each January, according to research from the University of Scranton. We all certainly have our share of vices, especially as they relate to money. So it's unsurprising that financially themed promises for improvement tend to be among the most popular resolutions made each New Year.

THOROUGHLY REVIEW CREDIT REPORT

Thanks to the availability of free credit scores, most people have an idea of what their credit is doing. However, this thought process is flawed as there are many components that are in the credit report that the score does not reflect. As many as four people have a credit report that contains an error. This is your chance to identify any errors that you wouldn't find if you are just getting the score.

IDENTIFY FINANCIAL GOALS


Before anyone can make progress toward financial goals, they need to be identified. What is important to you? What goals do you have for the next year? Buy a home? Repay your auto loan? Go back to school? Discuss financial goals with your spouse early on, to develop what you both want.

TRACK YOUR SPENDING, AND MAKE A REALISTIC BUDGET AND STICK TO IT

In determining how to set up a budget, one key is to track your spending for 30 days. During this tracking period, you will be able to identify any leaks. These leaks can sometime hide themselves as daily trips to the gas station, trips to the coffee shop or excessive dining out. Once your tracking period is over, gather your bills from the past few months and make a list of all your recurring expenses. Then rank them in order of importance, with true necessities such as housing, food and health care obviously taking the top spots. After that, you can simply cut from the bottom of your list until your take-home exceeds what you plan to spend. Finally, keep track of your ensuing monthly spending to make sure you're abiding by your budget.

ADD TO YOUR EMERGENCY FUND

Roughly 54 percent of Americans do not have a rainy day fund, according to the Financial Industry Regulatory Author-



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ity. While we recommend ultimately building a fund with three-six months' worth of living expenses, it's important to understand that won't happen overnight. If your emergency fund is not fully funded yet, chip away at it over time. We recommend starting with the goal of adding 10 percent of your monthly income to your savings over the next year. And once you've adjusted to this new component of your budget, it can become habitual, and you will start saving more and more.

FAST TRACK DEBT PAYOFF AND AUTOMATE

Instead of saying, "I'm going to repay all my debt this year," commit to fast tracking the payoff process. That may mean contributing an extra \$50 per month to your debt bill.

Most online repayment interfaces will let you automate that extra payment, so you don't have to think about it the rest of the year. You can also automate goals that you may have. However the key is to do it now – while you're feeling motivated – so it doesn't get lost in the year-long shuffle.

BOOST RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are looking to save more for retirement, commit to boosting your Thrift Savings Plan or 401K contributions – with the maximum contributions for TSP being that of \$18,000. If you have an IRA, the maximum contribution is \$5,500. For more information on ACS financial readiness, call 255-3765.

Rotor Wash

“The Super Bowl is Sunday, which means many people will be hosting big parties. What tips do you have for hosting a successful party or gathering?”



Sgt. Ryan Stinson,
6th Military Police
Detachment

“Good food – you’ve got to have the dip. You need wings, too. Pizza is a hit or miss, but good dip and wings is a must.”



CW3 Damion Chin,
WOCC

“Have good friends around.”



Staff Sgt. Syriah Leno,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
11th Avn. Regt.

“Make sure you have hot wings. If you’re having (alcohol), then have a (designated driver.) If you’re having a party at your house and you’ve got close buddies that you trust, they can sleep on your couch or guest room.”



Ricco Riggins,
Veteran

“No alcohol.”



Michael Janik,
Civilian

“Just make sure you’re able to cater to everyone’s needs if you invite them over. Have non-alcoholic options for people who might not drink, or even vegetarian options for people who don’t eat meat. Just try to make everyone happy.”

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NEW DEFENSE STRATEGY

Deputy SecDef asks all DOD personnel to read, internalize strategy

By Jim Garamone
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29, 2018 — All DoD personnel need to read and internalize the new National Defense Strategy, Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan said here Jan. 19.

“This is not a document – it is a means to an end,” the deputy secretary said in an interview. “The strategy creates alignment and transparency.”

Defense Secretary James N. Mattis unveiled the bones of the strategy during a speech at the Johns Hopkins Paul Nitze School for Advanced International Studies in Washington. An 11-page summary of the strategy is available on the Defense Department’s website at <https://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Documents/pubs/2018-National-Defense-Strategy-Summary.pdf>.

Shanahan said he wants the more than 2 million members of DOD to be in alignment with the strategy to create a powerful impetus to making the joint force more lethal, helping DOD to strengthen old alliances and build new partnerships, and re-

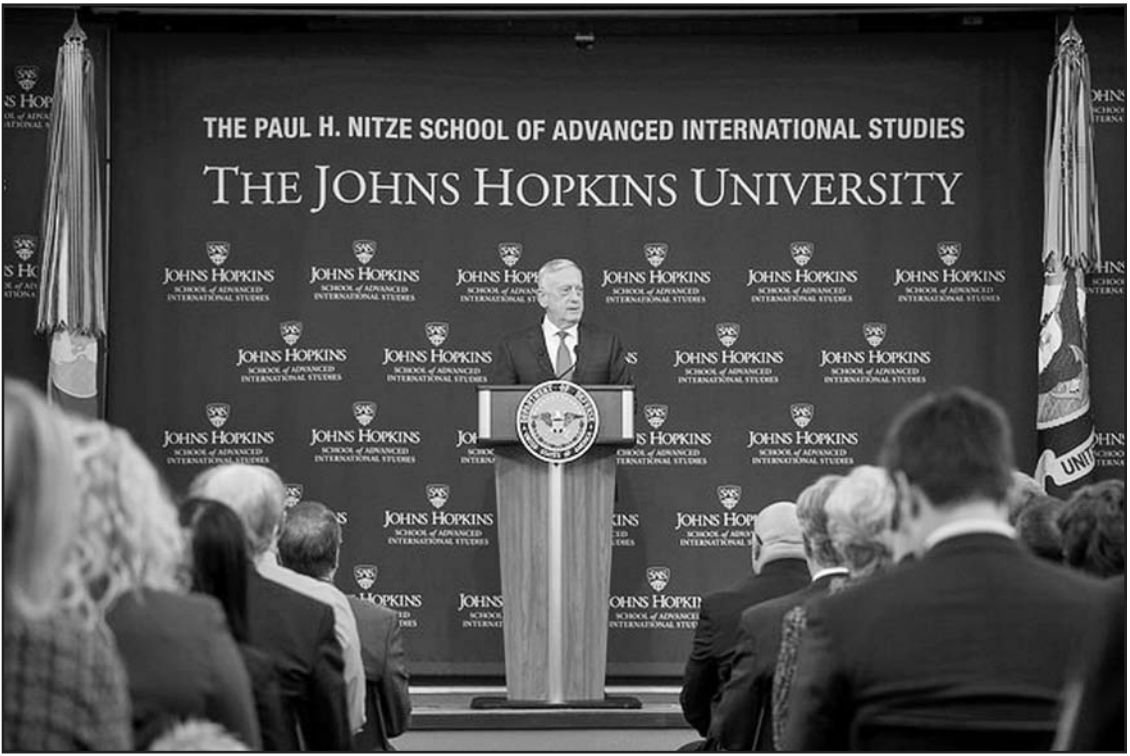


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Defense Secretary James N. Mattis announces the new National Defense Strategy at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, a division of the Johns Hopkins University based in Washington, Jan. 19.

forming the way the department does business.

“When you have a common understanding of priorities and a common lexicon, we’re the most powerful team in the world,” Shanahan said.

FOUNDATIONAL FOR FUTURE BUDGETS

The NDS is foundational, the deputy secretary said. “As we put together the fiscal 2019 budget, it was derived from the framework of the National Defense Strategy,”

he said. “We apply our resources based on the way we budget. So, if the strategy is going to come to life, it must be resourced. It has been the foundation of what we put together for ’19, and it will be the underpinning for what we do

for fiscal 2020.”

The essence of the strategy is that it is not prescriptive – it’s directional and descriptive, he said. “The strategy in its most distilled form is about doing more,” Shanahan said. “It’s about being more lethal, it’s about having more relationships and it’s about being more affordable.”

Technology is important, but that is not where most of the money is riding, he said.

“All of our bets are on people,” he added. “Technology is an enabler to allow people to do more. The thing that makes our military great is our ability to be joint and its will. The investment we make is to enable greater will and greater jointness. That’s what flows out of the strategy.”

People are at the heart of the joint force, and the strategy recognizes it, Shanahan said. “When I’m sitting in the room with the staffs ... thinking about strategy, I’m really thinking about the person most downrange,” he said. “It’s all about how do we make them more lethal? How do we make their efforts easier? How do we make them smarter, faster, stronger, better?”

Redesigned Army uniforms site provides guidance for Soldiers

By Crystal Marshall
For Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army’s uniforms are ubiquitous around the globe for what they represent: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and professional courage.

Whether a Soldier is wearing the Operational Camouflage Pattern combat uniform, the formal Service Uniform, or the physical fitness uniform, he or she knows the power of the image that the uniform conveys.

As the Chief of Public Affairs for the Army, Brig. Gen. Omar J. Jones deeply understands the image that the uniform presents. “Our uniform represents all Americans who have served in our great Army since 1775 and those serving around the world today,” he said. “It represents our commitment to this nation and to the American people to protect and defend our Constitution and its ideals. And, it is a symbol of the discipline, values and heritage of the U.S. Army.”

His words were echoed by 1st Lt. Emily O’Neill, public affairs officer with the 197th Field Artillery Brigade, New Hampshire Army National Guard, describing her thoughts when she wears the combat uniform. “When I put on the uniform, I’m reminded of my commitment to selfless service for the American public, my duty to defend this country from all enemies foreign and domestic and my unwavering loyalty to the U.S. Constitution,” she said.

In 2015, the Army announced a change in the combat uniform from the Universal Camouflage Pattern to the Operational Camouflage Pattern. The mandatory date for pos-

session for the OCP is Oct. 1, 2019.

For Soldiers – and civilians – who are curious about the new look and various components of the OCP, Army.mil has launched a newly redesigned, interactive uniforms site at www.army.mil/uniforms. The site also features full-body photos and information on the Service Uniform and Physical Fitness Uniform, various combat badges, and a helpful FAQ page for the most commonly asked uniform questions.

The new OCP pattern design includes several functional changes. It removes several hook and loop closures, replacing them with button and zipper closures to enable quicker access to pockets. While internal knee pads were removed, double reinforcement of the fabric still occurs at the knee and elbow. And extra pen pockets were removed, while upper sleeve pocket length was increased to allow for greater utility.

Soldiers who have not yet purchased new uniform may do so at their local Army and Air Force Exchange Service, using their yearly clothing stipend.

Even with the uniform guidance released by the Army over the past few years, Anthony Moore, sergeant major of the Uniform Policy Branch within the Deputy Chief of Staff’s G-1 office, highlighted a few of the most common questions that Soldiers approach him with regarding the proper use of their uniforms and gear.

With cold weather now embracing many parts of the U.S. during the winter months, Moore pointed out that Soldiers are still authorized to wear the UCP Cold Weather Gear with the OCP uniform, including the Black and Foliage Green



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Soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Regiment ‘Old Guard’ perform during a ceremony at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., in their Service Uniforms in October.

fleece.

Moore also noted that many Soldiers erroneously believe they are allowed to cuff their Army Combat Uniform Sleeves while in garrison. However, this is only authorized during deployment or in field environment.

And when headed to the gym for physical fitness, Soldiers are not authorized to drape a gym bag across their body. The bag must be either hand-carried, or carried using both shoulders.

Soldiers can take a further look at commonly asked uniform questions on the new website at <https://www.army.mil/uniforms/>.



RECOGNITION

PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Thirty seven volunteers were recognized for their efforts during the quarterly volunteer recognition ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Jan. 24. William G. Kidd, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker deputy to the commanding general, and Michele Gayler, wife of Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, were on hand to congratulate and present each volunteer with a certificate of appreciation.

News Briefs

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.

Health fair

The 1st Warrant Officer Company, Class 18-06, will host a health fair in support of cancer awareness Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its facility at 5803

Shamrock Street. In partnership with Lyster Army Health Clinic, the event will feature booths providing information on and increasing awareness of the various forms of cancer. The event is open to all military, family members and civilians. In case of inclement weather, the fair will take place in Yano Hall.

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.aspx?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.

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, retir-

ees 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 donations 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.

SecDef calls US, Vietnam ‘like-minded partners’

By Lisa Ferdinando
DOD News

WASHINGTON — The United States and Vietnam are “like-minded partners” that have a forward-looking relationship, Defense Secretary James N. Mattis said Jan. 25 as he concluded a visit to the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

Mattis and Vietnamese Defense Minister Ngo Xuan Lich met to discuss regional security issues. The secretary said he also met with the president of Vietnam and the general secretary of the Communist Party there.

“This is the normal coordination, collaboration, consultation, as we work out a relationship with Vietnam, and leaving things in the past as our starting point,” Mattis told reporters traveling with him en route to Honolulu after leaving Vietnam.

He said the United States and Vietnam share values based on mutual respect and common interests, including freedom of navigation, respect for international law, and recognition of national sovereignty.

“We’re finally finalizing details on the possible visit of U.S. carriers going to Vietnam sometime this spring,” Mattis said. Chief Pentagon spokesperson Dana W. White said Mattis and Lich agreed to work toward a visit by the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson to Da Nang in March.



PHOTO BY PAUL REHG

Defense Secretary James N. Mattis meets visits the Tran Quoc Pagoda during a visit to Hanoi, Vietnam, Jan. 25.

