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Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, passes the Aviation Branch Colors to the incoming Aviation branch command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke, during a change of responsibility ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 7. The outgoing Aviation branch command sergeant major is Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory M. Chambers.

Fort Rucker welcomes Aviation branch command sergeant major

By Kelly P. Morris
U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence welcomed its new senior enlisted leader during a change of responsibility ceremony here May 7.

Command Sgt. Maj. Brian N. Hauke formally assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory M. Chambers, as a crowd of Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, community members, family and friends inside the U.S. Army Aviation Museum looked on.

Ceremony host Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general said inside the museum, surrounded by Aviation history, was a fitting place to add to the lineage of the branch.

“Some people say it’s a bittersweet day when we do a ... change of responsibility. I actually prefer to say it’s an awesome day. It’s an awesome day that we get to recog-

nize in a ceremony a tradition in our service, the passing of the mantle of leadership from Command Sgt. Maj. Greg Chambers to Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Hauke,” Gayler said.

During the ceremony, the Aviation Branch Colors were passed from Chambers to Gayler, and then to Hauke, representing the transfer of responsibility from outgoing to incoming CSM.

The Aviation branch command sergeant major is responsible for the welfare and standards of Army Aviation Soldiers, and serves as the primary adviser to the commanding general on all matters pertaining to Aviation Soldiers and NCOs, including training and leader development, that impact readiness across the branch and the Army.

Hauke and wife, Maj. Christi Hauke, come to Fort Rucker from his most recent duty position serving as the command ser-

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LIVING HISTORY

Volunteer brings Aviation experience to museum

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

When visiting the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, the aircraft on display aren’t the only ones with stories to tell.

Edward Gilmore, retired Aviator, works as a volunteer at the museum greeting people and answering any questions they may have about the museum. And although the museum tells the story of Aviation history, Gilmore can say that he is one Aviator who lived it.

Gilmore was born in Peoria, Illinois, during a time when Army Aviation was still in its infancy. He joined the National Guard while still attending high school in 1948 at just 15 years old, and was called to active duty in November of 1951.

Shortly after, he attended Ranger school, and upon graduating from the school was in line for a promotion, he said. “When I graduated, they had an opening in my unit for a sergeant and they promoted me, so here I was, a sergeant at 19 years old.”

Early in his Army career, although having been promoted through the ranks relatively quickly, Gilmore said he started to focus on getting involved in education with Soldiers.

“A number of these Soldiers (at the time) had really very little education because they’d get up through elementary school and get to about eighth grade, quit and join the Army for World War II,” he said. “From that point on, all through my career, I got really involved with the education of my Soldiers.

“A couple of my guys went from getting GEDs all the way up to their doctorate degrees,” he said. “It also allowed me to work my education up and I went through and got my master’s degree in guidance and counseling.”

While he was focused on education, he was also changing direction in his military career, and in 1953 Gilmore said he made the decision to go airborne and soon after became a warrant officer. He came to flight school at then-Camp Rucker and finished his initial



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Gilmore

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Golf tournament benefits Army Emergency Relief

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Army Emergency Relief campaign is on track to exceed last year’s total contribution, and one annual event is making sure that goal comes to fruition.

The installation hosted the 28th annual Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union Golf Tournament at Silver Wings Golf Course May 4 where people lined up to get in a round of golf for a good cause, said Bobby Michael, AACFCU president and CEO.

The golf tournament typically raises about \$15,000 each year for AER, with last year’s contribution totaling roughly \$16,000, according to Michael.

“We always want to keep that amount so that AER can have that for budgeting purposes, and we always hope to increase that,” said Kathy Scarbrough, AACFCU vice president of marketing, “but we always want to make sure that (AER) can count on us for that \$15,000 each year.”

During the golf tournament, players were able to play in teams of four with prizes given out for closest to the pin and holes in one on certain holes, as well as longest drive, and even though the game was a competition, for many, the real prize isn’t about placing in the tournament, but being able to help fellow Soldiers.

“Army Emergency Relief has always been about putting Soldiers needs first and making sure we don’t have any Soldiers who are left behind financially,” said Damien Saunders, retired military. “There are enough stressors when it comes to being a Soldier, and having to worry about financial burdens shouldn’t be one of them, and that’s why it’s our duty to make sure to help where we can.”

Scarbrough said being able to provide that help is why AACFCU continues to put on the annual golf tournament – to help those Soldiers in need.

“We understand the needs that Soldiers have for unexpected expenses, and we want to be there to support the men and women who are willing to put their lives on the line to defend our country,” said the marketing VP.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey, Fort Rucker command sergeant major, takes a swing during the 28th annual AACFCU Golf Tournament to benefit AER at Silver Wings Golf Course May 4.

“If they’re willing to do that, then the least that we can do is come out here and help raise funds for the Army Emergency Relief fund.”

Last year, the campaign raised \$136,000 on Fort Rucker and more than \$500,000 in assistance was provided to Soldiers and families on the installation, according to Beth Gunter, AER campaign organizer and Army Community Service financial counselor. That amount includes assistance and scholarships awarded.

The AER campaign continues through May 15, but Gunter reminds people that donations can be made year round.

Although AER exists to make sure

Soldiers in financial need are taken care of, the primary goal of the program is to make sure there is 100-percent training when it comes to AER, said Gunter.

“This training not only expands awareness of the services offered by the AER program for all Soldiers, but emphasizes the need for continued support to AER,” she said. “Donations of Soldiers from past generations have helped ensure the benefits of AER are available 76 years later for today’s Army, and donations from Soldiers will continue that legacy, impacting Soldiers of today and the future.”

For more information or to donate, visit <https://www.aerhq.org>.

PERSPECTIVE

SOLDIER FOR LIFE: The importance of self assessment

By Bryan Tharpe
Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Center

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

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

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

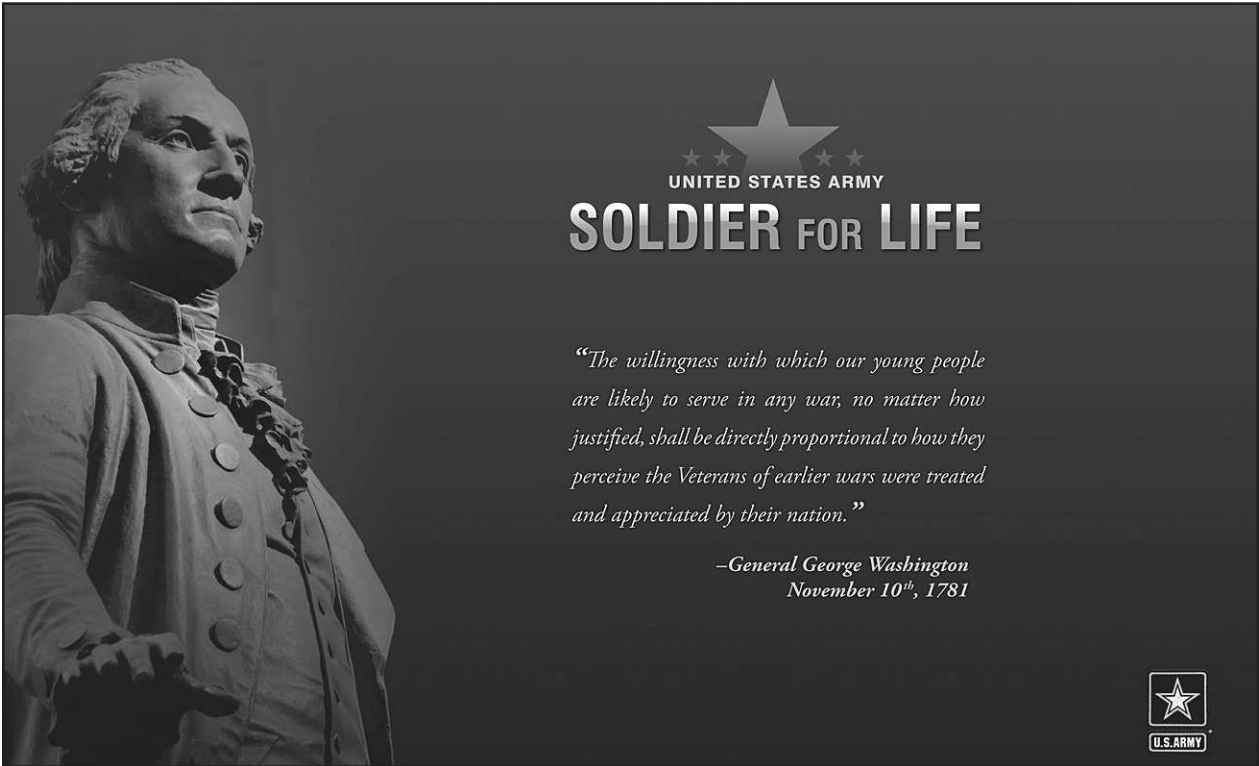
When it is time for these Soldiers to separate from military service, even the smallest decisions can become difficult.

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

Don't let that happen to you. Regardless of how much time you have left to serve in the Army, it is never too early to begin and maintain your vocational self assessment.

There are many ways to keep in touch with the feelings that will lead you to the right civilian vocation. Answering the following types of questions is a good start:

- Do you prefer working with people, data or things?
- Do you prefer working indoors, outdoors or a mix of both?
- Do you want to work for a large or small company?
- Do you want to interact with others a great deal, a little bit or not at all?
- Do you want to work independently or on a team?
- Are you more comfortable as a team leader or member?



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- Which of your jobs in your past did you enjoy the most? Why?
- What do you like to do in your spare time? What are your hobbies?
- Do you want to create, design, install, troubleshoot, teach, travel, coordinate, answer questions, ask questions, inspect, write, build, analyze or synthesize?
- If you had to describe five or six of your happiest moments at work, would they have a common thread?
- What was it about those moments that gave you true satisfaction and what type of civilian environment might give you the same enjoyment?

There are thousands of similar questions to ask yourself in pursuit of self-knowledge. I recommend reading

“What Color is Your Parachute,” by Richard Bolles, or any other book that offers self assessment, long before your separation date.

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

Soldiers are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-separation briefing not later than one year prior to separation or two years prior to retirement. Call 255-2558 for more information.

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SPOUSES CLUB

Fort Rucker youth receive \$14,000 in scholarships

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Over the years, the Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club has helped hundreds of students achieve their educational goals by providing more than \$250,000 in scholarships, and it continues that tradition by adding to that amount with this year's scholarship awards.

The spouses club honored 14 students by awarding \$14,000 in scholarships and grants during a ceremony at the Allen Heights Community Center May 7 where FRCSC continued its commitment to Fort Rucker youth, according to Elesa Johnson, FRCSC scholarship chair.

"It has been said that the military child is a lot like a dandelion," said Johnson during the ceremony. "The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it's almost impossible to destroy."

Col. Michael Best, Aviation Center Logistics Command commander, was on hand to congratulate the students and offer words of advice before scholarship were awarded.

"Tonight, we celebrate and honor these students who have demonstrated academic excellence," he said. "This is a great time to recognize the hard work in the classroom, and it's paid off – every scholarship counts. It's you (the students) who made this happen with your persistence and hard



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Awardees pose with their scholarships after the Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Allen Heights Community Center May 7.

work through you external and internal motivation."

Best encouraged the awardees to remember three constants that they'll endure throughout their lives – change, choice and principles.

"Change is not always a bad thing, though at times it makes us feel extremely uncomfortable," said the colonel. "Understanding where you, as students, are trying to go will help you shape those situations and bring those changes to

your advantage. It may open doors for you or may put you on a different (path) than you first thought."

Choices are the second constant that Best said the students will have learn to navigate as they continue through their educational journey.

"You'll be overwhelmed by the number of choices you'll make as you enter your first week of college," he said. "The magnitude of those choices will only increase and those choices we make define

who we are and define the path that we take. The choices from here forward do not get any easier, and we need to accept this constant and we need to make those choices in the best interest of our mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being."

Best said they shouldn't be afraid to seek help when making difficult decisions because being able to take advice will be critical to their growth.

"Everyone is going to tell you

that your independence now is critical, but I would say that your interdependence is just as important," he said. "Find a mentor, a friend – someone who can help you navigate the tough choices that are ahead of you."

Finally, Best advised that the students remain loyal to their principles.

"This is the one constant that will remain constant," he said. "You know the difference between right and wrong. Don't let the world around you change your convictions. Stay true to yourself and what you have been taught and how you've been raised."

Funds for this year's scholarships were raised through community events hosted by the spouses club, such as the annual Hollyday Bazaar that brings together small businesses on Fort Rucker to share their wares and services within the community, said the scholarship chair. Additional funding is provided by local sponsors, such as the Fort Rucker Thrift Shop, First Command and Edward Jones.

Awardees were determined through an application process where each applicant underwent a double-blind assessment process with each identified only by a number.

"Thanks to our anonymous judges and detail-oriented committee, we are able to assist these highly deserving students reach their education goals," said Johnson.

Aviation enterprise leaders share program updates

U.S. Army Program Executive Office - Aviation
Staff Report

REDSTONE ARSENAL — Brig. Gen. Thomas Todd, program executive officer for Aviation, has hosted Maj. Gen. William Gayler, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, his team and Maj. Gen. Doug Gabram, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, for a Home-on-Home session to synchronize and coordinate strategic aviation program activities.

"Home-on-Home provides the organizations which represent requirements and acquisition an opportunity to understand the senior leadership's intents and desires," Leslie Hyatt, assistant PEO Aviation, G5, said. "It is also an opportunity for the Aviation program managers to present how they plan to meet those intents, as well as highlight areas that need attention with key stakeholders in the room for timely resolution."

The Home-on-Home provides a strategic level review and discussions among key stakeholders of ongoing activities within the PEO for the primary platform offices, such as UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Fixed Wing, as well as supporting efforts and activities, such as Aviation Systems and Aviation Turbine Engines.

"The goal is to synchronize early and often to get the best value for the Soldiers and for the taxpayer," Hyatt said.

USAACE representatives also discussed the capability needs as identified by their various elements, such as Capability Development and Integration Directorate, Concepts, Experimentation and Analysis Directorate, Training and Doctrine Command Capability Manager Aviation Brigades, TCM Lift, TCM Future Vertical Lift, and TCM Reconnaissance and Attack.

"It is easy to stay deeply involved in day-to-day execution, so it is important to make time to synchronize across boundaries," Hyatt said. "This provides an opportunity for product and project leaders to inform and have an open discussion with those who have the authority to approve courses of action. It also allows the opportunity to adjust to changing environments and stay lock step with each other."

During the one-day session, the team synchronized activities, reinforced open lines of communication, and coordinated guidance for the variety of ongoing efforts. AMCOM, USAACE and PEO Aviation agreed that a primary focus must be placed on continuing to prioritize improvements within an environment that continues to be fiscally constrained, while getting those improved capabilities to the Soldiers as fast as possible without sacrificing cost or performance.

The PEO Aviation mission remains focused on designing, developing, delivering and supporting advanced Aviation capabilities for the Army. Analysis tools to support this need, along with diligent communications, will ensure it is



PHOTO BY MICHELLE MILLER

Leslie Hyatt, assistant program executive officer, G5, kicks off the Home-on-Home session with key stakeholders from the Program Executive Office for Aviation and the Army Aviation Center of Excellence. The event is held semiannually to synchronize efforts across the Army's Aviation community.

successful, Hyatt said.

USAACE will host the next Home-on-Home at Fort Rucker to further synchronize program efforts across the Army Aviation enterprise.

NEWS BRIEFS

Exercise class

The Army Wellness Center will host an Exercise Prescription and Goal Setting Class May 14 at 12:30 p.m. The class will take place in the Lyster Army Health Clinic Preventive Medicine Department. The class is free to all Soldiers, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilian employees.

For more information, call 334-255-3923.

Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close at noon May 16 for training.

Change of command

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College Headquarters and Headquarters Company will host a change of command ceremony May 16 at 11 a.m. at the WOC PRT Field. CW4 Tammy E. Richmond will assume command of the company from CW4 William J. Baker II.

People need to RSVP by May 1 by calling 255-9762.

Army Emergency Relief

Fort Rucker is conducting its Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign through May 15. The motto for this year's campaign is There for Those Who Serve, according to local AER officials.

For more information, call 255-2341.

Memorial Day Service

Fort Rucker will host its Memorial Day service May 25 at 8:30 a.m. at Veterans Park to pay tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives in defense of the country.

Healthy cooking class

Lyster Army Health Clinic will host a healthy cooking class May 23 at noon. This month's recipes include easy gluten-free meals.

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.

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.

Lost and found

People who have lost or misplaced property while on Fort Rucker can call the Directorate of Public Safety's lost and found point of contact at 255-3239 to

inquire if their property has been turned in. To claim their property, people must be able to demonstrate ownership of the property. DPS retains property found or turned in at special events held on the installation, such as Freedom Fest – the most common items turned-in are keys, cell phones and wallets.

AAFES restaurants open to visitors, employees

While Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping privileges are only open to Soldiers, Airmen and their families, anyone can dine in Fort Rucker Exchange restaurants or pick up grab-and-go fare from Express locations. Army Regulation 215-8/Air Force Instruction 34-211 (I) lets anyone – including visitors, contractors and Department of Defense civilians – dine at the exchange's more than 1,600 restaurants worldwide. The regulation also authorizes anyone to buy grab-and-go food and beverages from one of the exchange's 300-plus Express locations as long as the items are consumed on the installation.

"Whether you work on the installation or are just visiting a military family member, the Exchange has you covered with a variety of satisfying meal options," said Ralph Kleemann, Fort Rucker Exchange general manager. "With numerous better-for-you options in both the food court and Express, the exchange proves you don't have to wait until you're off-post to eat a hearty, healthy meal."

Guidelines on who is authorized to use exchange operations are prescribed by Army Regulation 215-8/Air Force Instruction 34-211 (I) and the Armed Services Exchange Regulations, Department of Defense Instruction 1330.21.

Anyone who believes they qualify for full exchange benefits, including access to main stores, should contact the Fort Rucker Exchange at 334-503-9044.

Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

Yoga classes

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers free Yoga classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Lyster Activity Center, Rm. J-100, in the clinic. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mat.

New Army initiatives cut costs, get essential equipment to Soldiers faster

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Two relatively new initiatives are cutting costs and reducing the time it takes to get new equipment into the hands of warfighters, said Army logisticians.

The initiatives are the Defense Innovation Unit – Experimental, a mechanism for executing prototype contracts quickly, and additive manufacturing, a process that uses 3-D printers to produce metal parts that are traditionally machined on mills and lathes or forged.

The logisticians spoke May 4 at an Association of the United States Army “Sustainment” Hot Topic event at the Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia.

ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

The Army is expanding its additive manufacturing capabilities, said Lt. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, G-4.

“It makes no sense to produce spare parts 8,000 miles away from where the Soldiers need them if we can print them on the battlefield,” he said.

The Army is serious about this endeavor and it is establishing an Additive Manufacturing Center of Excellence at Rock Island, Illinois, to advance this technology, he said.

William F. Moore, assistant G-4, added that Army depots are ramping up additive manufacturing and by this summer, tactical machine shops will utilize this process as well.

Richard Martukanitz, Ph.D., head of the Laser Processing Division, Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State University, said his lab is supporting big increases in Department of Defense requests for additive manufacturing, in partnership with industry.

For the Army, he said his lab has produced an M1A1 Abrams tank turret, a process that normally requires a giant lathe and a lot of time. Also, his lab, working with Army researchers at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, last year produced most of the components for a 40mm grenade launcher.

DIUx

Col. David Robinson, Army service lead and military director of Defense Innovation Unit – Experimental, said his command will



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KALIE FRANTZ

Sgt. Kyle McAuley, Legion Troop, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) and Spc. Antonio Carroll assigned to Attack Troop, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), prepare to fire an FIM-92 Stinger during a training exercise, Hohenfels, Germany, April 25.

have a “significant presence” with Army Futures Command when it is stood up later this year, because of its non-traditional approach to moving things quickly through the pipeline.

A recent DIUx Army prototype contract involved upgrades for Bradley Fighting Vehicles that will soon be delivered to the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, Robinson said, adding that he foresees more Army usage of DIUx in the future.

Instead of taking years to move from problem identification to prototype and contract closure, DIUx bypasses the traditional contracting process to get that timeline down to an average of 60 to 90 days, and sometimes less than 30, he said.

DIUx uses what is called Commercial

Solutions Openings, a special type of Other Transactional Authority, authorized by Congress, that can identify commercial technologies that require little-to-no modification to apply to a DOD mission need, he said.

Very little seed money for a project is used by DIUx, he continued. Most of the cost is born by industry, which often includes non-defense industries or start-ups.

The way these industries generate revenue to support a DOD project is through the use of venture capitalists, he explained. Once the VCs know DOD is serious about a project, they put funding into it. If commercial applications exist as well, it makes items much less expensive.

Although only 30 months old, DIUx has already executed some 65 prototype

contracts across DOD and the intelligence community, using companies located in 45 states, Robinson said.

The thrust of DIUx falls into five portfolios, he said: artificial intelligence, autonomy, human systems, space and information technology.

In discussing DIUx, Robinson noted that about 16 percent of VC funding comes from Chinese sources and that percentage has been growing over the years. China is considered a military competitor.

About 25 percent of science, technology, engineering and mathematics educated college students in the U.S. are Chinese foreign nationals who will return to China with all that knowledge when their studies are concluded, he said.



PHOTO BY DOUG LAFON

Army researchers are conducting case studies to optimize the processing parameters for different material depositions using its customized 3-D printer. Researchers like Ricardo Rodriguez hope to someday print large items like a Soldier’s helmet with sensing capabilities embedded in hybrid materials, a potential solution they expect to optimize Soldier capabilities while reducing weight.

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SecArmy highlights NATO alliance, strategic competition with China, Russia

By Chad L. Simon
For Army News Service

FORT RILEY, Kan. — Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper spoke on the vital role that Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division play as they protect and reassure allies in the face of strategic competitors during his first visit to Fort Riley, Kansas, May 4.

"We are now focused on strategic competitors such as Russia and China," Esper said. "The 1st Infantry Division has a storied history. It is one of our great units and, if called upon in the future, I am confident that it will prevail once again. The 1st Infantry Division needs to continue to build its readiness and enhance the lethality of the force as we move ahead."

The secretary said training with international allies – something the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, is currently doing in Europe – is critical to long-term security around the globe.

"The fact that the 'Big Red One' can be over in Europe training with our allies not only builds that interoperability and partnership with our allies, but also provides reassurance to them that the United States will be there as a NATO treaty party should a conflict come," he said.

Esper started his busy day by joining Soldiers of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., for a functional fitness PT session. Esper also met with officers, noncommissioned officers and spouses of the 1st CAB for breakfast before joining the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., as the "Devil" brigade conducted live-fire training on one of the vast ranges offered at the post.

Esper fielded questions from Soldiers, spouses and civilians during a town hall meeting held at Barlow Theater. He also talked of how the Army is looking to gain approximately 15,000 Soldiers over the next three years. He expects more Soldiers



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Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper speaks with Soldiers at Fort Riley, Kan., May 4, 2018.

will help improve the quality of life and dwell time for Soldiers between deployments.

In his day-long tour and visit of the historic 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley post, it was evident to Esper that the Soldiers here are willing and able to carry on with the fighting success of the Big Red One Soldiers that came before them.

"I saw professionalism, a commitment to service to our country and an interest in the direction of the Army," Esper said of the Soldiers he met.



Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper participates in a PT session with Soldiers at Fort Riley, Kan., May 4.

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‘SERVICE TO OTHERS’

SecDef emphasizes volunteerism as key American strength

By Lisa Ferdinando
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary James N. Mattis saluted community volunteers and emphasized the importance of service to others, saying that giving back and putting others before self are core to America’s strength.

Mattis spoke May 3 at the Tri-Citizen of the Year awards ceremony in Kennewick, Washington. The annual ceremony in southeastern Washington honors individuals who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to service above self.

Mattis said he was happy to be back in his home state, and credited his parents and the community for instilling in him the enduring values of service.

His four decades in the Marine Corps taught him about service culture, the warrior ethos and traits that make a good leader, Mattis said.

“I am not just the secretary of defense ... I’m the secretary of your defense,” he said. “As a result, I am answerable to you. I am accountable to you and I want you to know I take that very seriously.”

HELPING OTHERS ‘CUTS YOUR OWN TROUBLES IN HALF’

Mattis commended event at-



PHOTO BY NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS KATHRYN E. HOLM

Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) David L. Norquist and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr. testify on the DOD posture and fiscal year 2019 budget to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Washington, D.C., April 26.

tendees for their service in the community and commitment to helping the next generation.

The goal that all children should wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive, “reminds us again that goodness can be done in the world when people unite together,” he said.

“Through your service you may carry your choice about what kind of world we want for our children,” he said. “We all know what America stands for; we have to be equally clear of what we will absolutely not tolerate in the world and we’re willing to put ourselves on the line for it.”

Service above self and putting others’ well-being above your

own are “simple but worthwhile ideals, and to do so cuts your own troubles in half and it amplifies the good and truism,” he said.

He saluted all those who serve, highlighting service can entail so many things, to include helping children at school or families who need food, or serving as a police officer, firefighter or member of the military.

“We are masters of our own character, choosing what we stand for in this life,” he said. “It’s often in the service to others that we are able to have the biggest and most positive impact, permitting us to learn about ourselves and to test ourselves as we see each other through the rough patches in life.”

IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVENESS

Mattis stressed the importance of inclusiveness and equality. He noted Kennewick sits on the Columbia River, a significant location in American history.

It was there at the mouth of the river in 1805, a black man, a slave named York; a Native American woman named Sacajawea; and two young Army officers, Meriweather Lewis and William Clark, voted as equals in deciding to cross the river to winter.

It was the first time in the history of the republic that a black man, a Native American, a woman, and white men voted as equals, Mattis pointed out.

“I think that long-range Army reconnaissance mission that you and I know as the Lewis and Clark expedition is one we should all be proud of and remember what [Abraham] Lincoln said, ‘Follow your better angels,’” he said.

Mattis added, “That’s what they did that day. That’s our responsibility.”

Joint Warfighting Assessment offers Army ‘triple payoff’

By Staff Sgt. Michael Crawford
For Army News Service

HOHENFELS, Germany — Readiness. Joint force cooperation. Strengthening the Army of today and tomorrow. These were the elements chosen to create the perfect training exercise.

Then the U.S. Army added two extra ingredients to the concoction: the U.S. Air Force’s Blue Flag 18 and Combined Resolve X exercises.

Thus, the Joint Warfighting Assessment (JWA) 18 was born.

“It’s really an experimentation platform,” explained Lt. Col. Mark Glaspell, Capabilities Analysis Branch chief. “The JWA 18 gives us what we like to call the ‘triple payoff.’ We get to improve readiness, we get to look at joint multinational interoperability and do force modernization ... with concepts and capabilities.”

The JWA 18, the Army Chief of Staff’s capstone event, features live and constructive elements and that take place in the Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels training areas, Germany. The exercise offers the Army and joint forces the largest joint operational exercise to conduct future force development by evaluating concepts and capabilities in an integrated, fully contested and operationally rigorous environment.

“As part of Joint Warfighting Assessment 18, CBRX allows for a brigade to go out into the field and train an entire organization in [their] functions in a decisive action environment,” said Col. Raul E. Gonzalez, Integrations and Assessment Division chief. “Taking that and then providing additional concepts and capabilities helps to build readiness -- they [Soldiers] are experimenting with different systems, exploring different concepts and going up against a live, thinking OPFOR [opposing force].”