ENHANCING U.S.-VIETNAM DEFENSE COOPERATION

At the meeting, the two leaders committed to enhance defense cooperation based on a three-year plan of action agreed upon in October, with a focus on

maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as well as peacekeeping operations, White said.

Mattis and Lich also noted recent progress on the Cooperative Humanitarian and Medical Storage Initiative and robust Coast

Guard cooperation, including the arrival of a former U.S. Coast Guard cutter in Vietnam in December, she added.

Mattis highlighted the 2018 National Defense Strategy, which reaffirms the U.S. commitment to work with partners

such as Vietnam to sustain the rules-based order in a free and open Indo-Pacific region, White said.

Mattis also expressed appreciation for Vietnam’s close support to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency mission in Hanoi, White said, as it works to recover U.S. personnel missing from the war. The secretary is committed to working with Vietnam to address remaining legacy of war issues, White added.

MEETING WITH SOUTH KOREAN COUNTERPART

Mattis said he will meet in Hawaii with the commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Navy Adm. Harry Harris, as well as with South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-moo.

The U.S. and South Korea have an “ironclad alliance,” Mattis said. Discussions are to include denuclearization efforts on the Korean Peninsula, in light of three unanimous United Nations Security Council resolutions on North Korea, he said.

The secretary highlighted diplomatic efforts on the North Korean issue, noting he was recently in Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Foreign Ministers’ Meeting on Security and Stability of the Korean Peninsula.

“We’ll continue to hold the line and provide credible military options so the diplomats can speak from a position of strength and persuasion,” he said.

SecDef: North Korean regime is ‘threat to the entire world’

By Lisa Ferdinando
DOD News

WASHINGTON – The regime of North Korea’s Kim Jong-un remains a danger to the world, Defense Secretary James N. Mattis said Friday in Honolulu, while emphasizing diplomatic efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear issue.

The goal remains the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, Mattis told reporters at U.S. Pacific Command’s headquarters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, with South Korea Minister of Defense Song Young-moo.

“The Kim regime is a threat to the entire world,” Mattis said. “It’s an international problem that requires an international solution.”

He noted three unanimous United Nations Security Council Resolutions on North Korea.

“Our response to this threat remains diplomacy led, backed up with military options available to ensure that our diplomats are understood to be speaking from a position of strength,” the secretary explained.

‘IRONCLAD AND IRREPLACEABLE’ ALLIANCE

Mattis and Song reaffirmed the strength of their countries’ alliance and America’s pledge to defend South Korea and maintain peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula.

The U.S.-South Korean alliance is “ironclad and irreplaceable,” Mattis said.

“Our combined militaries stand shoulder-to-shoulder ready to defend against any attack” on South Korea or the United States, he said.

Mattis praised South Korea’s “steadfast action upholding United Nations sanctions at sea,” noting South Korea has impounded two ships that were found violating the U.N. Resolutions using ship-to-ship transfer at cargo at sea.

South Korea “leads by example in carrying out the United Nations’ sanctions,” Mattis said, adding North Korea is reminded that “risking its economy to boost its rockets makes it less secure, not more.”

ENDURING PACIFIC POWER

Mattis said Song is always welcome at the Pacific Command headquarters in Honolulu. This was the last stop of the secretary’s trip that also took him to Indonesia and Vietnam.

“Here in beautiful Hawaii we’re reminded that America is an enduring Pacific power – five of our states plus territories all touch on this shared ocean,” he said.

RECKLESS RHETORIC, DANGEROUS PROVOCATIONS

Mattis said the United States and South Korea welcome

the Olympic Games talks between North Korea and South Korea, but at the same time, “remain steadfast with the international economic pressure campaign to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula.”

The talks for the Olympics, Mattis explained, do not address the overarching problems with North Korea.

“Diplomacy should repose reason on Kim’s reckless rhetoric and dangerous provocations,” he said.

North Korea is sending athletes, including hockey players for a unified South Korea-North Korea team, to the 2018 Winter Games in South Korea. The games begin Feb. 9.



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Defense Secretary James N. Mattis and South Korea Minister of Defense Song Young-moo speak to reporters during a joint press conference at U.S. Pacific Command’s headquarters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Honolulu in Hawaii, Jan. 26.

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Hero

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of Sconiers in Poland, and the brothers in arms gathered there that day.

During the event, descendants of those servicemembers recreated the photo by standing graveside in the same formation as their ancestors had stood.

“Incredibly the children and grandchildren of those very officers are here today,” he said. “It’s truly remarkable and touching to see you here and is a very fitting tribute to Lieutenant Sconiers.”

Gayler said the ceremony had a connection to the Fort Rucker area. A long-time former resident of Enterprise, Ala., a retired Col. Jerry Sage was known as the “Cooler King” in Stalag Luft III for many escape attempts and resulting time spent in solitary confinement. In his autobiography, “Sage,” he penned a line only a former POW like Sconiers could fully appreciate.

“That sentence is simply, ‘Home—what a wonderful word,’” Gayler said.

“To Lt. Sconiers, welcome home.”

Army Chaplain Maj. Doug Nab, 1st Aviation Brigade, eulogized Sconiers’ life and service during an earlier portion of the ceremony, as having arrived “home at last, home at last,” he said.

“We as a nation can never fully repay those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and their Gold Star families,” Nab said.

As a child, Sconiers was “fearless, fun and adventurous,” and during his college years he was characterized as “exceptionally visionary and a natural leader,” Nab said.

Sconiers first garnered national attention

in August of 1942 as a bombardier on the Johnny Reb, after the copilot was killed by enemy fire and the pilot was badly injured and only semi-conscious. Sconiers took the controls and flew the plane back to safety. For his actions Sconiers was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest military decoration a Soldier can receive.

“His actions show the important role initiative plays in the body today,” Nab said.

Sconiers, who was a member of the 414th Bombardment Squadron, 97th Bombardment Group, served as a bombardier on a B-17F Flying Fortress during a mission to bomb the German U-boat pens at Lorient, France in October of 1942. The plane was severely damaged by enemy fire but the crew parachuted safely, and were taken as Prisoners of War.

As a POW, Sconiers provided security for the extensive, secret underground escape tunnel project at Stalag Luft III.

In January of 1944, Sconiers purportedly fell on some ice, and died from complications resulting from a concussion.

A field investigation by the American Graves Registration Command in 1948 failed to locate Sconiers’ burial site. After years of failed attempts to locate Sconiers’ remains, a breakthrough happened in 2015 when an independent researcher found a cross with the name Sconiers in a French military cemetery in Gdansk, Poland. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency requested assistance from the French Embassy in Poland to trace records related to the grave, which revealed there was no French soldier during WWII of that name.

Col. Chris S. Forbes, director for the Europe Mediterranean Regional Directorate, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, went to Poland in 2016 to try to locate Sconiers, who had been categorized as “nonrecoverable” back in 1946.

“We could never get in there because the Cold War froze pretty fast. The Russians occupied that park and made a headquarters there,” Forbes said.

It wasn’t until the late 1950s that Poland gave France a lease to gather all their deceased military members across Poland and place them in a consolidated cemetery in Gdansk. Sconiers had been buried near the French, so his remains were relocated along with theirs.

“When they saw the name ‘Ewart Sconiers’ they thought the Germans probably spelled [the first name] wrong. They buried him in Gdansk cemetery as Edouard Sconiers,” he said.

Interestingly, Sconiers’ headstone was the only one that didn’t include the inscription, “Died for France.”

The family had a researcher in Belgium who confirmed there was no Sconiers in the French or Belgian service in that time period. The remains were transferred to the United States where DNA testing determined it was Sconiers.

“I was the last 100 meters, I guess. The 10 to 12 year kilometers to the objective are these people gathered here, and Pam Whitelock was the centerpiece of it all,” Forbes said.

The search for Sconiers was a long journey but worth the team effort, according to Sconiers’ niece, Pamela Sconiers Whitelock.

“Today was the moment for which we’d all been waiting. It’s nothing but joy, gratitude, inspiration by these people who have supported and worked, and fueled the fires of the search. It’s overwhelming and uplifting,” Whitelock said.

“The greatest generation didn’t talk about their trials or triumphs. They simply moved forward,” Whitelock said.

The next generation must find within them the “want to,” and share the stories of heroes from the past, she said.

“Ewart’s great, great nieces and nephews know the story, shared the journey, and embraced the debt of gratitude, responsibility and accountability for the today he gave for their tomorrows,” Whitelock said. “They understand that the lives they enjoy were, and continue to be, made possible by freedom’s defenders.”

For anyone who still has a loved one unaccounted for, Whitelock has a simple message.

“Don’t give up! You have no idea how the lessons from such a journey will inform your life today,” she said.

Forbes hopes Whitelock’s testimonial will empower others with a family member that is unaccounted for.

“In 2015, we identified 47. Last fiscal year, we identified 201, so we’re continuing to get better,” he said.

“It’s a noble mission,” Forbes said. “We’re the only nation committed like this to bring everyone home. Our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines today can know when we put them in harm’s way, we will not leave them. We will come back and find them if, God forbid, they fall; and we will reunite them with their families.”

Tax center

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trained to deal with military personnel.

The tax center also offers their drop-off service, which allows single Soldiers to come in and drop off their income tax paperwork, and return in 48 hours to go over their complete return with a tax representative, said Clayton. Soldiers must return between the hours of 9-11 a.m., Mondays-Fridays for their returns.

“We don’t need a full one-hour appointment to do most single Soldiers tax returns, so this frees up a lot of time for us to serve as many people as we can,” he said.

Single Soldiers who wish to utilize the drop-off service must have a simple return with no more than two W-2 forms. For more information on drop-off services, call 255-2937 or 255-2938.

When visiting the tax center, people should remember to bring all tax forms, including all valid military ID cards; Social Security cards; all W-2s and wage and earning statements; 1099-R for pensions and retirements; 1098 for interest statements regarding tuitions, student loans, mortgages, etc.; a copy of the previous year’s return if available; power of attorney papers if available; 1099-G forms for gambling winnings, unemployment

compensations, etc.; and 1099-MISC for payments received for non-employment compensation.

“Some people have gambling winnings or unemployment that they’ve received throughout the year, and those are things that need to be filed and sometimes people don’t realize that,” said the tax coordinator. “If they’re in doubt about something, just bring it to us and ask questions.”

People should also bring their bank routing numbers as well as their account numbers if they wish to have their returns deposited directly into their bank accounts, which can be found on a check tied to the specific account they wish to use.

Although the tax center is an invaluable resource to people on the installation, the facility is limited in the services it can provide. The center can’t provide services for businesses or for those with more than one rental property, but most simple tax returns shouldn’t be a problem, said Clayton.

“Every tax situation is different and we look at each individual tax situation separately,” he said. “If people feel they can do it themselves, that’s fine, but there is no harm in coming by and having us take a look, especially since it’s free.”

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 255-2937 or 255-2938.

Volunteer

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“These Soldiers busted their behinds making sure this building was ready to go, and on the day of with the cooking and everything else. They did a superb job for not just the BOSS program, but everybody on the installation.”

The BOSS facility was reopened last year after a major renovation that included new carpeting, furniture, gaming systems, TVs, appliances, cookware and a revamped theater room. The facility also houses a new air hockey table, foosball table, dart board and newly covered pool table.

But despite the renovation, none of it would have happened without the initiative of the Soldiers involved, which includes the funds procured for the project.

“The money that we got for the building was because of everything that they did prior to it,” said Spivey. “We can’t get the money without the volunteers. BOSS has to volunteer so (many hours) and do so much on the installation to receive a certain amount of dollars, so they volunteered last year about 1,500 hours.

“That’s pretty significant considering the flex schedules that they work,” he continued. “Everything that was put into this building was because of the effort they put forward prior to us even submitting for that money.”

For many of the Soldiers, the efforts they put in weren’t about any individual gratification, but to be able to serve their fellow Soldiers who are on the same journey.

“A lot of us put in a lot of work on our off time,” said BOSS president Sgt. Brooklyn Phillips, 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment (Airfield Operations). “We work all day and then we come in on our own time or on the weekends to volunteer with activities to raise money for the program, so it’s nice to get recognized for the work that you put in.

“BOSS helps the single Soldiers around Fort Rucker to provide them with opportunities to get out and see the area, or do activities that they’re not able to do or afford being single Soldiers,” she continued. “This building gives our Soldiers a place where they can play video games or watch TV, because a lot of our Soldiers don’t have that, so this gives them a place to hang out with their friends, play pool or cook food.”

For Spc. Ashley Barahona, U.S. Army Dental Clinic Command, and BOSS vice president Spc. Shyandria Walker, U.S. Army Veterinary Command, it’s all about improving the lives of their fellow Soldiers.

“When it comes to the BOSS program, it’s just an organization that helps better our lives,” said Barahona. “Whenever we’re by ourselves here, sometimes for some of us it’s our first time away from home, and the program really helps (Soldiers) to feel like they’re at home, and it gives us opportunities not just to do things for ourselves, but to give back to the community.”

“BOSS to me is about giving back,” added Walker. “We give back to the community, we give back to our Soldiers and it’s just really gives the Soldiers something to do after work.”

Spivey said that the efforts of the BOSS Soldiers is something the installation will continue to try and recognize, adding that all of their praise is well deserved.

“I couldn’t be any prouder of all of them – even the ones who aren’t standing up here tonight,” said the garrison command sergeant major. “I just couldn’t be any prouder of any of the BOSS Soldiers we have.”

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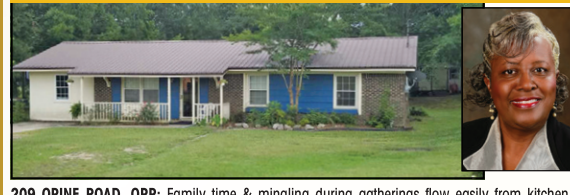
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Army secretary talks focus, funding, future

By Lisa Simunaci
Army Materiel Command

REDSTONE ARSENAL — The Army's top leader called for continued focus amidst looming budget uncertainty and provided a glimpse of the service's largest reorganization in more than 30 years.

Making his way around the world to review the Army's most critical components, Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper checked in on Redstone Arsenal Jan. 24. Along with the Army Materiel Command, Esper also toured U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and the Aviation Missile Research Development and Engineering Center during his daylong visit.

On the heels of a three-day government shutdown, Esper said his message to the Redstone Arsenal community was to stay focused. Redstone Arsenal organizations, he said, were critical to the Army.

"We have an important job to do in defense of our country," Esper said. "Congress and the executive branch will sort out funding issues."

Esper said he and other Army leaders are doing everything they can to get the message out about the need for a sustained, pre-

dictable and increased budget as well as the detriment of continuing resolutions.

"Leadership at the Department of Defense and myself continue to carry that message to Congress and key players," he said.

In a media opportunity with local reporters, Esper addressed questions about a new Futures Command, noting the idea was still conceptual, but would materialize at a swift pace. The new command, representing the largest reorganization since the Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986, should have initial operating capabilities this summer, with full capabilities by next year.

Esper said his visit to Redstone Arsenal was an opportunity for him to discuss his priorities of readiness, modernization and reform.

"I had good discussions with commanders and I'm pleased how they are executing each of those priorities," Esper said.

The visit to Redstone Arsenal comes after Esper's tours of the National Training Center, Forces Command, Afghanistan and South Korea. He also had the opportunity to visit Army Materiel Command-managed Army Prepositioned Stocks.

Esper said the leaders he encountered at

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PHOTO BY JASON CUTSHAW

Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, introduces Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper to SMDC's leadership during his visit to Redstone Arsenal Jan. 24.

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UH-60 Black Hawks sling load M119A3 Howitzers from B Battery, 3-320th Field Artillery Regt., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault), to the firing point Jan. 24 at Fort Campbell, Ky., during platoon certification. Sling loading the Howitzers allows the artillerymen to occupy remote locations more rapidly to effectively fire upon the enemy.

BATTLEFIELD PARTNERSHIPS

Army strengthens ties with Australian, Pacific partners during exercise

By Staff Sgt. Leticia Samuels
For Army News Service

CAMP TAJI MILITARY COMPLEX, Iraq — Exercise! Exercise! Exercise! Coalition forces call out for help as flames burn in the mid-morning light after a simulated gas bottle explosion during a mass casualty training exercise Jan. 18.

Soldiers assigned to the 449th Combat Aviation Brigade and coalition soldiers from New Zealand, Singapore and Australia worked together to simulate a real-world training scenario. The exercise provided hands-on experience in a combat situation if a flood of wounded patients came to the Camp Taji Role Two Enhanced Medical Facility.

"These exercises are made to stress the system with a larger number of patients than you would normally see, so you can iron out all the kinks when it's practiced," said Capt. Brian Morey, an aeromedical physician assistant assigned to the 1st Battalion, 126 Aviation Regiment, 449th CAB.

The exercise began with the simulation of a gas bottle explosion in a work location that injures numerous soldiers. Medical personnel on site started to render aid to wounded soldiers as they waited for the arrival of the medical evacuation team to transport the wounded to the nearest medical facility.

"The point-of-injury care will occur wherever the injury happens," said Mo-



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. LETICIA SAMUELS

Soldiers in the Australian army load a wounded soldier onto a litter to transport to the Role Two Enhanced Medical Facility after a simulated gas bottle explosion during a mass casualty training exercise at Camp Taji, Iraq, Jan. 18.

rey. "The event happens at an unknown, distant site. You have your buddy aid, your Combat Life Saver, or if there are medics, they respond. That is your immediate life-saving measure."

Morey explained that the incident is called to the medical facility and a medical evacuation team transports wounded personnel to the nearest medical facility. After arriving at the medical facility, the wounded are met by a medical liaison.

"You have your triage area or your patient receiving," said Morey. "As they are being received, there is someone out here that is the triage officer ac-

tually looking at the patient, receiving the report from the medic that treated them at the site and depending on the level of severity will get triaged based on that."

The facility at Camp Taji is overseen by the Australian army and allows the various forces to integrate effective medical procedures despite their different backgrounds.

"When it comes to a mass casualty we are all working together, but essentially we have a Singaporean team in charge of the recess (re-cessation bay)

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SCREAMING EAGLES

Brigade-level air assault operation displays unit's unique capability

By Capt. Ed Campbell
*101st Airborne Division
Public Affairs*

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky — As members of the world's only air assault division, the Screaming Eagles have pioneered and honed their unique tactics, techniques and procedures for more than 75 years.

Today, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) continues to provide the U.S. Army with rapid response and unmatched vertical envelopment capability. That capability was on display when the division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team and 101st Combat Aviation Brigade conducted a brigade-level air assault operation here Jan. 19.

The operation provided an opportunity to project force in a non-linear and non-contiguous battle space. It also provided an opportunity for the brigades to test mission command systems, to integrate and synchronize enablers, clear airspace and fires, and control the movement of multiple units simultaneously toward an objective.

"This is a unique capability that we provide the Army," said Col. John P. Cogbill, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. commander. "To be able to conduct an air assault operation deep into the enemy territory, to capitalize on surprise, shock affect, audacity, and present the enemy with multiple dilemmas on any possible battlefield."

Cogbill added that this type of large-scale operation requires extensive planning, synchronization and rehearsals. He also said that building repetition in air assault operations helps to increase proficiency and overall readiness.

"As the Army's only air assault division, we have to be the standard bearers for this type of operation, so this is something that takes practice," he said. "This is just another iteration, as we build that readiness, to be able to provide this capability to the Army."

A capability that now, more than ever, is required as the Army seeks to posture itself optimally for major contingencies that require the ability to conduct the full range of military operations.

"We must maintain our dominance across all domains," said Brig. Gen. K. Todd Royar, 101st Abn. Div. deputy commanding general for support, who observed the operation. "This includes the air and land, and large-scale air assault operations, such as those during Opera-

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PHOTO BY SPC. PATRICK KIRBY

Soldiers with C Co., 1-187th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault), provide security during a brigade-level air assault operation Jan. 19, at Fort Campbell, Ky.

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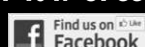
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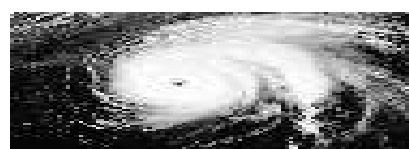


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each location had nothing but great things to say about AMC.

“I hear about your responsiveness to supporting units. They are singing your praises, unprompted,” Esper told Army Materiel Command’s Gen. Gus Perna and a gathering of the organization’s top staff.

Esper noted the military is transitioning from current wars to prepare to face a near-peer adversary.

“After 17 years of war, we’ve not used our heavy equipment, our Abrams Tanks, our Bradley Fighting Vehicles,” he said. “Now as we pivot to prepare for a high-end fight and are training for it, we’re putting a lot more miles on those vehicles and they are breaking down – and that’s good.”

While some may say the breakdowns are bad, Esper said it is just the opposite.

“That’s an indicator that we’re using them. We are exercising; we are training. But what that has done is placed an incredible

demand on the supply system that Army Materiel Command is responsible for. It hasn’t been exercised like that in a dozen plus years,” Esper said. “General Perna and his team have done a great job engaging industry, catching up and looking at innovative ways to get those parts and supplies on time, and at a good price for taxpayers too, so our troops are ready to go.”

Even if the Army’s troops are well trained and well-supplied, Esper said that doesn’t equal readiness.

“If you can’t get the tank out of the motor pool, you’re just not ready for the fight,” he said.

Esper said his overall strategy is to focus on outcomes, not processes.

“Process is a guide, but it can’t be an obstacle to speed. We can’t let process get in the way of good ideas,” he told AMC’s commanders and staff. “That’s what Korea and 8th Army are really patting you on the back for.”

Esper said his discussions with Perna also

included how additive manufacturing – or 3-D printing – might be incorporated onto the battlefield.

“Rather than run a supply requisition all the way back to a depot, maybe we just print parts on the spot,” Esper said. “At this time of great challenge, I see great opportunity. Can we think of leap-ahead ways to do supply differently? That’s what General Perna and his team are looking for.”

Perna said the Army Materiel Command conveyed to the Army secretary that the command is looking through a new lens and taking a comprehensive but also a common-sense approach to addressing its challenges.

“Our goal is a responsive supply chain that accurately forecasts and delivers what the warfighters need, when and where they need it,” Perna said.

During his visit to U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson briefed Esper on how the com-

mand is focused on supporting theater operations for combatant commands and the future fight. The command’s technical center director Tom Webber also presented an overview of the center’s role as an Army Science and Technology Laboratory focused on providing technologies in directed energy, space, cyberspace, hypersonics, and integrated air and missile defense.

“Being able to tell the secretary what we do across our three lines of effort (operations, capability development and material development), and the uniqueness of SMDC/ARSTRAT is a tremendous benefit to the command because it reaffirms the relevance of the command and its mission,” Webber said.

“Anytime you have the opportunity to brief the secretary of the Army and other Army senior leaders on the role SMDC/ARSTRAT plays for our Army and the nation, it ensures our most senior leaders are fully aware of the command and what we contribute to the fight.”

Eagles

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tions Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, for which this division is known.”

Restoring dominance was also a theme mentioned by Lt. Col. Joseph Katz, 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. commander, whose artillery assets were transported quickly by more than 20 aircraft to protect and ensure the freedom of movement of the brigade’s maneuver forces.

“This air assault showed the importance of being able to quickly move artillery pieces by air in order to bring their overwhelming firepower forward into the fight,” said Katz. “This is a skill that every air assault artilleryman must master if we’re to do this in combat and regain range and lethality overmatch against our adversaries, particularly near peers.”

According to Lt. Col. James Yastrzemy, 6th General Support Aviation Battalion, 101st CAB, 101st Abn. Div. commander, sling load and air assault operations are also skills that involve close partnerships.

“These relationships are what mark us as the gold standard bearers,” said Yastrzemy. “Fostering air-to-ground relationships together, over multiple iterations, and critiquing ourselves along the way, ensures that we are better trained

and ready to do the job, whenever and wherever we’re asked to do it. And, no one does it better than the 101st.”

As the air assault operation began, helicopter by helicopter, forces swept into the snow covered landing zones and squads of ground-troops quickly fanned out to secure their objectives. Capitalizing on the surprise and shock effect, the 3rd BCT Soldiers rapidly built combat power to close with and destroy the opposing forces. Simultaneously, AH-64 Apache helicopters and artillery engaged the enemies.

“This training is important because it tests all levels of leadership across the division to come together and get the mission done,” said Spc. Dustin Frost, an infantryman with Company C, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. “From aviation down to us, the infantry,”

Sgt. Alfred Leyva, a team leader serving alongside Frost, said that the operation provided him with the ability to assess his Soldiers’ training and gain confidence in their abilities.

“We’ve practiced as a team, as a squad, and now we’re going to incorporate all of the training we’ve learned into future operations,” said Leyva.

Yastrzemy added that practice makes perfect.

“We’re going to make mistakes during this operation, and we encourage our team to make mistakes during practice,



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS ANDRE MCCLURE

An aircrew assigned to B Co., 6th GSAB, 101st CAB, position a CH-47 Chinook above an M1151 high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle as Soldiers prepare for sling load operations Jan. 19 at Fort Campbell.

so we can learn and grow as an organization,” Yastrzemy said. “But we have to be ruthless in the sense of how we critique ourselves internally so we can make the most of every iteration. Establishing relationships, executing to a standard, critiquing ourselves, and improving upon every repetition is how we measure success.”

Partnerships

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and the New Zealand team is in charge of the primary health care,” said Australian army Maj. Greg Button, the senior medical officer at the Taji Role Two Medical Facility. “We also have the American Role One with us. They help manage the other recess bay in a mass casualty situation.”

Camp Taji is one of five Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve building partner capacity locations dedicated to training partner forces and enhancing their effectiveness on the battlefield. Pre-planning and cross training is critical to ensuring they can support any medical situations that can arise. Morey said there aren’t any physician’s assistants in the Australian army, so the 449th Combat Aviation Brigade facilitates this need.

“We wanted to be included, because it is very feasible that if there was a mass casualty

we have providers and medics that are available to help,” said Morey. “We pre-planned this with them well in advance, because they are not only taking care of their own Soldiers but pretty much everybody here on base. In the weeks leading up to this we had them come down and see our equipment and aid stations and talked about our capabilities.”

The 449th Combat Aviation Brigade provides Aviation combined strategic partnership training with regional military partners in order to conduct multinational training events. Morey said medical personnel assigned to the 449th Combat Aviation Brigade trained 27 coalition forces soldiers on patient loading operations on a UH-60 Black Hawk, which also tied into the training.

“We did a walk-through of the danger areas of the aircraft, how to approach it and how the patients are loaded,” said Morey. “We showed them the inside and the capabilities of how to sustain a patient inside the

aircraft. This was a culminating event that we added to the mass casualty exercise so they can actually load a patient on an aircraft at a real location and test their whole system.”

This training is part of the overall Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent

Resolve building partner capacity mission, which focuses on training and improving the capability of partnered forces fighting ISIS.