An operation such as JWA offers an efficient way to collectively advance joint and



PHOTO BY SPC. HENRY VILLARAMA

Sky Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade dismount a CH-47 Chinook and establish perimeter security while training for a night air assault exercise at the Joint Warfighting Assessment April 22.

alliance interoperability, future force development, and unit training readiness priorities. Part of developing those priorities includes the extensive planning process required to operate in the training environment.

“Understand that there’s a building process to this,” said Gonzalez, assigned to the Joint Modernization Command at Fort Bliss, Texas. “You don’t just show up to this type of environment and just operate. These are commanders at all levels, as low as the squad all the way through the brigade, have done a lot of preparation in order to come out to great training center like Hohenfels [Training Area] and exercise all their battlefield functions.”

While conducting battlefield functions, JWA 18 allows the Army to evaluate emerging concepts and integrate new technologies through feedback directly from Soldiers in the field. Examples of the 27 concepts and capabilities being assessed include the Tactical Power Management Concept, Ground Mobility Vehicle, Light Reconnaissance Vehicle, Mobile Protected Firepower, the Robotic Complex Breach, Small Unit Water Purifier, division and below Short-Range Air Defense Capability and Stryker Directed Energy at the Forward Edge.

“We get a real good assessment of the concepts and capabilities because they’re being utilized in real world readiness exercises,” explained Glaspell, a native of Logan, Ohio. “At the end of the day, it’s going to go to a Soldier in the field, so you have to see it in that context. In a lab, there are controls, and

on the technical side it may work, but does it work when it’s wet, dirty, cold outside and the Soldier has thrown it in his rucksack for a week? You don’t get those aspects of an assessment by testing it in a lab.”

Having the opportunity to test concepts and capabilities in Germany provides the additional benefit of ensuring future force development maintains positive synchronization with partner nations.

“Looking at our future fight, no one army, no one nation is going to be able to do it on its own,” Gonzalez said. “It’s going to take partnership, and in order to operate as a joint force, it’s going to be important that we practice with each other. We work with our partner nations, we synchronize and make sure ... we can work alongside [them] and maneuver to have a decisive advantage on the battlefield.”



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KALIE FRANTZ

Col. James Bartholomees, commander of 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), greets multinational distinguished visitors, Hohenfels, Germany, April 26.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KALIE FRANTZ

U.S. Army M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles are staged in preparation for movement at Grafenwoehr, Germany, April 21.

CID seeks qualified officers to join warrant officer ranks

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
Public Affairs Press Release

QUANTICO, Va. — The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking first lieutenants and captains, from all military occupational specialties, interested in becoming CID Special Agents to submit applications to transition to a CID Special Agent warrant officer, MOS 311A.

MILPER Message Number 18-054, Officer Application Requirements for Appointment to CID Warrant Officer (MOS 311A), outlines the specifics of the program.

“Applications will be accepted through May 18, 2018,” said Lisa Dodd, chief of Special Agent Accessions Branch. “Approved applications will be considered by the warrant officer accession board which convenes in July 2018, so qualified applicants are encouraged to visit the closest regular Army CID office to start



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the process as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that one does not have to have a police background- it’s not a requirement to qualify and be accepted into this specialized program. A complete list of CID offices can be found <http://www.cid.army.mil/>.”

In addition to the CID Agent application, qualified officers must also prepare a warrant officer application. The warrant officer application, and the CID ap-

plication and packet submission checklist are available at your local CID office. The warrant officer application requirements, packet submission checklist, and Warrant Officer Recruiting Team points of contact are located on the U.S. Army Recruiting Command website at <http://www.USAREC.army.mil/hq/warrant/>. For more information, visit www.gowarrantnow.com or contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at usarmy.knox.usarec.mbx.9sbnwo-team-questions@mail.mil.

As CID Special Agent warrant officers are subject matter experts and leaders who manage all aspects of felony criminal investigations in all operational environments. They plan, organize and supervise criminal investigations, protective services and rule-of-law operations.

According to senior CID leadership, the Commissioned Officer to Warrant Officer Program is open to all specialties. It’s a unique model because company

grade officers have a great deal of leadership training early in their career versus a great depth of technical training and our warrant officers have an extensive amount of technical proficiency. This blend between the commissioned and warrant officers is viewed as synergistic because those junior agents can share lessons of both leadership and technical work with the newly transitioned officers.

This is the third consecutive year this particular recruiting program has been offered. Prior to that, transitions were on a case-by-case basis.

“The officers that choose to go down the warrant officer path are bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the criminal investigation table, when coupling specialty performance differences between the commissioned and warrant officer ranks,” said CW5 Edgar Collins, CID’s command chief warrant officer. “They are already bringing the leadership

traits and skills that are learned as an officer, and they will be applying them once they are a warrant officer.”

Dodd added that qualified officers who are interested in becoming CID special agents are encouraged to contact the CID Special Agent Accessions Branch for specific details at USArmy.Join-CID@mail.mil. They can also contact the nearest CID office, where personnel can help answer questions about the special agent program.

Those selected for appointment will be scheduled to attend the CID Special Agent Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and the MOS 311A Warrant Officer Basic Course, also at Fort Leonard Wood. Acceptance into the CID program is contingent upon successful completion of all training and a favorable Single Scope Background Investigation. Appointment to warrant officer will incur a six year active duty service obligation.

Above the Best

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geant major for U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany.

Hauke has served in a variety of duty and leadership positions, including UH-60 crew chief, battalion and company Aviation life support equipment NCO in charge, Army recruiter, platoon sergeant, first sergeant and command sergeant major.

His previous assignments include: 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas; 7th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, Hanau, Germany; 498th Air Ambulance Company, Fort Benning, Georgia; Montgomery Recruiting Company, Montgomery Recruiting Battalion, Montgomery; 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Hauke also served with 1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas; 601st Aviation Support Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas; 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; 1st Squadron 17th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii.

The Haukes have a daughter, Samantha, as well as a son,

Sgt. Jacob Hauke who along with wife Sgt. Kendyl Hauke currently serve with 12th Combat Aviation Brigade in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Hauke’s previous experience in leadership roles established him as a “premiere senior leader in our branch and in our Army,” and the right fit for USAACE, Gayler said.

“Soldiers will always need strong leadership, thoughtful, capable leaders to help accomplish their mission, and I know that’s exactly the skills you bring to this new assignment,” Gayler said.

Hauke thanked attendees for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the ceremony. He thanked Gayler for the opportunity to serve the Aviation branch, its warfighters and our Army.

“I am truly humbled by your personal trust you’ve charged me with in the leadership and mentorship of our NCOs within this branch, in providing sound guidance to our warrant officers and officers, and in showing care and concern at all times for our Soldiers and their families. I will at all times do my best to represent the command and our branch every day in its pursuit of Aviation excellence.”

Hauke also recognized his veteran grandfather, 1st Lt. William B. Hauke, 97, who was in the audience. He served as an Army Air Corps B-29 pilot in World War II.

Gayler commended Chambers and wife, CW4 Becki Chambers (U.S. Army Reserve), for their exceptional

leadership to Soldiers and families, and for their lasting legacy.

Chambers was the driving force behind a credentialing program for Aviation maintainers that provides up to \$650 of civilian credentialing and licensing to enlisted Soldiers and warrant officers across the branch.

“He practically singlehandedly wrote the policy and developed the standard operating procedures for that program, and produced the credentialing forms required to support the program for all three components of our Army,” Gayler said.

Chambers also led an initiative to establish the Aviation Maintenance Training Program “to re-baseline our Aviation maintainer proficiency,” which will improve the branch in the immediate future and for years to come, Gayler said.

Chambers thanked leaders and Soldiers, family and the community for what they do for Soldiers. He thanked USAACE leadership for the opportunity to serve.

“What made this assignment fulfilling was the trust you had in me to accomplish what I wanted to get done,” Chambers said. “I cannot thank you enough for this great opportunity. It’s been an absolute pleasure serving alongside you.”

Chambers’ next duty assignment is the director of the Nominative Sergeants Major Program Office, Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army at the Army Pentagon.

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training, then went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he qualified in the Sikorsky H-34 Choctaw helicopter by 1955.

From there his career would take him all over the world from across the U.S. to Germany and eventually to the war in Vietnam.

But before he took his tours in Vietnam, he worked for the Transportation Aviation Test Support Activity on Fort Rucker where he was able to test new and emerging technologies being added to aircraft.

One particular piece of technology that Gilmore said stands out in his memory is the ALQ 144 radar jammer, which was a new technology at the time and is still in use in many aircraft today.

“They were just getting started with it and I got involved with the original models, so I would go back and forth with the manufacturers if they had improvements with the different models,” he said. “We took it down to Panama and tested it in the rainy conditions and everything.”

During their tests, Gilmore said they noticed that as time went on, the jammers became less and less efficient. As it turns out, insects were finding their way inside the unit and building nests, causing it to malfunction.

“Those are things you’d never think of without that testing – that’s why you did those tests,” he said.

Eventually, he started his tour in Vietnam in 1961. His unit sailed to Subic Bay in the Philippines, where he would fly the H-21 from the U.S.S. Princeton into Da Nang, Vietnam.

“We’d launch five at a time, along with two H-13s that were the last to launch with us, and all this time while we’re flying in, A-1 Skyraiders were flying right alongside us,” said the retired Aviator.

While there, Gilmore said their primary mission was to work with Vietnamese soldiers to teach them how to work and integrate with a helicopter.

In addition to training, his unit would also assist in resupplying outfits throughout the country.

“As I recall, our first mission there had been to really resupply the special forces outfit there – we were really the first ones in a month to resupply them,” he said. “We would carry those supplies in, carry some of the old stuff out and even take some of the sick people out – that was our first flight.”

Gilmore said that they continued that

mission just about every week, and if it weren’t for their helicopters, the only way to resupply those troops would be to take in an entire battalion of troops to defend the supply lines by road.

“With us, we could fly supplies in and carry the troops out, and we could switch them all out in one day,” he said.

After his first tour of duty in Vietnam, Gilmore returned back to the U.S. and served as a backup instructor for the OV-1 Mohawk before returning to the war in 1966 assigned to the 25th Infantry Division.

During his second tour, he was transferred to a maintenance support team where their primary mission was to provide field maintenance, but again also assisted in resupply.

After his final tour in Vietnam, his career took him all around the world, including Korea in 1979 as the Aviation assignments officer for the 2nd Infantry Division.

He officially retired Dec. 31, 1981, with 34 years, eight months of service, as a chief warrant officer 4, the highest warrant officer rank attainable at the time, with more than 10,100 flight hours.

After military life, he went on to work as a contractor for 12 years working once again with the TATSA before retiring completely from the workforce.

It wasn’t long after getting out of the workforce that he found his way to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum in 1997 to become a volunteer.

“After I retired, I felt like I had to have something to do, so I came here and volunteered,” said retired Aviator. “I enjoy meeting the people and I feel like I’ve got something to offer, and I’m out of the wife’s hair for a day, and I’m sure she appreciates that.”

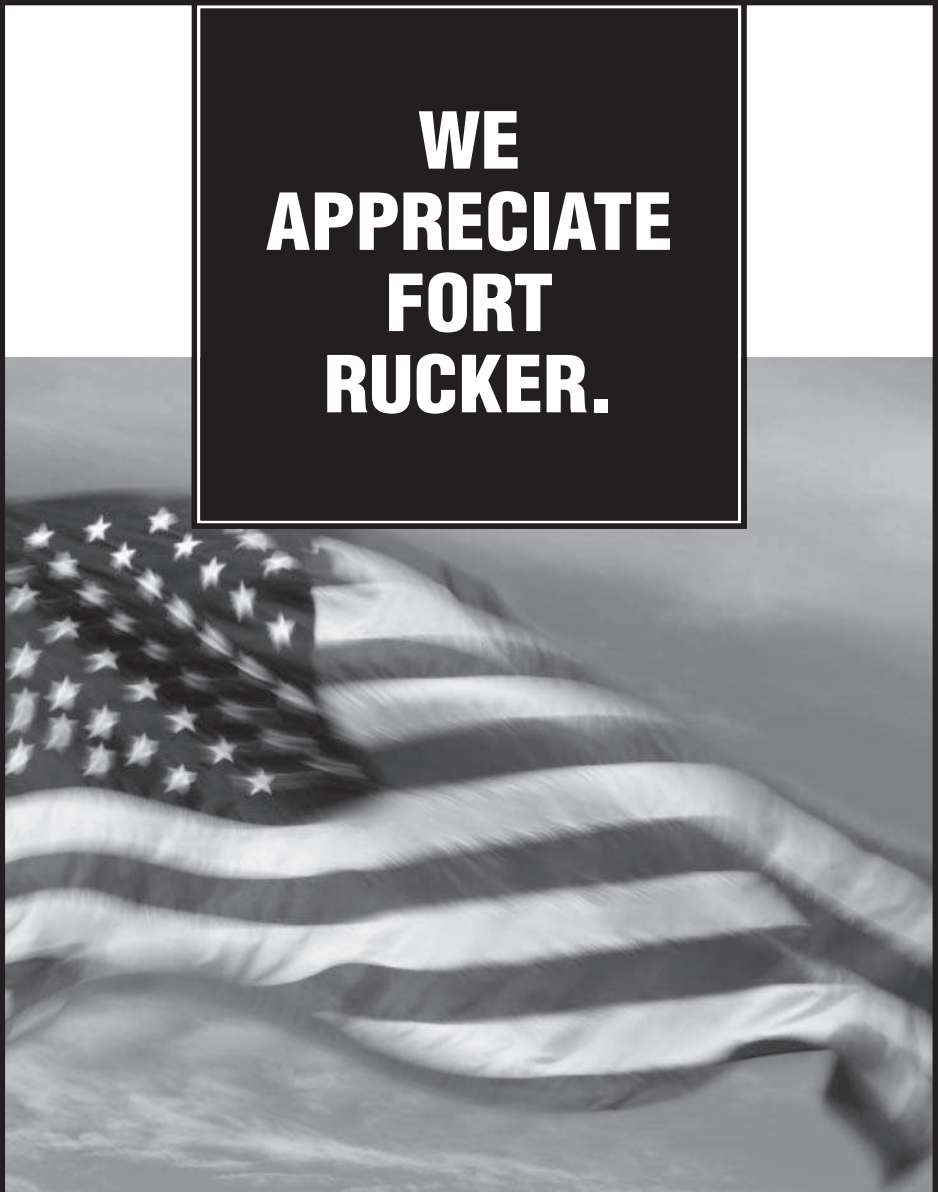
Gilmore and his wife, Claire, have shared nearly 65 years of marriage, and he says that without her, his military life would have been completely different.

“It takes a special person to be a military (spouse),” he said. “Claire came right in out of high school, and she and I went through this together. We raised our children, put three through college, and Claire was the teacher at home most of the time. She is the kingpin as far as I’m concerned, and I treat her that way.”

Gilmore will celebrate his 86th birthday next year, but doesn’t see himself giving up his time volunteering any time soon.

“As long as I’m healthy and as long as they’ll have me, I’ll be here,” he said.

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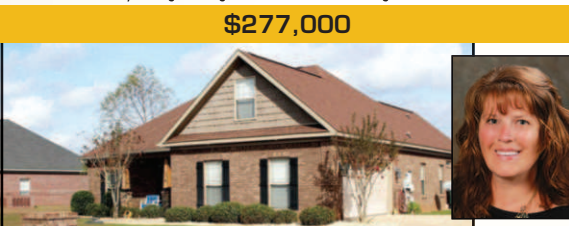
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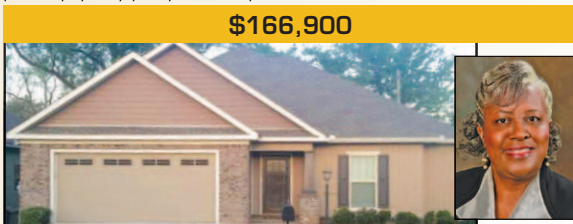
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AIR DOMINATION

New Army aircraft will be durable, lethal, unmanned for modern conflicts

By David Vergun
Army News Service

NASHVILLE — What Army aviation needs now is an aircraft that “can cut through an integrated air defense network and overcome anti-access, area-denial threats to dominate the corridor for the maneuver force to flow through,” said Brig. Gen. Walter T. Rugen, Army’s Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Team director.

The aircraft that promises to do just that, he said, is Future Vertical Lift. Four categories of Future Vertical Lift aircraft are in the science and technology stage of development now, he said.

Rugen provided a research, development and engineering update April 27 during the 2018 Army Aviation Mission Solutions Summit here.

The general described the four categories of FVL that will help the Army achieve its Aviation goals for the future.

The future unmanned aircraft system, category 1, will actually

be a family of UAS types. They will be built to operate in dangerous airspaces and in degraded environmental conditions, he said.

Advanced UAS, category 2, “will be the premier targeting and electronic attack assets in a phase 3 fight, by surveilling, protecting and attacking across multiple spectrums,” he said. A “phase 3 fight” means offensive combat operations.

A future reconnaissance attack aircraft, category 3, will be built, as its name suggests, to perform attack and reconnaissance missions, and to engage in electronic warfare, Rugen said.

Furthermore, this category 3 aircraft will “be sized to hide in the radar clutter and operate in [the] canyons of megacities,” he said.

A future long-range assault aircraft, category 4, will be built for lift, assault and MedEvac, he said.

While specific requirements have not yet been crafted, all FVL will, in general terms, be intuitive to operate and be built to outperform current aircraft in speed, low



PHOTO BY SGT. CONNOR MENDEZ

Soldiers ride in a U.S. Army UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter during an exercise in Lithuania May 20, 2016. Helicopters such as these must all be modernized if the Army wants to stay competitive, say senior Army leaders.

radar signature, payload, survivability, agility, and lethality, he said. And, of course, it must also be affordable.

Furthermore, all FVL will need to be capable of being launched from a field environment without

a runway, he said.

All categories of FVL will also be optionally manned, he emphasized. This means that even the FVLs that have a manned cockpit will be able to operate without the pilot -- they can be remotely

piloted. All must be able to team with other manned and unmanned aircraft.

Of great importance is that all FVLs will include modular open systems architectures, so that future component add-ons from any industry will be compatible.

Although there are four categories of FVL, none has greater priority over the others. All are top priorities, he said.

Currently, the FVL CFT team is receiving emerging need statements from deployed units regarding attributes needed in the FVL.

ABOUT THE TEAM

The FVL CFT team consists of experts from across the science and technology communities, requirements writers, program managers, testers, evaluators, contract writers, material experts, planners, programmers and budgeters, logisticians, maintainers and aviators from all components as well as from U.S. Army Special

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PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. JOSHUA L. DEMOTTS

Spc. Eric Littlefield, a 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, crew chief, looks for obstacles as his crew lands at Specialty Hospital in Amman, Jordan, April 14. Along with the 1st Bn., 244th Avn. Regt., the two UH-60 Blackhawk crews conduct a medical evacuation validation for Exercise Eager Lion 2018. Eager Lion is a major exercise with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, designed to exchange military expertise and improve interoperability among partner nations.

SecArmy: Army to focus on recruiting, training, modernization to prepare for future conflict

By Michael Strasser
Fort Drum Garrison Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Coming off many years of hard conflict, today’s Army is at a “strategic inflection point,” said Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper.

Despite drastically reduced operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army can’t afford to forget the lessons in low-intensity conflict and irregular warfare that it learned there, said Esper, during a May 1 morning discussion at the Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C. At the same time, the Army must prepare for new kinds of conflict.

“The National Defense Strategy tells us that threats are evolving, the future is uncertain,” Esper said. “We are in an era of great power competition. Our strategic competitors are China and Russia and that we must be prepared for a high-end fight with them in the future.”

As the character of war continues to evolve, future Army forces must be ready to fight in a highly contested, multi-domain environment, Esper added.

The total force must be ready, mobile, and able to deploy at a moment’s notice, Esper added. Similarly, the Army must be able to deliver “quick and precise lethal and overwhelming effects in, through and across every domain.” And the Army must deliver those effects faster than the enemy.



PHOTO BY DANIEL TOROK

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“The Army of 2028 will be ready to deploy, fight and win decisively against any adversary, anytime and anywhere, in a joint, multi-domain high-intensity conflict while simultaneously deterring others and maintaining its ability to conduct regular warfare,” the secretary emphasized.

GROWTH, MODERNIZATION AND TRAINING

Moving forward, the regular Army must grow to more than 500,000 Sol-

diers, with related growth in the National Guard and Reserve, Esper said.

However, recruiting continues to be a challenge for all services, as 71 percent of Americans aged 17 to 24 are considered unqualified for the military service. Out of the remaining 29 percent of eligible candidates, only four percent or less would consider a career in the armed forces.

“I am concerned that we are becom-

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TRADOC

CSM, NCOs discuss a constantly changing environment

By Staff Sgt. Mark A. Moore II
NCO Journal

According to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s NCO 2020 Strategy, the values associated with the noncommissioned officer corps will never change. However, the future operating environment will be more complex.

The strategy also describes the requirement to prepare NCOs to meet the challenges of an unknown, unknowable, and constantly changing environment and how the Army needs to develop leaders who are adaptive, innovative, and creative thinkers.

Thus, a fundamental shift in the Noncommissioned Officer Education System is changing the way leaders think.

Leading these changes is Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr., TRADOC command sergeant major, who met with approximately 20 active duty and reserve component NCOs March 15 to address their concerns.

“When you are a senior leader, it is so important to hear about the changes you have implemented from the people it affects,” Davenport said.

During the hour-long discussion, NCOs addressed such topics as the Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development System (formerly NCOES) and talent management.

Talent Management

According to Davenport, talent management was not a priority in the recent past. Initially, Human Resources Command received a Soldier requisition and would do its best to fill the requirement.

Talent management is now the second line of effort in the NCO 2020 Strategy and is expanding NCOs’ core military occupational specialty proficiency and leadership through developmental positions, opportunities, and assignments, both in and out of their career management field.

Davenport explained that if talent management is to succeed, Soldiers need to understand what developmental assignments and MOS enhancing schools personnel managers are considering when selecting NCOs for future positions.

To allow Soldiers to take charge of their careers, TRADOC updated each proponent’s Army Career Map. While many schools, duty positions, and broad-

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TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr. answers NCOs’ questions about the new NCO 2020 Strategy March 15.

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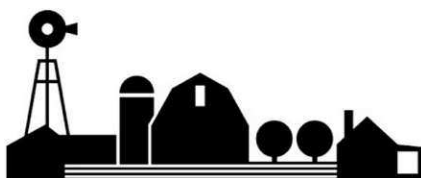
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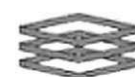
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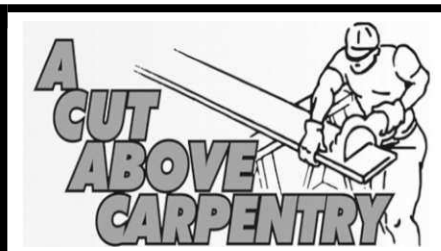


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Domination

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Operations Command -- and even some coalition partners, he said.

Also, there are some Soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division on the CFT, himself included. Rugen's second hat is deputy commander for support at the 7th Infantry Division.

To be on the team, every member must be flexible, agile, and innovative, he said.

"We don't have the indulgence of more time," he added,

meaning that the team will compress the time it takes to move from requirements to fielding. "Speed will be our discriminating factor. It's not just about speed of innovation, it's about speed of delivering these capabilities to the force. We have to erase any advantage any potential adversary can have. It's my highest priority."

The goal of the CFT is to greatly reduce the delivery time of a standard program of record, anywhere from eight to 15 years, and to move quickly from requirements to the assembly line.

Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, commander of U.S. Army

Aviation Center of Excellence, said FVL is a capability, but not an end-all capability. The Army is doing much to prepare for the future.

"To get leap-ahead lethality, you must have a robust network, long-range precision fires, Soldier lethality, next-generation combat vehicles, and air and missile defense," he said.

Even with the best outcomes in those six Army modernization priorities, Soldiers must still be trained to operate against peer threats in situations where satellites go down, cyber capabilities degrade, and precision instruments jam.

TRADOC

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ening assignments are listed, it is essential to complete the tasks prescribed for each rank.

"The career map helps Soldiers identify the areas they need to work on or jobs they need to seek out," Davenport said. "But don't focus on doing something a couple of steps ahead until you have satisfied those requirements for your current grade

and time in service."

To access your proponent's career map, log into the Army Career Tracker, select "view career maps" (located at the bottom of the page), then select "printable career map."

NCOPDS

Davenport said it is unlikely PME schools will accommodate college attendance, and will instead incorporate

accredited training modules to increase the number of transfer credits a school might accept.

"In the future, you will earn more college credits by attending Primary Military Education, and will build towards a degree much faster by partnering with a university that recognizes those courses," Davenport said.

The NCOPDS was recently realigned to help Soldiers who attend the Advanced

Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, and the Masters Leaders Course to attain their associate, bachelor, and master degrees.

"Last week the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy received their accreditation through the higher learning commission," Davenport said. "By moving USASMA under the Army's Combined Arms Center, it allows credentialing to flow from the higher learning commission

Esper

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ing increasingly isolated from the larger public because [the Army] is becoming a 'family business' in many ways," Esper said. "If you talk to any senior Army leaders, you'll find one, if not all their children are in the Army. And so, the family business has taken over."

One way to remedy that, Esper said, is to increase familiarity with the Army. He said Soldiers not directly involved in recruiting efforts could be more engaged with the American population as part of an effort to generate more interest and familiarity with the service.

Overall, the Army remains committed to providing solid professional opportunities to those who choose to serve, Esper said. Army opportunities incorporate a good quality of life, sufficient pay, and incentives for critically manned or highly-skilled career fields.

Likewise, the Army is also working to optimize the force to better conduct and sustain ground and air intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, electronic warfare and cyber operations.

"One area where we see a lot of potential for the Guard and Reserve is in cyber," Esper said. "If you can find a person who works cyber issues during his or her day job ... [and the Army is] able to leverage them on the weekend or

during a real-world deployment ... it gives [the Army] a lot of capability."

In regards to training, the Army strives to create and maintain a tough, realistic, and dynamic training environment, Esper said. The Army must continue to focus on high-intensity conflict in urban terrain, while under constant surveillance and operating within electronically degraded environments.

"Our training must involve continuous movement, battlefield innovation, and combined arms maneuver with the joint force and our allies and partners," Esper said. "And we are pushing hard to ... do company level synthetic training and simulations across the force."

Furthermore, the Army will continue to emphasize technology through the growth of manned and unmanned ground combat vehicles, aircraft sustainment systems, hypersonic systems, artificial intelligence, robotics, directed energy, and tactics with exceptional leadership and based on a modern warfighting doctrine, Esper added.

Recently, the secretary visited the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Michigan. During his visit, Esper received updates and had a chance to ride in a minimally-manned autonomous vehicle system that is currently under development.


"If you look back at the Iraq war, one of the most danger-



PHOTOS BY CHAD SIMON

Secretary Mark T. Esper speaks at the Atlantic Council's Defense-Industrial Policy Series at Washington, D.C., May 1.


ous duties was driving or riding in a convoy. We lost ... too many Soldiers to IED attacks," Esper said. "I could have reduced that vulnerability -- that sacrifice if you will -- if I had greater use of unmanned convoys or convoys that were manned by only a couple of Soldiers."