“This gives the medics a chance to work with multinational forces,” said Morey. “It really does a lot for building those experiences.”



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Soldiers assigned to the 449th CAB and medical personnel assigned to the Australian army work together to assess a patient’s initial injuries during the exercise.

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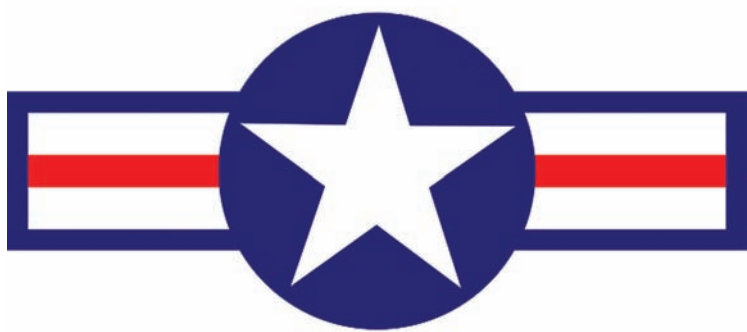
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LEARNING FROM THE PAST



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The UH-1D Huey helicopter sits as a centerpiece in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Museum offers portal into Army Aviation history

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

More than 100,000 people visit the U.S. Army Aviation Museum each year to get a glimpse into the history of Army Aviation and learn from its past.

But as much as patrons are able to see what the history of Army Aviation holds, there is much more than currently meets the eye when it comes to the museum's vast collection.

"Currently, in the existing museum, we are limited by space, so we have to have displayed what was actually in the Army's operational inventory," said Bob Mitchell, U.S. Army Aviation Museum curator. "When grandpa brings his kids and grandkids in here to show them the helicopter he flew, we have to have it in here, which means that there is a lot of stuff that we have that we can't really put [on display]."

Currently there are about five storage facilities that house a slew of prototype aircraft and equipment, as well as many aircraft that are slated for restoration in the future to be exhibited on the museum floor, and although the current museum has about 120,000 square feet of floor space, it's not enough to be able to display everything that is housed in the museum's storage units, said Mitchell.

From the first XH-40 prototype helicopter that paved the way for the famous Huey helicopter to a Boeing-Sikorsky RAH-66 Co-



The first XH-40 prototype helicopter sits at its home at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

manche, an aircraft that never quite made it into the Army's operational inventory, the museum has something for everyone, said Mitchell.

The Comanche, which is one of the museum's biggest attractions, allows visitors to see just how far the evolution of Army Aviation has come from aircraft that flew more than 100 years ago, which can also be seen within the museum's walls. There are about 50 aircraft on display in the public galleries at any one time throughout the museum, but the entire collection encompasses over 160 airplanes,

helicopters and other vertical flight aircraft, according to the museum's website, www.armyaviationmuseum.org, most of which is found in storage out of public view.

Of the vast collection of aircraft and memorabilia that the museum houses, the unseen artifacts encompass more than two thirds of the museum's entire collection, said Mitchell. The collection has been accumulated over the last 60 years, and due to space constraints, the museum is typically limited to showcase aircraft that were in the Army's operational inventory, but that doesn't negate the importance

of the pieces sitting in storage.

"Fort Rucker's museum is the showcase for Army Aviation," Mitchell said. "When non-military personnel and veterans come to Fort Rucker, they generally come to see the museum. It's basically Army Aviation's house, so we want to make sure the visitors have a pleasurable visit (and that) they understand the mission of Army Aviation and its rich heritage."

"Most people who interact with Fort Rucker and the museum will walk away with the opinion of the Army based on the museum," he added. "It is very important we

conduct ourselves in a professional manner, the exhibits are correct and people leave here understanding Army Aviation."

The museum is set up in a way to try and take people on a journey through the history of Army Aviation as they walk through various exhibits, said Mitchell.

"They can expect to find examples of Army Aviation dating from the Wright Brothers' production of the Army Wright Model B flyer through World War I and World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War and the global war on terrorism," he said. "It is important to understand that the United States Army is the reason for the modern-day helicopter. The Army paid the money, and conducted research and development to get the helicopter where it is today."

"We have a little bit of everything in here," he added. "We have an original Newport 28 from World War I. There are only a handful of those that survived. We also have a Super 68 from the Battle of Mogadishu, as seen in the movie 'Black Hawk Down,' and pretty much a sampling of everything in between."

The museum is open to visit Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on federal holidays, except for Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

For more information about the museum, visit <http://www.armyaviationmuseum.org/>.

ACS offers tools, tips to aid in job hunts

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

Campaigning for new employment can be a daunting task, especially for Soldiers transitioning into civilian life, but Army Community Service offers tools and tips to aid in the search.

Marketing is the key to any successful job hunting endeavor, according to Mike Kozlowski, ACS employment readiness manager.

"Regis McKenna – the 'marketing guru of Silicon Valley' – was quoted in the 'Harvard Business Review' as saying, 'Marketing is everything, everything is marketing,'" he said. "In a very real sense this new axiom for the 21st century can be directly applied to the job campaign process for folks who are interested in making their campaigns more productive."

Employment readiness workshops will take place today, Feb. 13 and March 1 from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350 in the ACS Multi-purpose Room. Patrons will complete paperwork prior to the sessions' 9 a.m. start time. Participants will learn the essentials for conducting a successful job campaign. Advance registration is required. Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/employment-readiness-program-workshop-tickets-40855808824?aff=erelexpmlt> to register. Anyone unable to attend the workshop dates above can registration for other future workshops by using the website's dropdown selector.

For those unable to attend the upcoming workshops, Kozlowski suggested the following steps for effectively marketing skills to hiring managers.

- **Start with your résumé** — Ask your-



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self the questions, "Would I hire myself if I were a hiring manager and read my résumé?" Tailor your résumé to the job in which you're interested, giving the reader the impression that you are a problem solver with innovative approaches to the industry sector. Pepper your work experiences with active – and not passive – verbs to demonstrate that you are more than capable meet challenges with superb solutions. Quantify your work experiences (and significant accomplishments) with percentages, dollar figures, and statistical data. Describe the context and challenges you faced in the job, the actions you took to solve those challenges/opportunities and, lastly, the results you and the organization experienced from your creative solutions. Once again, quantify these accomplishments as much as possible.

- **The informational visit** — Research companies and their job opportunities. Tailor your résumé and cover letter to the company you wish to visit and then make the informational visit. You don't have to call ahead, but it may help you get some dedicated time on that individual's schedule. Do not offer your résumé to the person until they ask for it. If you do you risk being perceived

as a person with self-interest at heart. Get the business card and hand write a thank you note.

According to Kozlowski, consistency is a key component to a successful job campaign.

"Some individuals are morning people, feeling fresh and ready to 'get at it' with vigor during the first part of the day," he said. "Others – because of their other obligations and commitments – find job hunting better suited to an afternoon schedule. Job hunting – if you're truly serious about it – needs to be a consistent part of your daily routine. One hour, four hours, eight hours – it doesn't matter how much time you devote to your hunt. Your job hunt is driven by the intensity and determination you render to it – every day. It's the fire in your belly that drives success in anyone's job search. You should always adopt a methodical, consistent approach to your daily job hunt efforts – never go headlong into the hunt without preparation."

For Soldiers looking ahead to future civilian employment or family members who are currently employed, time can be scarce. However, Kozlowski said tools are still available to help cast a wide networking net.

"It's often been said that it's better to look for a job while you have a job than

to look for a job while gainfully unemployed," he said. "While it's true that currently employed individuals have little time to include face-to-face contacts in their already-full work schedules, the tech age in which we're living affords opportunities which have been previously unavailable."

"I'm a big advocate of networking with other professionals, either on a face-to-face basis or via electronic means," he continued. "(A job networking site) is more than a social media resource. If used correctly, it will put you in touch with corporate and organizational decision makers who can be that effective second connection for another career opportunity. Increasingly, jobs are being offered to qualified candidates through (job networking sites), so it should not be treated as a virtual chat room for professionals. Make certain your profile is complete and your résumé is loaded into the site."

Kozlowski also suggests professional conventions, conferences and associational meetings to network with hiring managers and decision managers. However, a little time off might be in order to strengthen the search.

"You may want to approach this challenge the old-fashioned way," he said. "Take some time off and visit the employer. This approach does involve a lot of planning as you want to make certain the individual will have time blocked-off on his or her schedule to speak with you. Use the informational visit approach. Taking time off also serves as to not alert your current boss that you're out looking for other opportunities."

For more information on the employment readiness program or to register for the workshop, call 255-2594.

ON POST

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON THURSDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK’S EDITION.

Child care available

The Fort Rucker School Age Center has spaces available for before and after school care. The school age center is available for children kindergarten through fifth grade.

For more information, call 255-9638.

Valentine craft

The Center Library will have a Design your Valentine craft session Tuesday 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 Direct-STEP® 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, 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 Tuesday at 9 a.m. To register for the webinar, visit <https://lrptraining.webex.com/lrptraining/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 Friday 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 tools on how to present classes and briefings more effectively,

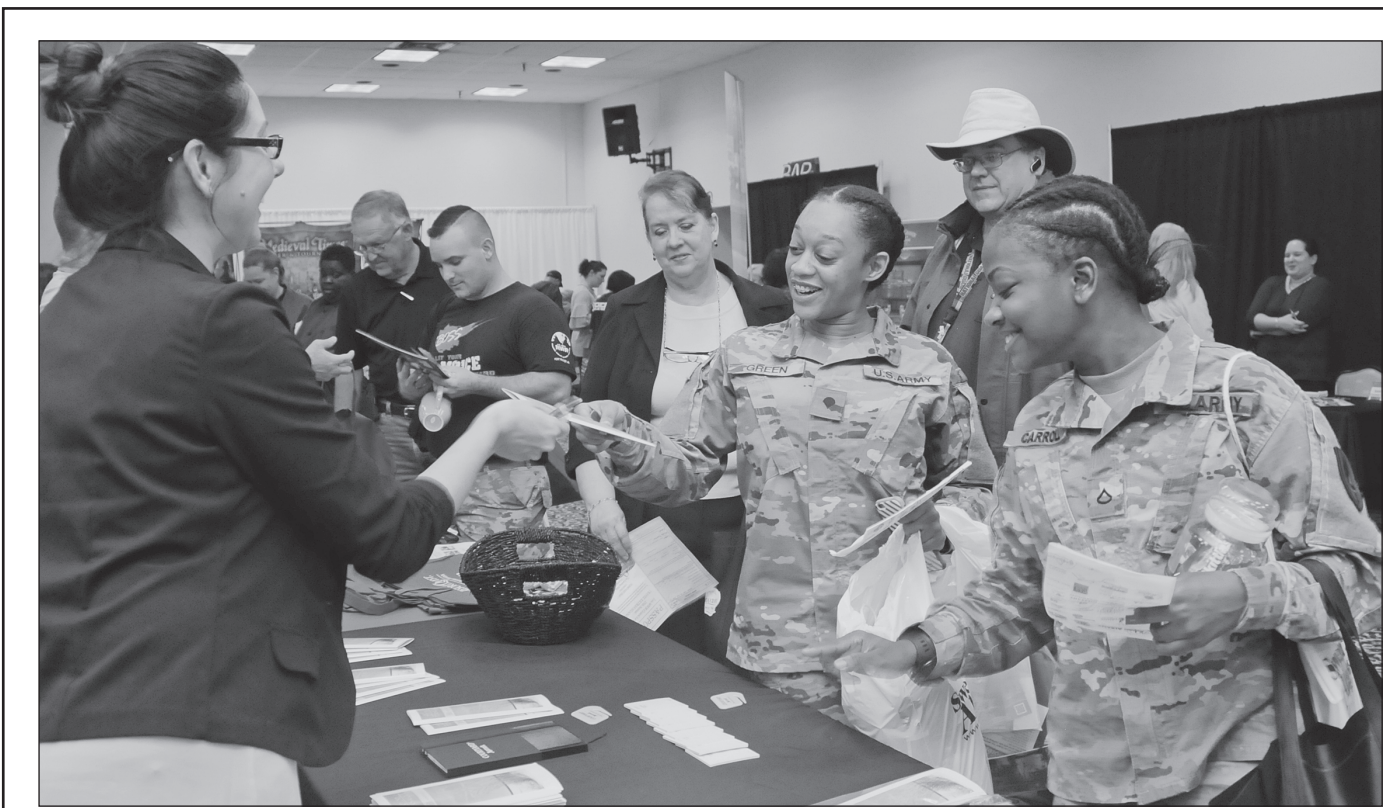


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Travel Extravaganza

The 30th annual Fort Rucker Travel Extravaganza will be hosted by MWR Central Tuesday 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 a previous event.

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.

Employment readiness class

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program will host an orientation session Feb. 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.

Sweetheart Dinner

The Landing Zone will host its Sweetheart Dinner Feb. 14 from 4-9 p.m. The dinner will feature a two-for-\$20 special where people can enjoy two entrees and an appetizer from a select menu. For more information, call 255-0768.

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 “Jobseeker’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.

Newcomers welcome

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for Feb. 16 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Landing. Active-duty military, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and family members are encouraged by post officials to attend the newcomers orientation. A free light breakfast and coffee will be served. For free childcare, people can register their children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomers welcome.

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

Blended Retirement System Seminar

Army Community Service accredited financial counselors will present a Blended Retirement System Seminar Feb. 20 from 6-7 p.m. at 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 Saving Plan with

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matching government contributions. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 19. Free child care available with registration. Class is subject to cancellation if enough people do not pre-register.