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FILE PHOTOS

Children enjoy the spray park at SPLASH!

SPLASH! FOR FREE

Post kicks off summer swim season at spray park

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

As the South embraces for the hot summer months ahead, Fort Rucker's Splash! Pool and Spray Park is opening for the season with a free event that's sure to cool people down.

SPLASH!, located behind The Landing, will kick off the summer swim season on the installation with its Customer Appreciate Grand Opening celebration May 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with plenty of early summer fun that's sure to beat the heat, according to Lynn Avila, Fort Rucker special events coordinator.

"This is our customer appreciation event and it will feature games, inflatables, a bubble area for young children, sand play area, limbo, bounce houses and more," said Avila. "This is to kick off the swimming season for SPLASH! and it's the only time of year the park will be free for people to enjoy."

The event is open to the public and, Avila said, it's a great way for people to become familiar with the park, which features double flume slides, a diving board, climbing wall, spray park for children and lounge areas. The pool itself ranges from 3 ½ feet at the shallow end and 11 ½ feet at the deep end.

The spray park features dump buckets and water cannons for children to use, but Avila reminds parents that children should always be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

"There is something for all ages here, and the event will be a great way to kick off the summer and the weather is going to be the warmest it's been up to this point. It's a great way for people to cool off," said the special events coordinator.

Food will also be available for purchase at the tiki bar on the upper pool deck.

Following the event, SPLASH! will operate Wednesdays-Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with daily rates depending on age and military affiliation. Group rates and season passes are also available, and private pool parties can be booked between 5:30-9 p.m.

Season passes can be purchased at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center on Andrews Avenue or MWR Central located on the first floor of Bldg. 5700.

For more information on pricing and entrance fees, call 255-2296 or visit <https://rucker.armymwr.com/programs/aquatics/>.

"This is a great way for people to start off their summer," Avila said. "So, why not come out and start with this free event?"



Children race down the double flume slides as they enjoy a day at SPLASH! Pool and Spray Park.

'WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK'

Workshops teach valuable skill, honor veterans with hand-sewn quilts

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

An upcoming workshop seeks to find a new crop of volunteers to help keep wounded warriors and veterans covered.

The first Quilts of Valor Foundation quilting workshop takes place May 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center.

Janice Erdlitz, Fort Rucker DFMWR marketing director, said the workshop is valuable for both the attendees and the wounded warriors who will receive the quilts created by volunteers.

"This workshop provides a valuable service to our wounded warriors, providing them warmth and honor for their sacrifice," she said. "This workshop also provides a teaching opportunity for those wanting to learn how to quilt."

"Skilled quilters provide guidance and instruction in the workshop where participants help piece together a quilt," she added. "The quilts will one day be draped around the shoulders of a wounded warrior – truly a special keepsake to treasure."

The free workshops are open to everyone ages 16 and older. According to Jacquelyn McKinstry, QOVF Alabama state coordinator, workshops will continue every third Friday as long as interest remains.

"We will continue every third Friday as long as we have people attending," she said. "Originally, I decided to get this started here because we have lots of requests to fill all over the state of Alabama and this program has worked so well in other states with the veterans learning to sew."

According to McKinstry, a total of 23,785 quilts were stitched together by volunteers and awarded to veterans across the United States in 2017.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Charles Reilly, veteran, receives his Quilt of Valor during a previous Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt closing ceremony on West Beach at Lake Tholocco.

"Providing workshops like these, where the end result honors our veterans, truly supports MWR's mission - taking care of our Soldiers and families," Erdlitz said.

QOVF volunteers award a quilt to the winner of the Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation's Spring and Fall Wounded Warrior Hunts. According to Erdlitz, workshop attendees

have an opportunity to provide similar rewards for other veterans in the future.

"We hope the participants walk away at the end of the workshop with the pride of knowing their assistance in making the quilt honors a wounded warrior," she said. "What a great way to show the continued support for our veterans that have given so much for the service of our nation."

According to McKinstry, all skill levels are invited and first-time quilters are more than welcome to attend.

"Before attending, you may want to look up QOVF.org, read our stories and watch a video," she said. "Check out what we've been doing. Mentors provide sewing machines (we have several provided by the Arts and Crafts Center), quilt kits, iron, thread, scissors, seam ripper (we don't make the new folks rip the seams out if a mistake happens), we bring the fabric already cut and a pattern we will teach you to follow, anything needed to make your first sewing experience a positive one. We are so happy to have the sewing machines at the Arts and Crafts Center to use during our sew days. If we get more students than machines, the mentors will bring their personal machines to accommodate more students."

McKinstry added that participants need only bring a "want-to-learn attitude and a sense of fun."

"My mentors are ladies and gentlemen from the local quilting guilds, and they are volunteers and I expect everyone to be open to learn what we are teaching -- good, safe, basic sewing and quilting skills. We also teach the 'art of giving back' to others."

The next workshop takes place June 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Workshops will take place the third Friday of every month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center until further notice.

For more information or to register for the free workshop, call 255-9020.

ON POST

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

The Landing Zone renovation

The Landing Zone kitchen is currently undergoing a kitchen renovation to help it better serve the Fort Rucker community, according to Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials. During the renovation, The Landing Zone will be closed; however, food and beverage operations will continue in the Legends room next to the main ballroom. Lunch and dinner operations will have a slightly adjusted menu during this time. The Coffee Zone will also be relocated to the main lobby area of The Landing.

For more information, call 255-0768.

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.

Care Team Training

The Fort Rucker Army Community Service will host Care Team Training May 10 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The training will cover topics including: care team overview, care team operations, SOS overview, casualty notification and dealing with loss and grief. Commanders, command sergeants major, senior spouses, FRLs, FRG leaders and other key volunteers are encouraged to attend. Attendees must register and free childcare is available with registration.

For more information or to register, call 255-9578 or 255-3161. For information on child care, call 255-3564.

Employment Readiness Program Workshop

Fort Rucker Army Community Service will host the Employment Readiness Program Workshop May 24 from 8:45-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Attendees will learn essentials about how to craft a resume, prep for job interview and other helpful tips. Registration is required.

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

SPLASH! Pool Party

SPLASH! Pool and Spray Park will host its Customer Appreciation Day Party May 12 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and people can enjoy swimming, inflatables, games, music and more. Food will be available for purchase from the Tiki Bar.

For more information, call 255-9162.

Annual Hearts Apart Fishing with BOSS

The Fort Rucker Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program, in conjunction with the SOS and Hearts Apart Programs, is hosting its annual Day of Fishing and Fun May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at Parcours Lake. The event will include fishing and a cook out with BOSS members, and is open to participants of the SOS and Hearts Apart Programs. Participants are encouraged to register to ensure plenty of fishing equipment and food. The program is also accepting volunteers for the event.

For information or registration call 255-9637 or 255-3735. To volunteer, call 255-9810.

Mother’s Day Brunch

The Landing is hosting its Mother’s Day brunch in The Landing Ballroom May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

People are invited to treat their mothers to a variety of brunch favorites, including: omelet bar, meat carving station, dessert bar and more. The event is open to the public and each Mother will receive a free flower. Cost for the event is: \$18.95 for adults, \$8.95 for children ages 6-12, \$4.95 for children ages 3-5 and free for children 2 and younger. A military family special is also available for \$49 and includes meals for two adults and two children. Reservations are not required but are encouraged.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 255-0767.

Learning Through Play Workshop

The New Parent Support Program, in partnership with Parent to Parent, will host the Learning Through Play Workshop May 17 from 10-11 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F. The workshop will teach the importance of play for babies and young children, and is open to all active-duty Soldiers, retirees, DOD civilians and family member. People must register by May 11 and child-



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For more information or to register, call 255-3898.

Quilts of Valor Workshop

The Fort Rucker Arts and Craft Center will host the Quilts of Valor Workshop May 18 and June 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the arts and craft center. Participants will be able to piece together quilts under the instruction of experienced Quilts of Valor quilters, and finished quilts will be presented to wounded warriors as a show of honor and comfort. Any skill level can participate and the workshop is free and open to the public for ages 16 and older. People must reserve their spot two days prior to the workshop date.

For more information or to register, call 255-9020.

Newcomers’ Welcome

People are invited to attend the Newcomers’ Welcome at The Landing May 18 from 9-11:30 a.m. The event is for all active-duty Soldiers, spouses, foreign students, Department of the Army civilians and family members. A free light breakfast and coffee will be served and free childcare is available for those who register their children at the Child Development Center. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the event.

For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-2887. To register children at the CDC, call 255-3564.

Luau Skate Night

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host the Luau Skate Night May 18 from 5-8 p.m. People are invited to wear their best tropical vacation attire and enter in a best-dressed contest for giveaways and prizes. Cost for safety skate is \$2 and will run from 5-6 p.m. Cost for regular skate is \$5 and will run from 6-8 p.m. Payments must be made in cash only and all participants must be registered with Child Youth Services.

For more information, call 255-9108. To register with CYS, call 255-9638.

Day at the Lake

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host Day at the Lake May 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Beach on Lake Tholocco. The event will open the lake for the summer and will feature free activities, such as swimming, inflatables, games, and use of canoes, kayaks and paddle boats. Food will be available for purchase, and people can enjoy live music by Jay Hughes. The event is open to the public. The West Beach swimming area will officially open for the summer season May 26 and will be open Fridays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Patrons must purchase swimming wrist bands from the West Beach swimming area. Daily passes for ages 2 and younger are free; for ages 3-12 is \$1.50; for ages 13-17 is \$2.25; and for ages 18 and older is \$3.

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rent military retirement system, including continuation pay and the Thrift Saving Plan with matching government contributions. Pre-registration is required by May 21 and free child care is available with registration. The class is subject to cancellation without pre-registration.

For more information or to register, 255-9631 or 255-2341, or visit <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/programs/army-community-service>.

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Army 'Military Child of the Year' succeeds despite tragedy

By Devon L. Suits
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — On the eve of the 2018 Operation Homefront military child of the year gala – an event created to recognize the accomplishments of seven outstanding military kids –

Rebekah Paxton was overwhelmed with emotion as a result of her father’s absence.

Just a week prior to the April 19 event, Paxton, this year’s Army recipient, was hard at work. Around then, her uncle came in with some horrible news. Rebekah’s father had tried to take his own life and was in a hospital on life support.

“It took 20 minutes to get a pulse,” said the 17-year-old homeschooled high school senior. “I immediately left [work] and purchased a ticket to San Antonio, Texas, for the next morning. It was unreal and my family was in complete shock.”

Her father never recovered.

SUPPORTING THE FAMILY

About eight years ago, Maj. Jason Paxton sustained traumatic brain injuries in Iraq while serving as a combat medic with the 82nd Airborne Division. Rebekah’s father was medically retired after 19 years of service with a TBI and post-traumatic stress and when he returned home, he was never the same again, Rebekah said.

“When [my father] was in college he was studying music and his professors actually said he was borderline genius. He decided to join the military to support his family and put his family first verses pursuing music which was something he loved to do,” Rebekah said. “My dad dedicated his life to his country. He saved many lives overseas [and] I know his job was difficult on him mentally.

The TBI dramatically changed the life of Maj. Paxton. But it also changed the life of young Rebekah as well.

“Up until 8 years old I had an amazing childhood,” she said. “My parents were the ideal ones. I was very much daddy’s little girl. He always brought me home Barbies and favored me over my brothers. When he came back he was different, and there was no more ‘daddy’s little girl.’ We were a military unit and I wasn’t allowed to have friends, sleepovers etc. I guess I kind of missed out on adolescent things because I had to hold the parental role so long.”

Taking over the role as the de facto third parent, Rebekah was forced to grow up quickly. She would spend most of her mornings preparing her younger siblings for school, while her evenings were filled by her brother and sister’s extracurricular activities.

Aside from taking care of her siblings, Rebekah was forced to watch her father slowly deteriorate.

Her father became very controlling and often times angry. Even worse, he turned to substance abuse and pain medication to cope with his medical and mental issues, Rebekah said. At times, Rebekah would struggle to lift her father into bed after finding him passed out on the floor.

REMAINING HOPEFUL

Throughout everything, Rebekah still maintained a positive attitude in hopes of creating a better future.

Rebekah dedicated more than 700 volunteer hours at various organizations, to include 100 hours spent working with children at a local dance studio. If that weren’t enough, Rebekah also helped watch over a special needs child twice a week.

Active in her church community, Re-



COURTESY PHOTO

Rebekah Paxton, center, was recognized as the 2018 Operation Homefront Army child of the year during a gala event held in Arlington, Va., April 19. Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, assistant chief of staff for installation management, presented her with the award.



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Operation Homefront recognized seven military children of the year during an event held in Arlington. (Seated top left to right) Aaron Hall, National Guard; Roark Corson, Coast Guard; Eve Glenn, Air Force; Rebekah Paxton, Army; (bottom left to right) Joshua Frawley, Marine Corps; Isabelle Richards, Navy; and Shelby Barber, Innovation Award Recipient and Air Force dependent.

bekah volunteered to support vacation Bible school sessions at five different churches over the course of six years. She was a member of the Girl Scouts of America and also supported fundraising efforts for the Future Farmers of America.

“Lately, I’ve learned how precious life is and how much that there is that you can do in life,” she said. “Over the past four years I think I’ve accomplished a lot of things. I think as long as you believe in yourself and you just keep that drive going on, you can accomplish anything. I know a lot of people in life take their hardships and just sit on it and they do nothing and they go nowhere. I think if you just focus on the positives in life, then you truly will have a successful outcome.”

Her father’s life and his recent passing have inspired Rebekah to pursue a degree in neurosurgery in college. She said she hopes, one day, to develop the skills necessary to fight against the plights of TBI and PTSD.

“I lost my father after he came back from Iraq and my brother and sister never got the normal childhood that my two older siblings and I got,” she said. “Watching my dad turn into a man that I didn’t even know makes me want to develop more in the [neuroscience] medical community ... so I can help prevent veterans and civilians from passing the same way my father did.”

Although Rebekah says she is honored to be the Army child of the year, she is grateful for all the support she received from the larger military child community.

“I didn’t realize how many kids had fathers who had the same injuries as me,” Rebekah said. “I got messages from other kids explaining their stories. When I was going through some of toughest moments in life last year, I didn’t think I would be able to come out of my situation alive.

“All I want to say is don’t give up. You’re going to get out of your situation and the sun will always rise. The best thing to do is focus on the [positive things] and keep moving forward,” she said.



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Paxton snaps a selfie during a gala event held in Arlington April 19

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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.

DOTHAN

ONGOING — The Tri-States Coin Club meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the back room of Interco Coins located at 2314 Ross Clark Circle. Described as designed for all ages, the event begins with a short meeting followed by a coin auction.
For more information, call 393-2376.

ONGOING — Wiregrass Suicide Prevention Services holds bi-monthly suicide survivor support groups the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 148 E. Main Street. The support groups are for anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Children’s groups are also available.
For more information, call 792-9814.

ENTERPRISE

ONGOING — The Enterprise Baseball League is currently seeking players for the upcoming season. High school students, college students and adults are invited to participate. For more information, call 389-5972.

ONGOING — Mondays through Thursdays each month, Aqua Zumba and EPRD water aerobics will be held by instructor Natalie Showers from 7-8 p.m. Price is \$5 per class and registration is not required. For more information, call 348-2684.

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 — 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 — Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., yoga with

Sandra Bittman is at Perry Recreation Center for \$5 a person.

ONGOING — Alanon holds meetings at the Lutheran Prince of Peace Church. Meetings will be held on the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., and also the last Friday of each month at noon. For more information, call 334-237-0970.

PINCKARD

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

SAMSON

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

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

TROY

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

WIREGRASS AREA

ONGOING — AMVETS Post 23 monthly meeting is held the second Thursday of each the month at 7 p.m. at the AM-VETS Service Center, 203 MLK Dr., in Opp. For more information, call 334-493-0785 or visit www.amvetspost23.com.

Beyond Briefs

Blue Angels Practice

People can observe the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, practice most Tuesdays and Wednesdays between March and November at the National Naval Aviation Museum viewing area in Pensacola, Florida. Practices typically begin at 11:30 a.m. and last about an hour. The outside viewing area for the Blue Angels practice is located on the museum flight line north of the museum. Signs are posted to direct visitors to

viewing and parking locations, including limited parking for handicapped visitors. Open bleacher seating is available for 1,000 people. Chair service is provided at each practice session –chairs are available for a fee of \$3 per chair good for that day’s practice session. Concessions and merchandise are also available, and there is a 100-percent ID check for all visitors 16 years old and over to access the museum flight line. Backpacks, daypacks, luggage and similar items are not allowed on the flight line. Small purses, bags containing medications, and diaper bags are allowed, but are subject to search by

Naval Air Station Pensacola Security personnel. Cancellations due to weather or maintenance are made at the team’s discretion and may not be made until the morning of the practice.
For more information, visit <http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org/>.

Parks guide

The “2018 Guide to Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites” can help people plan spring break, summer vacations or even family reunions. The free booklet is filled with tips on the ideal hiking trails, fish-

ing spots, cabins, campsites and company picnics. Produced annually by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the travel guide features colorful photos from all across the Peach State.
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8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940
8:30 a.m. Catholic Confessions
9 a.m. Catholic Mass
11 a.m. Collective Protestant
12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday-Friday)
4 p.m. Catholic Confessions (Saturday)
5 p.m. Catholic Mass (Saturday)

Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)
11 a.m. Latter-Day Saints

Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939
10:15 a.m. CCD (except during summer months)

BIBLE STUDIES
TUESDAY
Crossroads Discipleship Study (Meal/Bible Study)
Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel
Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study
Spiritual Life Center, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Catholic Women of the Chapel
Spiritual Life Center, 9 a.m.

Above the Best Bible Study
Yano Hall, 11 a.m.

1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study
Hanchey AAF, Bldg. 50102N, Rm. 101, 11:30 a.m.

164th TAOG Bible Study
Cairns AAF, Bldg 30501, 11:30 a.m.

Precepts Bible Study
Soldier Service Center, 12 p.m.

Kingdom Kidz & Youth Group Bible Study
Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study
Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

Spanish Adult Bible Study
Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

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ENLISTED AIDE: Unique job is masterful blend of culinary arts, military service

By Devon L. Suits
Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — Growing up, Sgt. Samantha Poe was drawn to a life of service — either in the armed forces or within the food service industry.

Today, Poe serves as an enlisted aide to Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, a job that blends military service and the culinary arts. But Poe said she's the first to admit that her Army career might have never happened.

Early on in life, Poe said, she spent a lot of time with her grandfather, listening to his “cool fighter pilot stories” as he reflected on his time spent in the Army Air Corps.

“My grandfather's service has always been a point of pride for my family,” said Poe. “I still have his shadow box hanging in my living room.”

By the time she was old enough to enlist, Poe said, the thought of going into the Army had crossed her mind many times. But back then, she said, her lack of knowledge about the military's culinary career fields, coupled with her desire to become an established chef, eventually led her down a different path. Instead of shipping to basic training, she opted instead for Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky.

As she pursued her college degree in culinary arts, Poe spent several years learning the ins and outs of the restaurant industry. She also found excitement participating in her school's seasonal culinary competitions.

It was at one of those competitions where Poe unexpectedly found the U.S. Army, and where her interest in service to her country was reignited in a way that would ultimately lead her to follow in her grandfather's boot-steps -- all while carving a path of her own.

WHEN ‘MISE EN PLACE’ MEETS PHYSICAL TRAINING

All throughout culinary school, Poe prided herself on being the first in the kitchen and the last to leave. While participating in a culinary competition, Poe recalled being surprised by what she found one morning as she pulled into her school parking lot.

Assembled outside were a bunch of people doing push-ups and jumping jacks in their white T-shirts and chef clogs. It was 5:30 a.m.

Culinary students typically didn't do organized fitness training, especially right outside of the classroom. However, this was standard for the local Army culinary team participating in the event.

“They had already been there for an hour,” she said. “They said they were just getting ‘pumped up’ by doing some PT before they went in. I mean come on! Who does that?”

According to Poe, the Army team had assembled just a week prior to the competition.

She said she had never realized that the Army was capable of performing at such a competitive level. And even though the Army team didn't win, their culinary skills, resolve, and dedication left a lasting impression on her, she said.

Poe graduated with a culinary arts degree in 2007. Five years lat-



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Sgt. Samantha Poe, enlisted aide to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley, prepares her pastry dish during the 43rd Joint Culinary Training Exercise at Fort Lee, Va.

er, after spending time in the industry refining her skills, she enlisted in the Army.

Today, as the enlisted aide to the Army's chief of staff, she's doing more than she'd ever done in the civilian world.

“My civilian jobs weren't near as stressful, or required as much as mine does now,” she said, adding that the Army provided the necessary training to help her be successful in the job she now loves.

With just six years of service, Poe considers herself lucky. She started her career by supporting the Pentagon's executive dining facilities. Eventually, she made it through the highly competitive enlisted aide application process to become an aide to former Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno. Later, she was selected to support the current Army chief of staff.

“To all those young kids in high school that want to be culinary professionals, but they don't want to have to choose between serving their country and following what they love ... they can do both,” she said.

ENABLING READINESS

Contrary to a widespread belief, enlisted aides are not “personal servants.” Aides play a vital role in relieving generals of the minor tasks that could impact their official duties and responsibilities.

The Army authorizes enlisted aides to officers holding the rank of major general or higher. However, they are not allocated solely on the grade or title of a general officer, according to Master Sgt. Maria Fuentes, enlisted aide career manager, and former aide.

Generals that are authorized an aide must play a direct role in representing the Army or Department of Defense in addition to their primary duties and responsibilities, according to the DOD instruction governing the career field.

A general's representational duties serve to uphold the standing and prestige of the United States and the DOD through the exten-

sion of official courtesies to authorized officials and dignitaries of the United States and foreign countries.

In support of a general's representational duties, Soldier aides accomplish a wide array of tasks. Some of these responsibilities include the following.

-- Maintaining the general's military uniforms and civilian attire worn for official representational events.

The regulation defines a representational event as any occasion that is hosted by a general with the purpose of furthering an official mission or function. Any event that is not substantively related to the general's assigned duties does not qualify as a representational event.

Furthermore, since a general's uniform serves as a direct connection to the Army, the DOD, and the United States, it requires the utmost attention to detail.

-- Accomplishing tasks that assist the general officer in the performance of their other official duties and responsibilities.

Tasks include running errands that have a substantive connection to the officer's official responsibilities. However, errands should not be of a personal nature for the general or their dependents, Fuentes said. Moreover, the officer must reimburse aides for their transportation costs if duties performed are at their own expense.

“We keep the general officer from worrying about those small tasks. If their water pipe breaks in a general's house an enlisted aide will be there to make sure it is resolved. That's what we're there for. So the general can concentrate on their job and do what they need to do,” Poe said.

-- Upholding the care, cleanliness, and order of the general officer's assigned military housing.

An enlisted aide is mainly responsible for the upkeep of the common household areas. Aides are not required to maintain military housing areas meant for the personal benefit of the general or



Poe prepares her pastry dish during the 43rd Joint Culinary Training Exercise.

their dependents, such as making beds, cleaning private areas, or organizing personal effects.

-- Purchasing, preparing and serving food and beverages in the general's assigned military housing for qualifying representational events.

Soldier aides also help plan and prep meals for the general officer. Aides are allowed to prep daily meals during regular duty hours. Work schedules may not be extended to accommodate the preparation of three daily meals.

“Every day is different, and it all depends on what's on the general's calendar,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Bogle, the enlisted aide to the 1st Cavalry Division commanding general at Fort Hood, Texas.

“Any minor task that could take away from his obligation as commanding general --- like making lunch, getting his ID card fixed, or picking up his medication -- I am there to take care of it,” Bogle said. “That way he can stay focused on commanding the thousands of troops.”

APPLICATION PROCESS

Soldiers from any career field can apply for the enlisted aide program, as long as they are a sergeant promotable and their unit authorizes their release, Fuentes said.

Eligible Soldiers must complete their application packet and submit it to the senior advisor and the as-

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Pfc. Annastasia Cole, a student chef with the Fort Hood, Texas, team, participates in the student team category event.

Enlisted aide

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signments manager for the enlisted aide program at the U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

Enlisted aide program managers review each application during the twice-annual selection panel process, Fuentes said. At the conclusion of the panel, the team routes select applications to the director of the Army staff for consideration.

“Once somebody gets approved, we schedule them for school. Culinary specialists, or 92Gs, are scheduled for the advanced culinary class and the enlisted aide course,” Fuentes said.

Soldiers from other career fields must complete the initial culinary specialist course before taking the enlisted aide course, Fuentes added. The initial course is a prerequisite to the advanced culinary class, which provides Soldiers with the basics of food service to include food industry standards for sanitation and safety.

After Soldiers complete their training, they are put into a pool of eligible aides awaiting assignment, Fuentes said. Once an aide spot opens, the flag officer’s staff will work through the General Officer Management Office and enlisted aide program managers to fill the position.

Currently, 81 enlisted aide positions exist Army-wide, Fuentes said.

Aide program managers review the general’s requested criteria and respond with three to four eligible Soldiers. The general, or his or her staff, will review the packets, conduct interviews, and make a final decision.

After a Soldier is selected, notification is made and eventually the Soldier is reassigned as an enlisted aide for about 24 months, Fuentes said.

“Any Soldier out there that thinks that they’re up for the challenge, I beg them to put their packet in,” Bogle said. “The enlisted aide program is a great opportunity. You get to see a different side of the Army.”

ULTIMATE JUGGLING ACT

Generals often work very long duty days. In turn, an enlisted aide is often relied upon to work atypical hours, as well, which can include evenings, weekends and holidays.

“Sometimes it can be trying, especially around the holidays, but you have to balance it,” Bogle said. We also have to make time to do the Army stuff. We still do PT and complete an Army Physical Fitness Test. We still go to the range, but it is different for us. We have to make sure we can fit it into the calendar.”

To ensure success, enlisted aides must maintain responsibility for their careers, Fuentes added.

“That’s why I say it requires a certain kind of noncommissioned officer to be able to do this job. Not only do you have to take care of your boss, but you have got to take care of yourself. Soldiers have to have that motivation to do the necessary tasks to progress in (their) career.”

43RD JOINT CULINARY TRAINING EXERCISE

Even with their somewhat hectic schedules, Poe and Bogle still find opportunities to cultivate their professional culinary skills. Recently, the two aides participated in the 43rd Joint Culinary Training Exercise at Fort Lee, Virginia.

During the week-long exercise, 26 teams – made up of service members from all five branches as well as military personnel from France, Great Britain, Canada, and Germany – are judged against industry standards set by the American Culinary Federation.

Poe served as team captain for Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and participated in several events. Bogle competed in the Enlisted Aide of the Year competition and entered into the pastry category.

While the culinary training event is often perceived as a competition, it also helps bring the military chef community together to interact with some of the industry’s leading professionals. Moreover, the event shows service members that there is more to the 92G career field than just supporting a military dining facility, Poe said.

At the conclusion of the training event, officials presented 56 gold medals, 135 silver medals, and 141 bronze medals to the participating military chefs for exceeding culinary industry standards.

Bogle received a gold medal in the enlisted aide category. Poe was awarded “Best in Class” as a contemporary pastry professional, and earned two gold medals, one for pastry and one for “military hot food kitchen.”

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall student team, coached by Poe, earned a Bronze Medal.