For more information, call 255-3949. Registration can be completed by visiting <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/programs/army-community-service>.

Fort Rucker Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host the Fort Rucker Right Arm Night Feb. 22 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. Complimen-

tary 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.

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.

For more information, call 255-3735.

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Former SecDef Hagel, Army historians dispel Tet Offensive myths

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Around midnight on Jan. 30, 1968, Vietcong and North Vietnamese Army troops began a massive surprise attack on U.S., South Vietnamese and allied forces across South Vietnam.

The Tet Offensive, as it came to be known, was actually a three-phase campaign, lasting from Jan. 30 to March 28, May 5 to June 15 and Aug. 17 to Sept. 23.

“The event really defined the course of the rest of the [Vietnam] war and how it ended, which was a pretty inglorious ending,” said former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

Hagel, who was with the 47th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam during Tet, spoke at the “Vietnam: The Tet Offensive” panel discussion Jan. 25 at the National Archives.

Then a 21-year-old private first class, Hagel, just two months in country, said his mechanized infantry unit sustained heavy casualties in the vicinity of Long Binh.

The attack was a complete surprise, he said. What happened in Long Binh was typical of what was happening across the country.

The U.S. had completely underestimated the strength of the North Vietnamese Army and Vietcong guerrilla forces from South Vietnam, he said. It came as a shock to the American public and turned public opinion against the war.

One of the myths of Tet, he said, is that it was a big enemy military victory. It wasn’t. “Our military actually did very well, considering.”

Erik B. Villard, a historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History, said there were other myths about Tet, some of which he wrote about in his Center for Military History book, “Combat Operations: Staying the Course, October 1967 to September 1968.”

One myth, he said, was that the North Vietnamese orchestrated a number of major battles prior to Tet in the autumn of 1967 to draw U.S. forces away from the cities so they would be in a better position to succeed in capturing the urban areas.

The real story is more interesting, he said. The 1967 battles were local and regional campaigns, planned over the spring and summer of that year.

The idea for the Tet Offensive did not even occur to the enemy at the time, as their strategic planning process tended to be short-term and at times very chaotic, he said.

Also, why would they want to launch a major battle in November 1967, just months before Tet when full strength would be needed? There wouldn’t be adequate recovery time, he said, noting that the National Archives provided some key documents he used in his research.

A second myth, Villard said, was that Gen. William Westmoreland, the commander of American forces in Vietnam, “was wedded to this notion of victory through attrition – that the way to succeed was to kill enough of the enemy that you crossed this imaginary threshold and you could just kind of grind your way toward success.

“Westmoreland deserves far more credit than he’s gotten in my view,” he added.

He was a shrewd person who understood the value of pacification and cutting enemy supply lines, as he was doing in secret operations to cut the Ho Chi Minh Trail, Villard noted.

A third myth, he said, is that U.S. military policy changed when Westmoreland was replaced by Gen. Creighton Williams Abrams Jr. in June 1968, in the middle of



PHOTO BY KENNETH POLLARD

The 47th Infantry Regiment takes the offensive May 1968 in south Saigon. Former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel was with the 47th Infantry in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive and he spoke about it at the National Archives Jan. 25.

the Tet Offensive.

Abrams and Westmoreland saw mostly eye-to-eye on strategy, he said. The mission continued to be defending bases and lines of communication, as well as air interdiction operations and supporting pacification.

Pacification was a term used at the time to denote counterinsurgency operations, which included advise and assist missions and winning over the loyalty of the local population.

Policy didn’t actually change until after mid-1969 when Vietnamization took hold, he said. Vietnamization consisted of drawing down U.S. forces and transferring responsibility to the South Vietnamese forces.

The buildup of forces into 1968 and the draw down a year later had already been planned on Westmoreland’s watch, he said.

Merle L. Pribbenow II, an author specializing in the Vietnam War, with five years of service in Vietnam during the war as a CIA operative, said that a widespread myth was that the Tet Offensive was a well planned and executed enemy attack.

That’s completely false, he said, referencing documents and interviews of NVA and VC commanders after the war.

Many of those generals became bitter with the way they and their units were treated by their own military and political leaders and the high numbers of casualties that resulted, he said.

“We focus on how we felt Army commanders screwed up and were unprepared. [The North Vietnamese] were saying the exact same things again and again,” he said.

After the war, the Vietnamese did tactical reviews and battle studies, just as the U.S. Army did, to learn lessons, and assess strengths and weaknesses, he noted.

The takeaway from that assessment, he said, was that the communists acknowledged that a lot of the poor decision-making during Tet resulted from underestimating U.S. military response, as well as the loyalty of the South Vietnamese people.

Like the Americans, the communists also inflated their own body counts, minimized their failures and exaggerated their



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Army of the Republic of Vietnam Rangers defend Saigon during the Tet Offensive of 1968.

accomplishments, he said.

The biggest problem, he added, was that shortcomings were not reported up the chain of command and authorities refused to listen to subordinates.

As a result of the assessment, he said the military leadership of Vietnam decided on a new approach. From then on, leaders were instructed to encourage subordinates to tell the truth, even if it wasn’t something they wanted to hear or went against their own thinking.

Gregory Daddis, an associate professor of history and director of Chapman University’s Master of Arts program in War and Society, said another myth was that the U.S. media was to blame for the lack of political will after the Tet Offensive.

There’s a tendency, he said, to find someone to blame when a bad outcome occurs.

Looking back 50 years ago to the Tet Of-

fensive gives everyone an opportunity to gain a better perspective on everything that took place, he said.

An important takeaway from Tet, he said, is that sometimes military action might not be the best tool in all situations to achieve the desired political effect.

Hagel added that “in the end, war is determined not by military might but by the support of the people. We found ourselves on the wrong side of that.”

He concluded: “The sacrifices made by over 56,000 Americans who lost their lives and hundreds of thousands of individuals who were wounded, and all who served, were never really given much recognition for an assignment they didn’t choose. But they served and they served honorably, and did what their country asked them to do. And I think that’s a part of this story that needs to be told more often.”

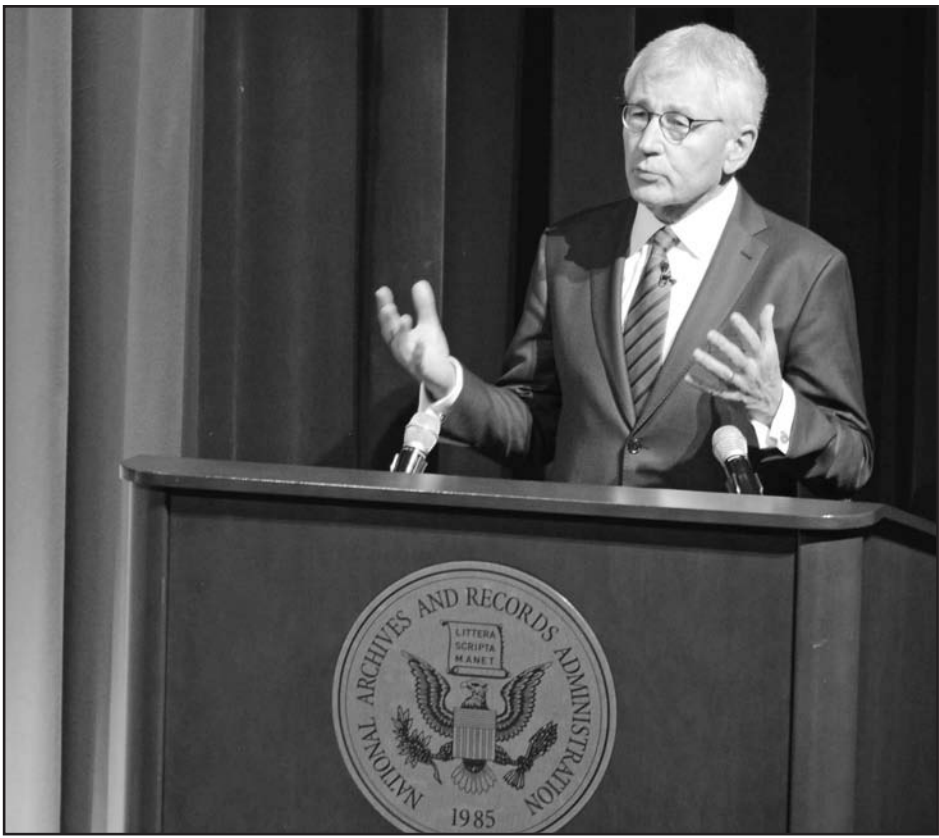


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Former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, who was with the 47th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam during Tet, speaks at “Vietnam: The Tet Offensive” panel discussion Jan. 25 at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

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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.

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.

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. 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.

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3073 Wiregrass Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters at 1426 Taylor Road every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. There is a fish fry every Friday night from 5-7 p.m., then karaoke beginning at 6 p.m. Breakfast is served Sundays from 8-11 a.m. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells.

ENTERPRISE

FEB. 3 — Club Yesepoch, Inc., will host its 20th annual Community-Wide Black History Banquet at 6 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center. The guest speaker will be LeRonne Riddick-Seals of RiddickSeals Legal Group. Club Yesepoch, Inc. is a nonprofit, charitable organization composed of black women in Enterprise. Tickets cost \$25 and they may be obtained from club members. For more information, call 334-790-2339 or 334-406-9895.

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 Coffee County Toastmasters Club, an organization dedicated to the development of leadership and public speaking skills, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6:15-8 p.m. at the Enterprise State Community College Student Center Community Room. For more information, call 334-347-0259.

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

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

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.

ONGOING — Every Wednesday, the Ozark-Dale County Public Library hosts free Wii Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens and adults are invited. For more information, call 774-5480.

ONGOING — Every Monday through Friday, aerobic classes are open to the public at the Autrey Recreation Center from 8-10 a.m. Call 774-2042 for

more information.

ONGOING — Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., yoga with Sandra Bittman is at Perry Recreation Center for \$5 a person.

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.

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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.

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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

FEB. 8 — The Above the Best Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Swartworth Hall, Rms. 4-5, at 5802 Outlaw Street on Fort Rucker. This is a monthly meeting to prepare for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer cohort. Refreshments and lunch will be served. All warrant officers, past and present, are invited to attend. For more information, call 912-312-6446 or 703-665-7004.

FEB. 13 — The Retired Officers Wives Association invites all wives and widows of retired officers to attend its Our Favorite Valentines luncheon at 10:30 a.m. at the Landing at Fort Rucker. To make a reservation, call 334-347-4966 by noon Feb. 9. Cancellations need to be made by noon Feb. 12.

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.

ONGOING — The Marine Corps League, Wiregrass Det. 752, welcomes all Marines, Navy corpsmen and chaplains, and their families, to its monthly meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Attendees are welcome to arrive early for food and camaraderie. The next meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Dothan. For more information, call 718-4168 or 805-7335.

Beyond Briefs

‘Fly’

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival presents its production of “Fly” at various dates and times now through Feb. 11 at its facility on One Festival Drive in Montgomery. Inspired by the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and with a focus on hope, endurance, and accomplishment, “Fly” tells the story of the first African-American Army Air Corps fighters who flew over the skies of Europe and North Africa during World War II, according to organizers. “Fly” dramatizes the historic contributions made by the Tuskegee Airmen to the desegregation of the American military and the furthering of civil rights. The production is recommended for people ages 1 and older.

For more information, including showtimes and ticket costs, call 334-271-5353 or visit asf.net/project/fly/.

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/mardi-gras-barkus-parade/1722/>.

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/mardi-gras/festival-schedule/>.

Critter Crawl and Yeti Dash

The Alabama Wildlife Federation’s annual 5k trail run, the Critter Crawl and Yeti Dash, is scheduled for Feb. 10 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Alabama Nature Center in Millbrook. back so bring the family and some friends and join others at the ANC pavilion for a wild race! New for this year is the Yeti Dash – a 1-mile trail system run. Nature and critter costumes are mandatory for any guests who wish to participate in the Yeti Dash, according to organizers. Any guests who do not dress in costume will not be eligible to win a Yeti Dash medal. One medal will be awarded to the first place finisher in each age group category. While taking oart, runners should remain on the lookout for the Yeti – they might be able to get a picture with it. No pets are allowed.

Registration is on active.com, and the race fee is \$25 for the 5k and \$20 for the Yeti Dash. Day of ticket prices increase by \$5. For more information, call 800-822-9453 or visit <https://www.alabamawildlife.org/critter-crawl/>.

[alabamawildlife.org/critter-crawl/](https://www.alabamawildlife.org/critter-crawl/).

Love Run 5K

Montgomery’s annual Love Run 5k is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. – the downtown race will begin at Paterson Field and end with a final trek up the hill to Brantwood. Proceeds will benefit the Brantwood Children’s Home. People can register online at www.itsyourrace.com – cost is \$25.

For more information, call 334-265-0784 or visit www.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=10330.

Zoo Animal Enrichment Day

The Montgomery Zoo wil host its Animal Enrichment Day Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. From zoo animals to pets at home and even people, everyone needs enrichment, according to zoo officials. A chance to smell a new scent, taste a new flavor, play a new game or figure out a challenging puzzle or game -- the result at this event is to stimulate behaviors resembling those for that species found in the wild. It is a lot of trial and error, but it is always fun. Cost is regular admission fee to enter zoo with no additional fee to view and participate in the Animal Enrichment Day activities.

For more information, call 334-625-4912 or visit montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/enrichmenfeb.

Army dogs get top vet care while saving Soldiers' lives in Afghanistan

By Crystal Marshall
Office of the Chief of Public Affairs

AFGHANISTAN – Even with all of the advanced technology in the world, nothing still protects a Soldier like man's best friend.