PAY IT FORWARD

Preparing for this year’s culinary training event was not an easy task for the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall team, according to Poe.

“One of my fellow noncommissioned officers told me back in October that he was interested in taking a team to the culinary exercise,” Poe said. “He also wanted to field Myer’s first student team and asked if I would help train the students.”

The ACF divides the culinary exercise into student and professional chef categories.

To compete in the student category, Soldiers must meet the ACF’s age requirement, cannot possess any culinary certifications, and cannot have more than two years of professional cooking experience.

After receiving command approval to organize a team, Poe assembled a group of five Soldiers in December and started training shortly after the beginning of the year. The culinary training event at Fort Lee was scheduled for the second week of March.

“So, here I was with this hodgepodge group of Soldiers,” Poe said. “A majority of my student chefs had no cooking experience before the Army. And unlike other culinary teams, we don’t get pulled from our daily jobs before the culinary event to concentrate on training.”

Driven by her history in culinary competitions, combined with her love for the culinary industry, the sergeant remained encouraged to field a well-trained team. For Poe, this meant long hours and extra training on weekends.

“You can make some amazing food with just some basic vegetables and some chicken. Students need the knowledge and the skills to be able to do that,” Poe said. “That is what I’m so excited about when I train and watch these five students. They go from preparing simple dishes to creating a fine-dining four-course meal.

“I’m so proud of them for just sticking with it. The students had to have a lot of dedication and perseverance to be able to be here. They just kept pushing, and they’ve just been amazing,” she added.

As the chief’s enlisted aide, Poe said that the past six months supporting the training event have been hard, but she is thankful for all the support of her family and leadership.

“I don’t know that my husband and I have had a meal together for the entire month of February,” she said. “He is active-duty Army serving with the Caisson Platoon in the Old Guard. My mother also lives with us, and I wouldn’t be able to do half the stuff I do without her.

“But my husband knows how much the culinary arts means to me,” she said. “He also likes how much I love teaching and training.

“My daughter doesn’t quite understand a lot of times,” Poe said of the hours she spends training, “but she’ll be able to look back and be able to say, ‘Yeah, my mom did that, so that I can do it too!’”



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DAY AT THE LAKE

Free event kicks off swim season at Lake Tholocco

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Swimsuits and sunscreen will be out in full force as Fort Rucker prepares to open its most frequented waterway for the summer season.

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will officially open Lake Tholocco for the summer May 19 during Day at the Lake from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on West Beach, where people can get their first taste of a summer swim and take in the sun with a bit of outdoor recreation, according to Melissa Kelley, ODR lead recreation assistant.

The event will feature swimming, inflatable bounce houses for children, games, frozen T-shirt contest, and the use of canoes, kayaks and paddle boats, just to start, said Kelley. People will even get to take in some live music, performed by Michael Jay Hughes, who will perform country music and classic hits.

"This is a family-fun field day that is free and open to the public," said the lead recreation assistant, adding that food and beverages will be available for purchase.

During the event, Kelley said people are invited to take to the waters and try out some of ODR's many watercrafts. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult while using the watercrafts and all patrons must wear a life jacket.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Amy Simmons, veteran, and her son, Dustin, enjoy a canoe ride during Day at the Lake on Lake Tholocco's West Beach last year.

People are welcome to bring coolers and blankets to enjoy on the beach, but Kelley said that pets and glass containers are prohibited on the beach area.

Lake Tholocco's West Beach, which is the designated swimming area for the lake, is fitted with a water trampoline and two water slides, and is one of the largest and most well-known attractions on the installation.

While swimming in Lake Tho-

locco's waters, Kelley reminds people to keep safety a top priority.

"Certified lifeguards will be on duty when the area is open and adults please keep an eye on any small children that will be at the lake," she said. "Please remember there is no swimming when lifeguards are not on duty."

West Beach is just a small part of Lake Tholocco's 640 acres that people can take in throughout the

summer season, said Kelley.

"We also have 22 beautiful cabins that are available for rent (through) Lake Tholocco lodging, and fishing, canoeing and jet skiing are just a few things ODR has to offer," she said.

Following the event, West Beach will be open Fridays-Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Labor Day, and patrons will need to purchase swimming wrist bands from the West Beach swimming

area. Daily passes will be free for those 2 and under, and cost \$1.50 for ages 3-12, \$2.25 for ages 13-17, and \$3 for ages 18 and older.

The beach also features nine pavilions available for rent throughout the summer swim season, two of which are indoor and air conditioned, according to Kelley. The rental rates range from \$26-\$97 per day with weekly rates available, as well, and there are also canopies available for rent ranging from 10'x10' to 20'x30', along with folding chairs, tables and basically anything people need for outdoor parties.

ODR also features boat rentals that people can use to take to the water, ranging from Jon boats, pontoon boats, ski boats, and even jet skis that are available on a first-come, first-served basis, said the recreation assistant.

To be eligible for the boat rentals, people must be a DOD civilian, active-duty military or a retired service member. Boat rental prices depend on the amount of time people would like the boat for.

Boaters are not required to have the Alabama vessel requirements to rent boats, said Kelley, but they do need to complete the Fort Rucker Boater Safety Course, which consists of 25 questions and is an open book exam that people can take free of charge. The course must be taken on site at the outdoor recreation service center.

President presents Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to Army team

By Sean Kimmons
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In the third quarter of last year's Army-Navy game, Navy quarterback Malcolm Perry broke off one of his long runs he had throughout the historic annual game.

With his eyes locked on the end zone to add to his team's lead, Perry missed a few tackles and raced down the snowy field in Philadelphia.

Army defensive lineman John Voit then made a last-ditch effort to stop him. As he sprinted from behind, Voit lunged his 260-pound frame forward, extended his arms and tripped up Perry only 11 yards from the goal line.

A few plays later, Navy settled for a field goal — the last points it would score. Army scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter and won the game, 14-13.

The victory marked back-to-back wins for the Army Black Knights against a familiar foe. It was also the first time the Black Knights had earned the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy in more than 20 years. Army had beaten Air Force earlier in the season.

May 1, President Donald Trump officially presented the trophy to players during a ceremony at the White House.

"It's just been an awesome jour-



PHOTO BY SEAN KIMMONS

President Donald Trump is given a team helmet and jersey at the White House in Washington, D.C., May 1 during the presentation of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, which the Army football team earned after it beat Navy and Air Force last season.

ney here at West Point," said Voit, a 23-year-old senior from Wildwood, Missouri. "But for my class to be able to end our careers on that note and bring the [trophy] home and leave that kind of legacy here, it's unbelievable. You wouldn't want to go out any other way."

Army went on to beat San Diego State in the Armed Forces Bowl to finish the season at 10-3, which was the best record an Army team has had since the 1996 season.

In the ceremony at the White House, Voit and fellow team captain Ahmad Bradshaw gave the president a team helmet and jersey.

"When each of you stepped out on the field you had the pride of knowing that you played for Army, you won for Army," Trump said. "And very soon you will be officers and leaders in that incredible group of heroes called the United States Army."

Head coach Jeff Monken then stepped up to the lectern to address the crowd in the Rose Garden.

"This is not only a team of tough, talented football players. This is a team of fighters," Monken said. "Just as they battled with the tenacity and unrelenting spirit to a 10-win season, a second-straight bowl victory and service academy dominance ... they'll battle like warriors leading our nation's next generation of Soldiers to victory on other fields, on other days."

Afterward, players visited Army senior leaders during a recognition event at the Pentagon.

Army Secretary Mark T. Esper said the team showed "grit" when it pulled off the come-from-behind win against Navy.

"It's an important quality, an important trait that's essential as much for football but obviously for future



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Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West, the Army Surgeon General and commanding general for Army Medical Command, addressed the Army's fiscal year 2019 funding request and budget justification before the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations on Capitol Hill, April 26.

SURGEON GENERAL:

Migration to Defense Health Agency to modernize Army medicine

By Devon L. Suits
Army News Service

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — To help modernize the DOD's medical community, the Army's surgeon general, along with the other services, have been taking the necessary steps to migrate certain authorities and control from the military departments to the Defense Health Agency.

In accordance with the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, the changes to the military departments aim to eliminate duplicative health services functions and maximize efficiencies in the activities carried out by the Defense Health Agency.

"Army Medicine has the opportunity to make significant improvements in healthcare as we implement the 2017 NDAA changes, which will influence how we sustain readiness," said Lt. Gen. Nadja Y. West, the Army Surgeon General, and commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command, during testimony April 26 before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Eventually, the DHA will be responsible for the administration of each military treatment facility, including budgetary matters, information technology, health care administration and management, administrative policy and procedure, military medical construction, and other appropriate matters, according to the law.

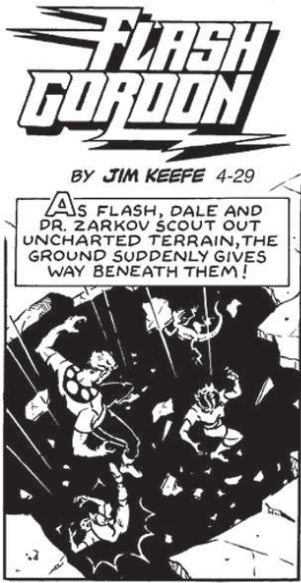
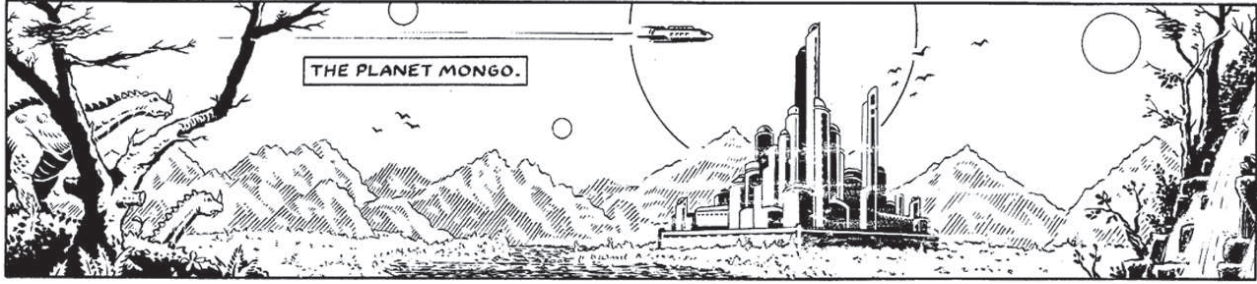
Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley have established a task force, led by Army G-3/5/7, to ensure a successful transition, West said.



PHOTO BY EJ HERSOM

Army quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw runs the ball on the final scoring drive of the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia Dec. 9. Bradshaw went on to score on a 1-yard run to beat Navy, 14-13. The victory allowed Army to capture the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy after it beat Navy and Air Force during the season.

DOWN TIME



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA

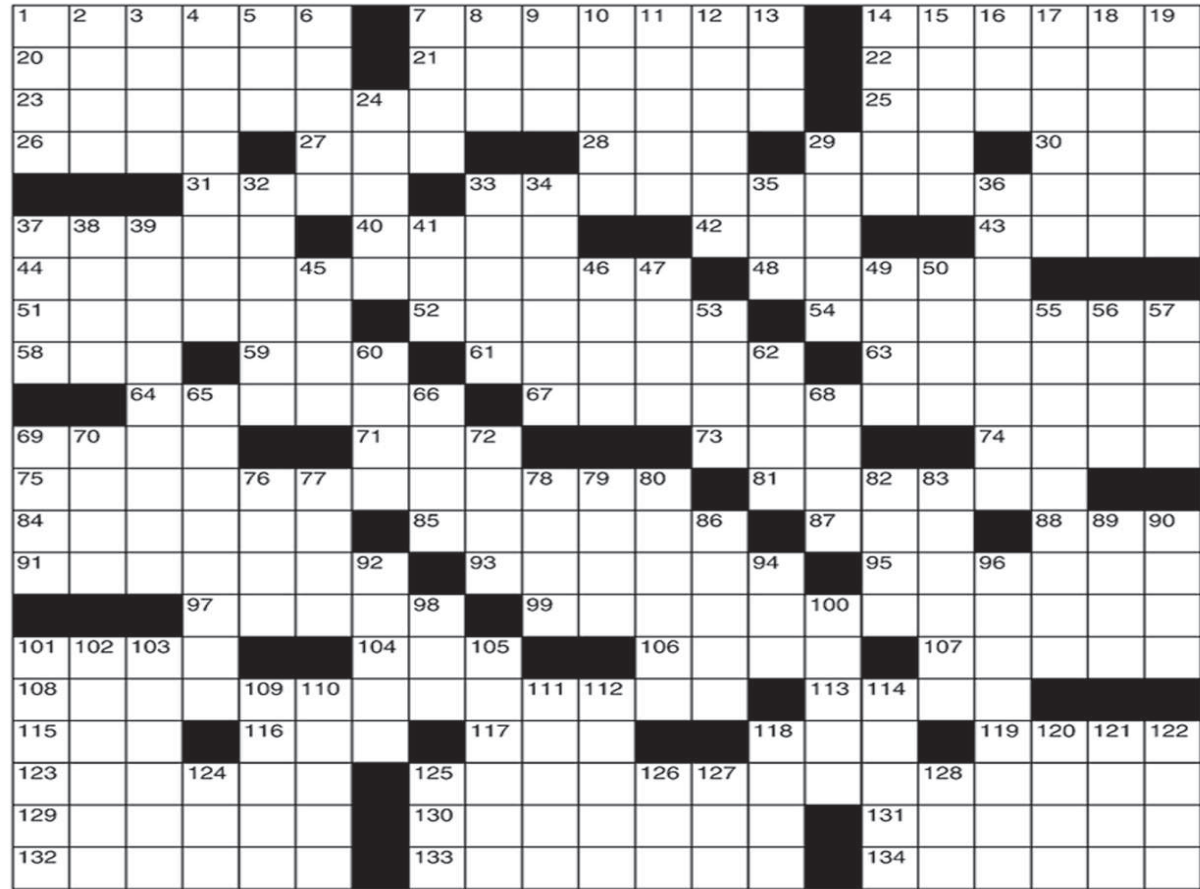
- AD SLOGANS: Which company's ads advised consumers to "put a tiger in your tank"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state designated the American seagull as its official state bird?
- HISTORY: When was the potato introduced to Europe?
- OLYMPICS: How long is the balance beam used in women's gymnastics?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
- PROVERBS: What is the end to this common proverb: "The early bird ...?"
- MEASUREMENTS: What does a Geiger counter measure?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 18th-century statesman and military leader observed, "Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever"?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the closest to Earth?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of the first manufactured breakfast cereal?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