For the Military Working Dogs currently deployed in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division, the years of specialized training they have undergone have a tangible impact in keeping Soldiers alive as they fight terrorism.

"It's amazing, prior to reintroducing dogs to the Department of Defense, there were considerable IED deaths in Afghanistan and Iraq," recalled Capt. (Dr.) Michael White, of the 438th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) under the 627th Hospital Center from Fort Carson, Colorado. "The minute explosive detection dogs were brought back, the number dropped."

"The service they provide is unique and I'm not sure we've ever been able to replicate their success in the Army with any other type of protection," White said.

As a veterinarian deployed in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and assisting Task Force Marauder, which provides critical medical and Aviation support to U.S. forces in Afghanistan, White is responsible for caring for the dogs just as U.S. Army medics and surgeons care for human Soldiers – a responsibility he holds in the highest regard.

"The dog has performed these services to keep so many service members safe," White said, "so we demonstrate our appreciation by taking as good care of them as we possibly can."

'A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT'

In addition to his veterinary duties, White said he normally conducts one K-9 Tactical Combat Casualty Care course once a week. "Once everybody finds out that there's a veterinarian on post, everyone is eager to get hands-on training with the dogs."

Since his area of operations includes the entire southern and western regions of Afghanistan, White is all the more appreciative of the enthusiasm that the Soldiers have for learning about MWD medical care, in case an injury happens while a working dog is in the field.

"Considering the extent of the area that we cover, caring for our working dogs is very much a collaborative effort," he said. "So for me to provide the tools necessary for other providers to handle care is a natural adjunct



PHOTO BY NAVY LT. CDR. MARK ZELLE

Soldiers learn veterinary ultrasound techniques for military working dogs from Capt. (Dr.) Michael White, Army veterinarian, in Afghanistan.

to everything I do."

A basic K-9 TC3 course provides an overview of point-of-injury care and stabilization methods to keep the dog alive and comfortable until it can be medically evacuated. White provides training to combat medics and infantry troops who will be on the ground with the dogs, but he also provides training to surgeons and other specialists in human care, known as Role 3 medical providers.

In White's view, veterinary training for human-medicine doctors is symbiotic. "The more we can do to get them the skills necessary, and really the comfort level, to provide care, the better off we all are – physician and patient," he says. "We're fortunate [in that] veterinary medicine really does mirror human medicine."

White noted one recent example of cross-training with a U.S. Navy-run NATO facility in Afghanistan. He worked with Role 3 doctors at the station on ultrasound training, showing them how to quickly identify diseased versus normal tissue and other internal issues in MWDs.

In addition to his traveling training sessions, White also provides specialized training for the dogs' handlers, who "arguably know the dogs better than anyone," he noted. Should an injury occur to a MWD in the field, the handler has access to the combat medic's kit, as well as additional resources to "bridge the gap" in point-of-injury care. This ability to



PHOTO BY CAPT. JESSICA DONNELLY

Soldiers with Det. 1, C Co., 2-211th GSAB, Task Force Marauder conducted K-9 medical training with White Jan. 8 in Afghanistan. The MedEvac Soldiers learned how to diagnose and treat symptoms for the military K-9s in the event they transport or provide medical care to a K-9 or handler.

provide for the dog's health and well-being while in the field only strengthens the handler-MWD relationship.

A CALL TO SERVICE

For White, his journey into the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps is as unique as the training he provides. His grandfather served in the Marines during the Battle of Midway and both of his parents work in civil service, "so civic responsibility was pretty strong in my family," he noted.

His first career, however, was in investment banking – and

while it provided personal financial stability, it didn't give him the sense of satisfaction and commitment to service that he wanted. "If I was going to work for 120 hours a week, I wanted to do something I loved and was passionate about," he said, explaining his decision to go to veterinary school and join the Army.

It's safe to say that White has found that sense of service working as a veterinarian for

the U.S. Army. "I think it's really dignified when you're able to advocate for a patient that can't advocate for themselves," White explained about what drew him to veterinary medicine. "A human comes into the ER department ... and they can be very vocal about what they need. To be able to provide that kind of care for an animal that would otherwise not want to bother anyone ... that is extremely special."



PHOTO BY CAPT. JESSICA DONNELLY

Soldiers train with White to ensure they can care for injured MWDs if the need arises.



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MedEvac Soldiers train on providing care to military working dogs.

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FROZEN TUNDRA

Soldiers in Alaska brave arctic weather for training, dog race

By Sgt. Seth LaCount
For Army News Service

BETHEL, Alaska – Not many people willingly trek out to face blistering winds and sub-zero temperatures. But for the Soldiers of B Company, 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry, their training experience in the frozen tundra is just another part of serving in the Alaska Army National Guard.

The Soldiers arrived at the Bethel Armory Jan. 18 and immediately began their cold weather survival training by setting up three arctic 10-man tents, which they would sleep in later that evening.

Soldiers practiced digging stakes into hard, frozen ground and utilized winter field gear to stay warm throughout the training.

“I don’t know of any environment to better train small unit tactics and accountability than in an arctic environment; it really forces team leaders and squad leaders to pay attention to their Soldiers to make sure they’re doing the right thing, if they aren’t they can get frostbite really quickly,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Roberts, battalion commander of the 297th Infantry.

“Weapons can freeze, their equipment can malfunction, they can go hungry and given the slippery and dangerous conditions out there they can get themselves hurt,” Roberts continued. “It really forces small unit leaders to focus on their tasks, focus on Soldier safety and tactical safety. Those skills are very translatable to any other environment whether it’s hot or cold weather.”

After successfully staging the arctic tents, Soldiers trained on snow machines and tactical skis as means of transportation across the frozen tundra.

The training coincided with the Guard’s participation in the Kuskokwim 300 dog race this year. Staff Sgt. Thomas Carl, an infantryman with the 297th Infantry, represented the Alaska National Guard in the race for the first time.

“There’s no feeling that’s close to running the dogs. I love it,” said Carl. “The most important thing for me is to start and finish with all the dogs I came with, and to avoid any injuries.”

“It’s an awesome way to get visibility for the Guard in the local community,” said Capt. Vance Johnson, commander of B Co., 297th Infantry. “It’s great to see one of our guys compete.”

About a dozen Soldiers from the 297th Infantry loaded their gear into two small unit support vehicles and converged on the Kuskokwim river Friday morning for the four-hour drive to the Tuluksak checkpoint. During the winter months in western Alaska, the rivers are used as a



ARMY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Thomas Carl, right, an infantryman assigned to B Co., 1-297th Infantry Regt., participates in the Kuskokwim 300 dogsled race in Bethel, Alaska, Jan. 20.

road system, since the ice so thick that a one-ton tracked military vehicle with personnel can traverse easily on the river.

At the Bethel checkpoint, Soldiers picked smooth ice into a more jagged terrain to make it easier to walk on for the mushers. They also layered straw over the ice and brought hot water to revitalize the dogs and give them a place to rest.

“It’s always great to have some able bodies willing to help us out,” said Jen Peeks, a Bethel resident who works for the Alaskan Fish and Game Department and volunteered to help run the checkpoint. “We’re so happy to have these guys here.”

Late Friday night, with the checkpoints manned and the teams readied, 18 dog sled teams crossed the starting line in groups of two with two-minute intervals to start

the 2018 K-300. Carl started in the No. 17 position.

“We are a very visible presence to the community, so the community gets to see Soldiers training in and around the town and that raises public awareness of what the Guard does,” said Roberts of the unit’s participation in cold weather training and the K-300. “It helps with recruiting, as well.”



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SEAN BRADY

U.S. Army Alaska Commanding General Maj. Gen. Mark O’Neil gathers logs to construct a thermal shelter during the Northern Warfare Training Center’s Cold Weather Orientation Course Nov. 29 at Black Rapids Training Site, Alaska. Members of the 297th Infantry Regiment, Alaska Army National Guard recently completed similar cold-weather training in January.



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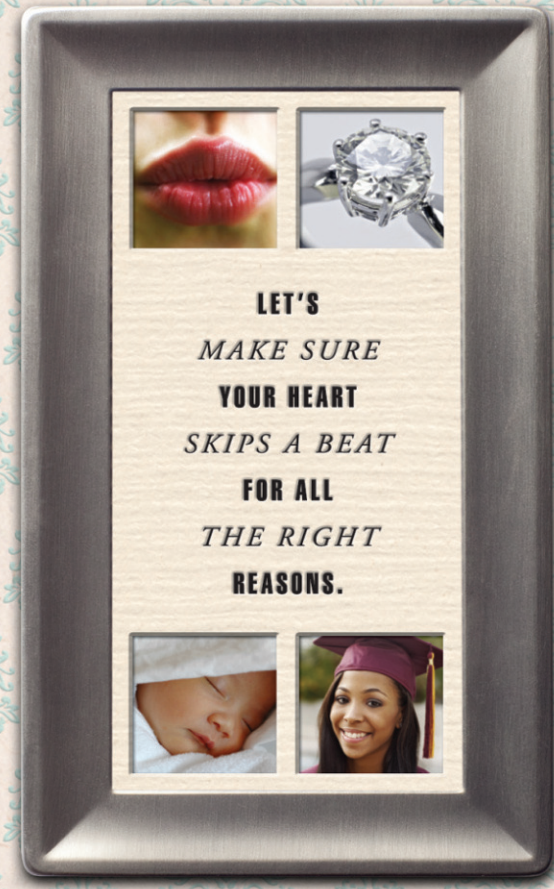
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FUN FOR ALL AGES

Rucker Lanes serves up sports, specials, food

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Bowling is many people’s favorite pastime, and the Rucker Lanes Bowling Center is a staple of family fun on the installation.

With a full-menu snack bar, pro shop and 20 lanes, Rucker Lanes is the place to be when people feel the need to let loose with a few strikes, said Melissa Pritchard, Rucker Lanes business manager.

The bowling center is open seven days a week with hours running Mondays-Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays from 11 a.m. to midnight; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to midnight and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The center is also open on many holidays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The center offers a variety of bowling options for all ages, including hourly bowl or per-game bowling, as well as youth league bowling, adult league bowling and open bowling. There are even lanes with bumpers and light-weight bowling balls for children under 10.

For league bowling, adult leagues run Tuesdays-Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., and youth bowling leagues run Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information about league bowling, call 255-9503.

During the summer, Pritchard said the center also hosts a generation-gap league, which is not a sanctioned league, but more of a fun league designed to get adults and children playing together.

“It’s so that people can come in, have a good time and maybe play with mom and dad,” said the business manager. “Also,



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Landon Elmore, military family member, lets the ball loose as he enjoys a game of bowling with his family at Rucker Lanes last year.

it gives the adults a chance to teach the child about the sport.”

Youth league bowling is a good way for young bowlers to be introduced to the sport, said Pritchard, and can even provide opportunities for scholarships.

“A lot of people don’t think of bowling as a sport, but it is,” she said. “You can get lots of scholarship money out of it. We’ve had two or three kids that have gone to junior nationals and have gotten scholarship money.”

For people who want to pair their lunch hour with a bit of bowling, Rucker Lanes also offers up a full-menu snack bar, complete with burgers, pizza, tacos, gyros, nachos and more, said Pritchard.

“We run weekly and daily specials on food,” she said. “We

also offer our Lunch n’ Bowl. When you order any combo or large salad or large nachos, for just \$3 extra that gets you your shoes and an hour of unlimited bowling.”

The Lunch n’ Bowl special runs Mondays-Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other weekly specials include:

- Family Bowl Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. where people can pay \$1.25 per game, per person and \$1.25 for shoe rental per person
- Monday Quarter Mania is every Monday night, 4 p.m. to close, and people can pay just \$5 cover charge per person for the first game and shoe rental, then get additional games and sodas for

25 cents each.

- Friday Night Quarter Mania runs from 8 p.m. to midnight with a \$10 cover charge per person for the game and shoe rental, with additional games and sodas for 25 cents each.
- Saturday Night Xtreme Bowl runs from 8 p.m. to midnight, and for \$15 per bowler, each person gets unlimited bowling until closing time. Shoe rental is not included.
- Pizza, Pins and Pop, which is available daily, costs \$30 per lane for 90 minutes of unlimited bowling, shoe rentals, a pitcher of soda or iced tea, and a large one-topping pizza. Availability is subject to lane openings.
- Colored Pin days are also available on Tuesdays and

Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. During that time, if bowlers get a strike on a setup with a colored head pin, they win a coupon for a free game that they can use within 30 days.

• League bowler rates are also available for league bowlers for \$6.75 per bowler and includes three games of bowling and shoe rental. The promotion is available to all current Rucker Lanes league bowlers in good standing.

The bowling center also hosts tournaments throughout the year, including a 9-pin tournament on the second Friday of every month, which is open to anyone.

For more information, call 255-9503.

Soldiers, bobsledders ready bring home gold

By Joe Lacdan
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. — Heading into next month’s 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, the U.S. bobsled team members don’t plan to take anything for granted. The U.S. men know one slip-up could send any four-man or two-man squad tumbling in the field.

Thankfully, however, three of four Army bobsled athletes that qualified for the games boast prior Olympic experience, which should boost their chances of medal-winning performances during the games.

Joining the U.S. bobsled Olympic team are Sgt. Nick Cunningham, Sgt. Justin Olsen and Maj. Chris Fogt, each of whom competed and medaled in previous Olympic Games, while Sgt. 1st Class Nate Weber will make his Olympic debut.

Cunningham, Olsen and Fogt are members of the Army’s World Class Athlete program and train full time for their sport. Weber, who is not in the WCAP, splits his time between training with the bobsled team at their home base in Lake Placid, and training with his Army unit for combat operations.

Despite their familiarity with the Games, these WCAP members know how fast fortune can change. Just ask Fogt.

Considered one of the fastest athletes in the men’s program, Fogt helped put his team in medal contention after placing in the top six during competition at the 2010 Vancouver games. However, a fall on the track sent Fogt’s squad out of medal contention. Fogt rebounded to win bronze in the 2014 Sochi Games. The military intelligence officer initially left the bobsled



ARMY PHOTO

U.S. bobsled racers, including Maj. Chris Fogt and Sgt. Justin Olsen, compete in the World Cup at Park City, Utah, in November. Fogt and Olsen were both named to the U.S. bobsled team that will compete in the 2018 Winter Olympics.

program after the 2014 games, but after learning his pending deployment was cancelled, he rejoined the squad shortly after.

Team USA assistant Mike Kohn, a captain in the National Guard, hopes Fogt can build on his success from the Sochi games. Fogt will be participating in his third Olympic games, and has moved to left-side pusher on the USA’s No. 2 sled team after having served as a brakeman.

“It’s nice having that veteran athlete on the team to help the younger guys find their way,” Kohn said. “He’s a solid guy you can count on to come through when it counts. Chris is a fierce competitor. He’s been with us now for over 10 years and we’re glad to have him for one more Olympics.”

CUNNINGHAM BOUNCES BACK

Cunningham is back on the team after a surgery to repair torn muscles in his groin and stomach that left him

unable to participate on the World Cup squad in 2016.

“That was devastating to me,” Cunningham said. “That was kind of the low point of my entire athletic career, not just bobsled career. And to be able to battle back and earn a World Championship berth was the icing on the cake.”

Cunningham worked his way up to the World Cup team by competing on the North American Cup tour, and his journey culminates with a trip to South Korea. The New York National Guard member will compete on both a four-man and two-man bobsled team in PyeongChang.

“It’s a testament to him not giving up and continuing to fight through,” Kohn said.

DEDICATION TO A FALLEN SUPERSTAR

Since the tragic death of bobsled

SEE BOBSLEDDERS, PAGE D3



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. MICHEL SAURET

A group of Soldiers from the 387th MP Bn. run past a group of command sergeants major from across the 200th MP Command participating in a team-building ruck march during a “CSM Huddle” in Scottsdale, Ariz., last year. DOD is evaluating further guidance for the use of fitness trackers used in Soldiers’ physical fitness activities.

OPSEC

DOD looking into the impact of fitness trackers on Soldier safety

By Jim Garamone
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are studying security issues raised by physical conditioning trackers that also can be used to track service members’ whereabouts, a Pentagon spokesman told reporters Monday.

The concern comes from a “heat map” posted by Strava, the makers of a fitness tracking application that shows the routes service members run or cycle in their daily exercises. These maps can show military bases and may be used to target individuals.

“We take these matters seriously and we are reviewing the situation to determine if any additional training or guidance is required, and if any additional policy must be developed to ensure the continued safety of DOD personnel at home and abroad,” Col. Robert Manning III said during a morning news conference at the Pentagon.

Wearable electronic fitness trackers upload data to Strava, which then publishes a heat map of the activity so people can download the maps to find good running or cycling routes.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

“The rapid development of technology requires the rapid refinement of policy and procedures to enhance force protection and operational security,” Manning said. “DOD personnel are advised to place strict privacy settings on wireless technologies and applica-

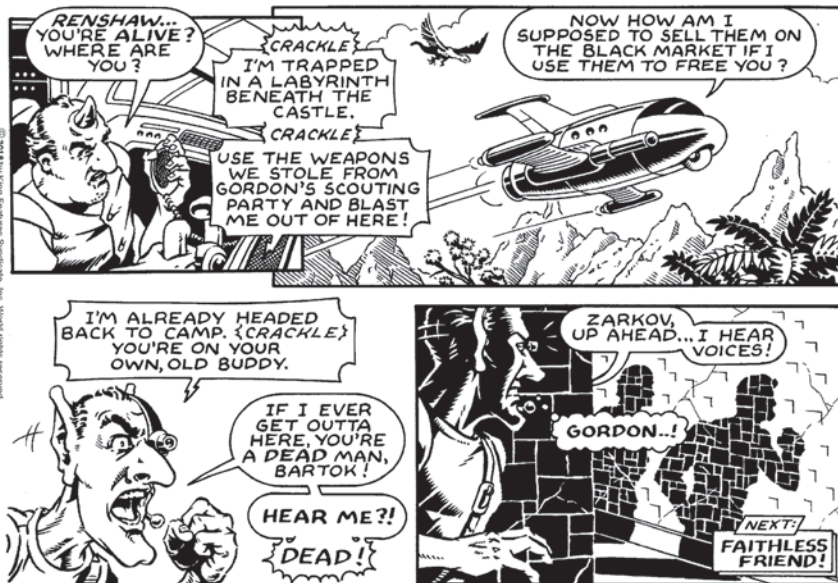
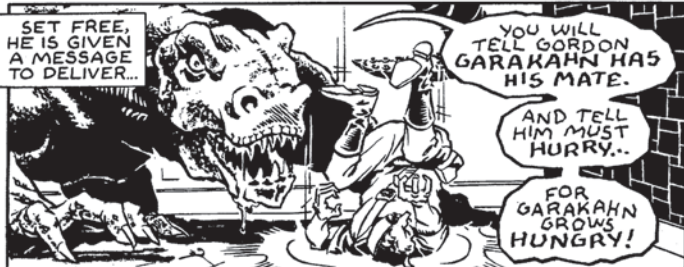
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test

by Fifi
Rodriguez

T R I V I A

1. LANGUAGE: What is a lexicon?
2. PSYCHOLOGY: What is a fear of fish called?
3. ASTRONOMY: What is the sixth planet from the sun?
4. U.S. STATES: Which is the only U.S. state to begin with the letter "P"?
5. SCIENCE: What is the term used when heat is transferred through a solid object?
6. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 20th-century playwright once said, "If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance"?
7. MOVIES: In what movie did an American actress say: "Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What kind of flower bulbs once were used as a form of currency?
9. ART: What is the painting called "La Gioconda" more commonly known as?
10. HISTORY: When did the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union end?

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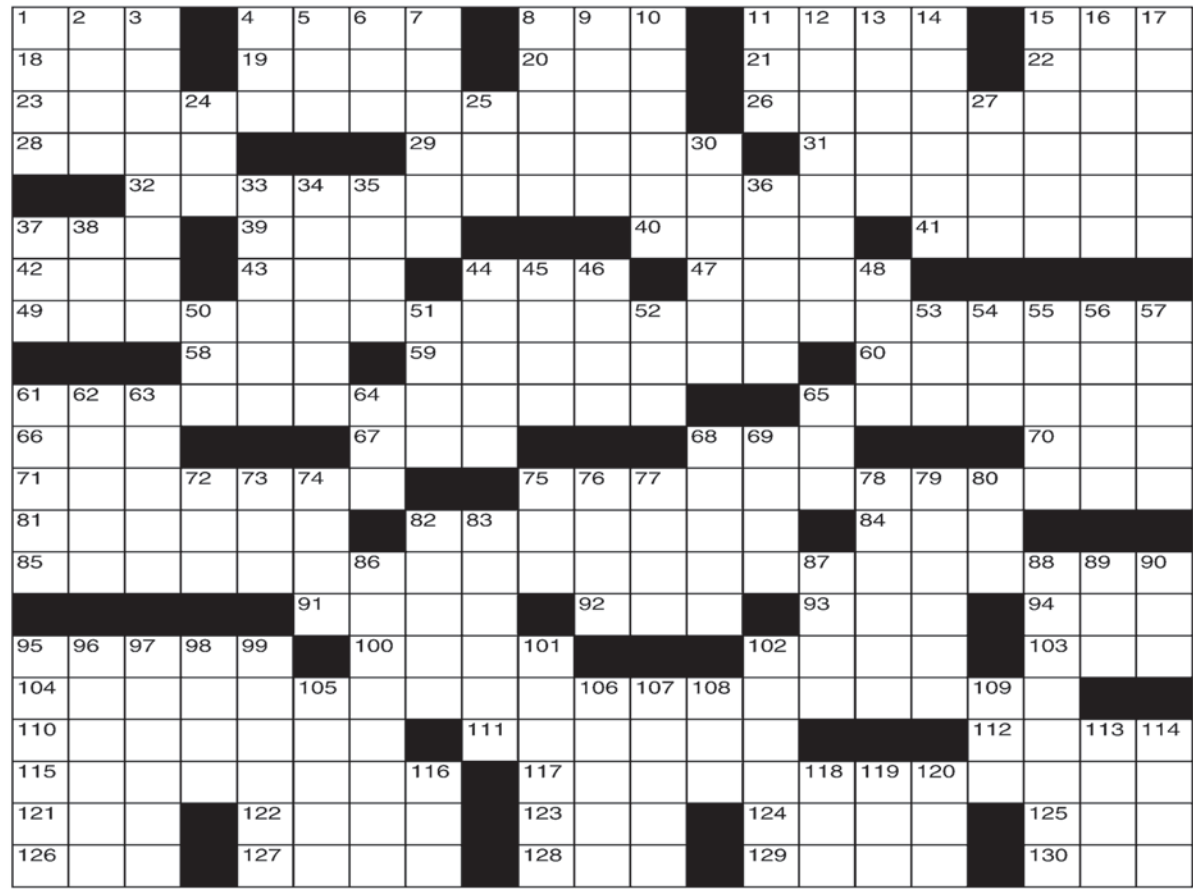
Super Crossword

PUNNING UP AND DOWN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Jan. and Feb.
 - 4 Project detail, for short
 - 8 Coll. dorm monitors
 - 11 Salt Lake City athletes
 - 15 Speedy WWW hookup
 - 18 Nibble away
 - 19 Funny Bombeck
 - 20 Trio after N
 - 21 12-point-wide type
 - 22 Lemur kin
 - 23 Start of the first riddle
 - 26 Ship routes
 - 28 Henry of Time and Life
 - 29 The Teletubby that's yellow
 - 31 Certain citrus grove yield
 - 32 Middle of the first riddle
 - 37 Lingerie garment
 - 39 Snobbery
 - 40 Un-PC suffix
 - 41 Retort to "Not so!"
 - 42 Wrestling pad
 - 43 Party game cry
 - 44 Peaty place
 - 47 Slave over — stove
 - 49 End of the first riddle
 - 58 U.S. snoop gp.
 - 59 Creameries
 - 60 State as fact
 - 61 First riddle's answer
 - 65 Zagreb site
 - 66 "My Man" singer Yoko
 - 67 Pre-58-Across org.
 - 68 Immodesty
 - 70 Old fed. led by Nasser
 - 71 Hydrogen atom's lack
 - 75 Start of the second riddle
 - 81 Holds up
 - 82 Cybernames
 - 84 English rocker Brian
 - 85 Middle of the second riddle
 - 91 Andy Taylor's son
 - 92 Look at
 - 93 Org. giving tows
 - 94 See 75-Down
 - 95 Storage site
 - 100 Misfortunes
 - 102 Livy's 2,150
 - 103 Couple
 - 104 End of the second riddle
 - 110 Intercept and turn aside
 - 111 Gin joint
 - 112 Oohs and —
 - 115 "You have my word"
 - 117 Second riddle's answer
 - 121 Cinematic Spike
 - 122 Purple fruit
 - 123 Go — rant
 - 124 Black-and-white treat
 - 125 — culpa
 - 126 Cut out
 - 127 Aug. follower
 - 128 April follower
 - 129 Simple
 - 130 Purported psychic gift
 - 7 Hardened skin area
 - 8 Fit for a king
 - 9 Straight as —
 - 10 Nerdy sort
 - 11 Big name in pkg. shipping
 - 12 Get stewed
 - 13 PC-sent greeting
 - 14 Deli meat
 - 15 "Blasted!"
 - 16 Big name in swimsuits
 - 17 Not to such a degree
 - 24 Tetley option
 - 25 "True —!" ("Yes siree!")
 - 27 Santa — (hot winds)
 - 30 All the world, per the Bard
 - 33 Actress Metcalf
 - 34 One-dimensional
 - 35 Body part above eyes
 - 36 One of the Musketeers
 - 37 X6 and Z4 carmaker
 - 38 Pep rally cry
 - 44 Doldrums
 - 45 Any of the Joads, e.g.
 - 46 Female kid
 - 48 Old despot of Russia
 - 50 Cry in Berlin
 - 51 Tallies
 - 52 Bite playfully
 - 53 General —'s chicken
 - 54 "There — tide —"
 - 55 Abate
 - 56 Event with evidence
 - 57 Gawk
 - 61 Pilot and Fit carmaker
 - 62 — a nap!"
 - 63 Pianist Glenn
 - 64 History unit
 - 65 Fishcake fish
 - 68 Actor Murphy
 - 69 Main point
 - 72 Oil byproduct
 - 73 Bread or booze
 - 74 — buco
 - 75 With 94-Across, donkey noise
 - 76 Sun, moon and star
 - 77 Cablegram
 - 78 Jewish Passover
 - 79 Surround with a saintly ring
 - 80 Caveman Alley
 - 82 Functional
 - 83 Turtle covers
 - 86 Makes natty
 - 87 "— Rock" (1966 hit)
 - 88 "Heavens!"
 - 89 Liquid filling la mer
 - 90 A couple
 - 95 For some time
 - 96 Prison, informally
 - 97 Began to cry, with "up"
 - 98 Prefix with Chinese
 - 99 Chews noisily
 - 101 Ski race
 - 102 "Some Like It Hot" actress
 - 105 Cyber-submit to the IRS
 - 106 Massey of "Rosalie"
 - 107 "Never ever!"
 - 108 Common site for a 7-Down
 - 109 Set (down)
 - 113 Tilling tools
 - 114 Flip one's lid
 - 116 First-aid ace
 - 118 History unit
 - 119 — Moines
 - 120 Male kid

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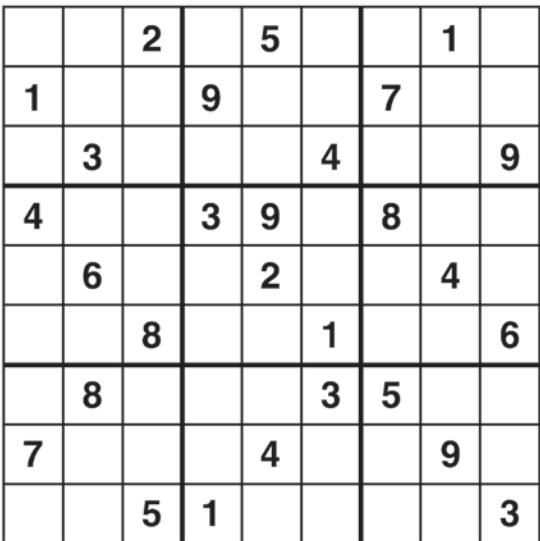
- 1 Cry feebly
- 2 Island of Hawaii
- 3 Detached, musically
- 4 Jiffy
- 5 Ace
- 6 Aussie bird



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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

A "SNAPPY" TRICK!

1. Snap the coins down against the outside of the glass.
2. Slide them down to the middle of the glass.
3. Pinch your fingers together and the two coins will snap off together.

BALANCE TWO SMALL COINS on the rim of a water glass. Challenge your friends to remove them using only two fingers. The solution is shown above. A little practice will make you perfect.

DOODLE PICS! The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom: Feed, need, need, rand, rand, rand, rapl, raps.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A FILL-IN PUZZLE!

Illustrated by David Coulson

Pictured above is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the 17 words that you'll need to complete the puzzle using the trial-and-error method. Keep a good eraser handy!

ADZE ALBUM BEAR BLEAK CLAW EBBS ENDED FUSED OASIS RANK SAFER SAMBA SCONE SUDS UMBER WADER ZERO

Answers: (Across) 1. Sander 2. Ebbos 3. Claw 4. Bleak 5. Album 6. Wader 7. UMBER 8. Scone 9. Fused 10. Sander 11. Sander 12. Ebbos 13. Sander 14. Sander 15. Sander 16. Sander 17. Sander

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTNOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Dog's ear is missing. 3. Window is missing. 4. Sign is missing. 5. Book is missing. 6. Cup is missing. 7. Dog's ear is missing. 8. Dog's ear is missing. 9. Dog's ear is missing. 10. Dog's ear is missing. 11. Dog's ear is missing. 12. Dog's ear is missing. 13. Dog's ear is missing. 14. Dog's ear is missing. 15. Dog's ear is missing. 16. Dog's ear is missing. 17. Dog's ear is missing. 18. Dog's ear is missing. 19. Dog's ear is missing. 20. Dog's ear is missing. 21. Dog's ear is missing. 22. Dog's ear is missing. 23. Dog's ear is missing. 24. Dog's ear is missing. 25. Dog's ear is missing. 26. Dog's ear is missing. 27. Dog's ear is missing. 28. Dog's ear is missing. 29. Dog's ear is missing. 30. Dog's ear is missing. 31. Dog's ear is missing. 32. Dog's ear is missing. 33. Dog's ear is missing. 34. Dog's ear is missing. 35. Dog's ear is missing. 36. Dog's ear is missing. 37. Dog's ear is missing. 38. Dog's ear is missing. 39. Dog's ear is missing. 40. 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GOING FOR GOLD

Soldier, Olympic bobsled athlete wears 2 uniforms proudly

By Susan A. Merkner
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — If, as William Shakespeare said, “Clothes make the man,” then Sgt. Nick Cunningham’s wardrobe reflects a man accomplished in two realms: the U.S. Army and the Winter Olympics.

Cunningham, 32, a member of the U.S. men’s two-man and four-man bobsled teams, joined the Army in 2011 and earned a spot in the World Class Athlete Program, which is operated by the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. The native of Monterey, California, is a construction masonry engineer in the Army.

“When I put on my uniform for the first time in basic training, I felt a sense of pride I had never imagined,” Cunningham said. “Having the world Army across my chest is something I definitely don’t take for granted.”

Speaking from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where the U.S. bobsled team is practicing, Cunningham said they were “training smart so we can keep our continuity” two weeks before the opening ceremonies in PyeongChang, South Korea.

One of the more experienced athletes on the team, Cunningham is making his third trip to the Winter Games with hopes



Sgt. Nick Cunningham, a masonry engineer, will participate in the 2018 Winter Olympics as a member of the U.S. men's bobsled team.

of medaling. He was a member of the 2010 and 2014 men’s bobsled teams at the Olympics and has been a member of the U.S. World Team four times.

Unlike many WCAP participants, Cunningham already was an Olympic athlete when he joined, after learning about the program from a teammate. Cunningham attended his first WCAP meeting with a healthy dose of skepticism.

“I had not really ever seen myself in the military, and frankly, I went to the [WCAP] meeting trying to find some faults with the program. I was thinking, what’s the catch? But as I met people, I realized I wanted to be part of this family. I never thought I’d feel this way about the military. No other program could be as good as this,” he said.

“WCAP is a group of people who sup-

port each other and work together. Without WCAP, I couldn’t do this.”

The novelty of being an Olympic athlete never wears off, Cunningham said, and now he is looking forward to sharing the experience with his 2018 teammates.

“I’ll always remember my first Olympics as such a special time. You’re going through it with your team. You’re on the world stage to compete. You’re part of a small fraternity of athletes – that title is something no one can ever take away from you. It’s such an incredible moment when you step into the arena with the U.S. team and everyone cheers,” he said. “Our team this year has several first-time Olympians, as well as some attending for the third time. It’s going to be great.”

Both his Army duties and his athletic responsibilities have a foundation of preparation which leads to readiness and resiliency, Cunningham said.

“Success is 95 percent preparation and readiness, being in the moment, and 5 percent luck. In bobsled, your luck depends on many things: decisions made, the weather and when a course has 20 turns – and you run it four times – that’s 80 corners for each event.”

A Soldier’s level of readiness in the Army has real-life consequences, and working in a small bobsled squad shares some similarities.

“The Army taught me realistic goal set-

ting, how to set smaller goals for yourself and then work up to the biggest ones. The Army also teaches preparation and how to overcome adversity, and that plays a role in our sport, too – readiness and being ready to go.”

Although Cunningham’s family attended the 2010 and 2014 games to cheer him on, they are not able to make the trip to Korea this year. So he has planned for that scenario.

“My community back home and my family is my backbone,” he said. “In a sport of no constants, my family is my constant. They always make me feel grounded. It definitely helps.”

While in PyeongChang next month, “I’m going to focus on the goals that I’m there to achieve,” he said. “We can celebrate afterwards.”

The Army MWR program staff in Monterey also is very encouraging, Cunningham said.

“There’s a sense of community pride in what I’m doing. Win or lose, they’re behind me – well, especially if I win. It’s nice to feel that. My brothers and sisters in the military are very supportive. I understand that I represent a whole group of people when I step onto that starting block.

“The Olympic uniform and the Army uniform represent something bigger than yourself,” he said.

Bobsledders

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star Steven Holcomb last May, the team has dedicated the 2017-2018 World Cup season to his memory. The squad also decided to dedicate the 2018 Games to the longtime U.S. competitor and former WCAP athlete.

Kohn said that as a kind of remembrance of Holcomb, the team on occasion wears Superman symbol patches with Holcomb’s initials on them, along with team shirts and hats.

The most decorated bobsledder in U.S. history, Holcomb had a lasting impact on the men’s program. He competed for the U.S. team from 1998 until his death in May 2017. During that time he won a gold medal in the four-man bobsled, which was the first gold for Team USA in that event in more than 60 years.

In all, Holcomb earned two gold medals, three silvers and one bronze during his 19-year career and served as a mentor to younger members of the squad.

Holcomb competed alongside Kohn, as well as several members still on the current team. And Kohn, who still keeps in touch with Holcomb’s family, said the loss has been tough for everybody who worked with

the star athlete.

“That’s been the hardest thing for us to deal with this year,” Kohn said. “He’s probably the best bobsledder we’ve ever had. (It) is still a challenging thing to get over right now. The whole team is kind of fighting through that. It’s a tough road but you keep moving forward the best that you can.

“It’s been really hard on the athletes because they were so close to him,” Kohn said.

One athlete in particular, Olsen, was a member on Holcomb’s 2010 gold-winning team.

Olsen, also a New York National Guard Soldier, served as a pusher with Cunningham’s team in 2014. The 30-year old will compete as a driver for the first time as Team USA’s coaches shuffled the lineup to find the best team combinations for the Games. But these will be Olsen’s third Olympic Games. Olsen is a construction and masonry Soldier from San Antonio, Texas.

“Sergeant Olsen is arguably our best pusher, he’s a driver but still one of our best pushing athletes,” Kohn said. “Sergeant Olsen is our hope for the future as far as driving goes. He’s really put in the time, and is fo-

cused and committed.”

Kohn said Olsen will once again contend for medals in the four-man and two-man events. The Soldier finished in second place during the two-man test event in South Korea last March.

LOOKING FORWARD

After joining the USA men’s program in 2011, Sgt. 1st Class Nate Weber, a Green Beret, will finally get to participate in his first Olympic games. Weber is a native of Pueblo West, Colorado.

“The Olympics is the 50-meter target,” Weber said last summer. “That’s what I’m focused on right now. After that, it’s kind of up in the air as to what I do (after the Olympics). I love being a Green Beret. I love being a Soldier. But at the same time, I love the world of bobsled. I love to compete – I love to be on that international stage.”

For Kohn, he said he is honored to coach the Army’s bobsled athletes as well as serving alongside them. He said despite the Soldiers’ additional duties and training, they have managed to remain committed to training and continually pushing themselves.

OPSEC

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tions.”

Service members are prohibited from wearing such wireless technologies in some areas and during some operations, Manning said.

Manning didn’t say what the department will do about the issue at this time. “We

have confidence in commanders to employ tactics, techniques and procedures that enhance force protection and operational security with the least impact to individuals,” the colonel said.

All DOD personnel go through annual training on information security. The training urges service members and DOD civilians to limit profiles on the internet,

including personal social media accounts, Manning said.

“Furthermore, operational security requirements provide further guidance for military personnel supporting operations around the world,” he said.

The heat map incident re-emphasizes the need for service members to be cautious about what data to share via wearable elec-

tronic devices, he added.

Soldiers and civilians who are interested in learning about more ways to protect their online presence can check out the U.S. Army’s Social Media Handbook and guidelines at <https://www.army.mil/socialmedia/soldiers/>.

FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

Super Bowl Party

Mother Rucker’s will host its Super Bowl Party Sunday. Doors will open at 2 p.m. at kickoff is at 5:30 p.m. The event will feature food and drink specials, and door prize giveaways. For more information, call 255-3916.

Fort Rucker Big Buck Contest

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation hosts its Big Buck Contest through Feb. 10 during daylight hours. The entry fee is \$25 per person and the contest is open to the public. Participants must be registered before harvesting their buck and the buck must be harvested on Fort Rucker to qualify. Fort Rucker requires that individuals ages 16 and older have an Alabama State Hunting License, a Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and a hunter education card. For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

Powerlifting competition

The Fort Rucker Lifting Club will host its Battle at the Barbell: Powerlifting Competition Feb. 10 at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center. The male and female divisions will be judged by weight class. The competition will have three elements: flat bench press, back squats and deadlift. The competition is open to all authorized ID holders. For more information, call 255-2296.

Commanding General’s Golf Tournament

Silver Wings Golf Course will host the Commanding General’s Golf Tournament Feb. 23. The format is four-person team scramble and begins at 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members. Entry fee includes tournament course fees, 18 holes of golf, range

balls, carts, lunch and prizes. Prizes go to the longest drive, closest to the pin, Top 3 teams, and the highest scoring team.

For more information, call 255-0089.

T-ball, baseball, softball registration

Registration for youth T-ball, baseball and softball continues through Feb. 23 at Fort Rucker Parent Central Services, located in Bldg. 5700, Soldier Service Center, Rm. 193 or online using WebTrac. A current sports physical and a valid child and youth services registration are required for participation. There will be a parents meeting Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in the youth center, Bldg. 2800, on Seventh Avenue.

For more information, including the various age groups and costs, call 255-9638 or 255-2254.

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TRIVIA

Answers

- Dictionary
- Ichthyophobia
- Saturn
- Pennsylvania
- Conduction
- George Bernard Shaw
- Bette Davis, in “All About Eve”
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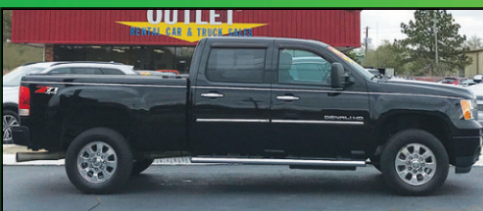


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