FLEET GROUP

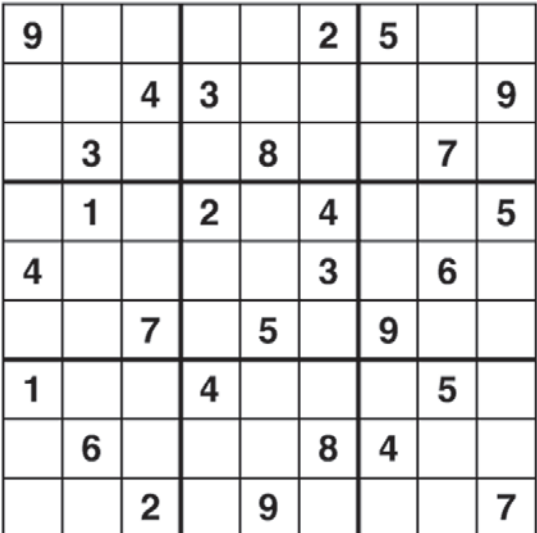
- ACROSS**
- Ones doing stand-up
 - Dancer's bodysuit
 - Roosevelt's predecessor
 - Wide road
 - Work history summaries
 - Unabridged
 - What many a thin person has
 - Be there for
 - "What — is new?"
 - Actor Benicio — Toro
 - Here, to Yves
 - carte (not prix fixe)
 - Prefix with fascist
 - Beams
 - Specialty of many emergency teams
 - Is sore
 - Ballet move
 - Dawn deity
 - Nutrition Facts group
 - Alternative to jogging
 - Recurrent theme
- DOWN**
- Often-stubbed digit
 - Used a saber
 - Color-mixing board
 - Smoke waste
 - port (PC connection)
 - Ladderlike in organization
 - Charlton Heston film
 - Harry at Hogwarts
 - Cornmeal mush
 - Starting on
 - Jim-dandy
 - "Mean Girls" actress
 - Gasteyer
 - Stretches of history
 - Vigilante retribution, perhaps
 - Informant
 - Snowden
 - Hindu belief
 - Moment
 - See 56-Down
 - China's Sun — -sen
 - Keeping up contact
 - Bait
 - Without risk
 - Some lap dogs, briefly
- IT DOESN'T STOP AT A LOT OF STATIONS**
- Big hauler
 - Dernier — (latest thing)
 - Bad guy in "Othello"
 - Spine-chilling
 - Improv comic's skill
 - Sail support
 - Clickable address
 - State of rage
 - Mattel man
 - "Emmy" has two
 - Had to repay
 - Element in antiseptics
 - Wish for getting better
 - Shells out
 - Australian sheepdogs
 - Skittish
 - Badger
 - Moment
 - Sculptures without limbs
- 1 SMALL EATERY**
- Small eatery
 - Egg shape
 - See 124-Down
 - It accrues
 - Summa — laude
- 6 DILAPIDATED**
- Kazakh river
 - State north of Kan.
 - The same, at the start?
 - May bloom
 - Friends, in Florence
 - Have a home
 - Brit. military honor
 - Cures
 - Scheduled
 - Mel of the diamond
 - Austrian port
 - Borgnine with an Oscar
 - Totally alters
 - Coil deviser
 - Nikola
 - Fable author
 - Invite to a movie, e.g.
 - Lawn tools
 - Not much, as of salt
 - DVD — drive
 - Wrongdoer
 - "Mamma Mia" group
 - NFL receiver
 - Carter
 - Zenith
 - Santa helper
 - Part of SSW
- 46 BOWL GAME GP.**
- Hair care products
 - by Dana (perfume)
 - Old TV's "Three Lives"
 - Info to input
 - Like college juniors
 - With 87-Across, fishy hero
 - Little bits of work
 - Lover boy
 - Cubs great
 - Sandberg
 - Straying from the subject
 - Diva Diana
 - Increases fraudulently
 - Sparkling wine city
 - Duck relative
 - TV-advertised music label
 - Veritable
 - It beats a 10
 - Slush Puppie company
 - Wheedle
 - Leg on which a cello rests
 - Wimpy type
 - Tapers off
- 86 HIP-HOP HEADWEAR**
- Others, in Latin
 - Daly of "Cagney & Lacey"
 - Anne of "Wag the Dog"
 - Less than zero: Abbr.
 - Worry about
 - Lanka
 - Amiens' river
 - Slogging-in-mud sound
 - A moon of Jupiter
 - Less harsh
 - Bic buy
 - Sorts
 - Piece of hair
 - Boat spines
 - Like klutzes
 - Natty tie
 - In the past, in the past
 - Takes as a spouse
 - "And so ..."
 - Hides gray, in a way
 - With 3-Down, really disorderly
 - Schuss, say
 - Julio's "day"
 - Strong wish
 - Lennon loved her



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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KID's CORNER



A FAMOUS PROVERB is hidden in the above frame. Find it by reading every letter as you go around counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

FIND THE HIDDEN COUNTRY in this young man's sentence!

THE CHEESEBURGER MAN YAKKED WHILE FILLING MY ORDER!

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

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Hidden in the diagram above are the names of 16 of our past presidents. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the presidents you're looking for.

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| Bush | Jackson | Van Buren |
| Eisenhower | Jefferson | Washington |
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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 BOLTINOFF



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Army surgeon transplants ear ‘grown’ on Soldier’s forearm

By Marcy Sanchez
For Army News Service

EL PASO, Texas — Plastic surgeons at William Beaumont Army Medical Center successfully transplanted a new ear on a Soldier who lost her left ear due to a single-vehicle accident.

The total ear reconstruction, the first of its kind in the Army, involved harvesting cartilage from the Soldier’s ribs to carve a new ear out of the cartilage, which was then placed under the skin of the forearm to allow the ear to grow.

“The whole goal is by the time she’s done with all this, it looks good, it’s sensate, and in five years if somebody doesn’t know her they won’t notice,” said Lt. Col. Owen Johnson III, chief, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, WBAMC. “As a young active-duty Soldier, they deserve the best reconstruction they can get.”

The revolutionary surgery has been over a year in the making for Clarksdale, Mississippi native, Pvt. Shamika Burrage, a supply clerk with 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

In 2016, while returning to Fort Bliss, Texas, after visiting family in Mississippi, a tire blowout changed Burrage’s life in an instant.

“I was coming back from leave and we were around Odessa, Texas,” said Burrage, who was traveling with her cousin. “We were driving and my front tire blew, which sent the car off road and I hit the brake. I remember looking at my cousin who was in the passenger seat, I looked back at the road as I hit the brakes. I just remember the first flip and that was it.”

The vehicle skidded for 700 feet before flipping several times and ejecting the Soldier. Burrage’s cousin, who was eight months pregnant at the time, managed to only suffer minor injuries while Burrage herself suffered head injuries, compression fractures in the spine, road rash and the



COURTESY PHOTO

Autologous cartilage in the shape of an ear growing in a patient’s forearm is shown as part of cutting-edge total ear reconstruction performed on a 21-year-old Soldier at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, the first of its kind at WBAMC. Recently the cartilage was successfully transplanted on the Soldier, who suffered the total loss of the left ear after a single-vehicle accident in 2016.

total loss of her left ear.

“I was on the ground, I just looked up and (her cousin) was right there. Then I remember people walking up to us, asking if we were okay and then I blacked out,” said Burrage, whose next memory was waking up in a hospital.

She was later told by doctors that if she would not have received medical attention for 30 more minutes, she would have bled to death. After several months of rehabilitation, Burrage began to seek counseling due to emotions caused by the accident and its effects on her appearance.

“I didn’t feel comfortable with the way I looked so the provider referred me to plastic surgery,” said Burrage.

“She was 19 and healthy and had her whole life ahead of her,” said Johnson. “Why should she have to deal with having an artificial ear for the rest of her life?”

When explained her options for reconstruction, Burrage was shocked and initially resistant to go through with the total ear reconstruction.

“I didn’t want to do (the reconstruction) but gave it some thought and came to the conclusion that it could be a good thing. I was going to go with the prosthetic, to avoid more scarring but I wanted a real ear,” said Burrage, who is now 21. “I was just scared at first but wanted to see what he could do.”

In order to avoid any more visible scarring, Johnson selected prelaminated forearm free flap, which involved placing the autologous cartilage into the patient’s forearm to allow for neovascularization, or the formation of new blood vessels. This technique will allow Burrage to have feeling in her ear once the rehabilitation process is complete.

“(The ear) will have fresh arteries fresh veins and even a fresh nerve so she’ll be able to feel it,” said Johnson.

In addition to the transplant, epidermis from the forearm, while attached to the ear, will cover up scar tissue in the area immediately around Burrage’s left jawline.

“I didn’t lose any hearing and (Johnson) opened the canal back up,” said Burrage, whose left ear canal had closed up due to the severity of the trauma.

“The whole field of plastic surgery has its roots in battlefield trauma,” said Johnson. “Every major advance in plastic surgery has happened with war. This was trauma related.”

With only two more surgeries left, Burrage states she is feeling more optimistic and excited to finish the reconstruction.

“It’s been a long process for everything, but I’m back,” said Burrage.

Trophy

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leaders in the United States Army,” Esper said. “And that’s what we’ll hold them in great stead in the challenges they face ahead, particularly for the graduating seniors.”

Senior Bryce Holland, who is the starting center on the team, described the White House visit as a privilege many past Army players have not been able to experience.

“The Army team hasn’t been back there since ‘96,” Holland said. “For us, it’s a huge honor to be that first team to go back there and restore everything – the trophy in the Army’s hands.”

The Navy game, he said, was a hard-fought win to secure the trophy. The snowy conditions and a formidable opponent tested the team’s perseverance. Throughout the season, he said, the team had several close games that pre-

pared them.

“We have that culture of pushing through adversity,” said Holland, 21, of Chandler, Arizona.

When the Navy quarterback sprinted down the field during that third quarter play, Voit’s training kicked in to make the touchdown-saving tackle.

“We’re told to run after every play no matter where the ball is on the field,” he said. “I was just doing my job, just like all the rest of my teammates, and I had the opportunity to get him. I swiped at his foot and thank God he went down.”

Voit, who is branching Infantry with plans to be stationed at Fort Drum, said he is now prepared for the next challenge.

“It’s an honor. I can’t wait for it,” he said of being an officer. “I’ve been training for it ... I’m ready for the ride.”

Holland agreed and looks forward to Army life after he graduates next December.

“Being a Soldier is my No. 1 priority,” he said. “That’s the reason why I came here.”

Holland, who has been named a captain for the 2018 team, helped orchestrate a stout offensive line last season that led Army to have the nation’s top rushing attack with 362 yards per game.

The senior is eligible to play next season due to a previous injury that sidelined him.

While next year’s offensive line will have four new players, Holland believes there is still a lot of potential in them to form another solid offense and lead the team to a repeat.

“No doubt in my mind,” he said of the trophy. “We’re keeping it at West Point.”

Medicine

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Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, will be the first facility impacted by the change.

“We are working closely with the Defense Health Agency and the rest of the joint health services enterprise to implement these legislative changes, with thorough analysis, deliberate planning and ongoing coordination,” West told senators.

West also addressed the Army’s fiscal year 2019 funding request and budget justification. She was joined in her testimony by the Navy and Air Force surgeon generals and the program executive officer for Defense Healthcare Management.

“We wholeheartedly support the transition efforts and will continue to work diligently with our joint health services enterprise colleagues to implement NDAA requirements while improving medical readiness, meeting the operational requirements

of our combatant commanders and providing quality healthcare to our patients,” West said.

A CULTURE OF READINESS

In addition to the changes to the Army medical department’s organizational structure, the Army medical community has been working to ensure that Soldiers achieve the proper levels of both physical and mental fitness, so that they are always ready to deploy anywhere in the world.

The Army has operationalized and disseminated the “Performance Triad” throughout the service, West said. That initiative focuses on optimizing sleep, nutrition, and activity to ensure Soldiers operate at peak performance.

“We have enhanced individual and unit readiness in several ways, to include: leveraging our health and readiness data, an electronic profile system and embedding athletic trainers and physical therapists at

the unit level,” she said.

“Medical readiness is a shared Soldier and command team responsibility. However, Army medicine plays a decisive role in monitoring, assessing, and identifying key health-related indicators and outcomes, as well as providing recommendations to mitigate risks,” she said.

In addition, Army medicine has implemented its “Medical Readiness Transformation Initiative” to stay in line with the Defense Secretary’s priority to decrease the quantity of non-deployable personnel. The Army’s program aims to increase the readiness of the total force by reducing the number of “Soldiers in the most severe non-deployment category.”

As a result, West said, the total force has achieved the lowest non-deployable rate in our history. Additionally, she said, “the medical readiness of the total Army consistently improved over the past 12 months, and the Army exceeded the DOD goal.”

Army Medicine has improved their comprehensive pain management program to help reduce a Soldier or dependent’s reliance upon opioids or other pain medications, the general added. To accomplish this, Army medicine has implemented a combination of traditional and non-traditional pain management methods to help those suffering from acute and chronic pain.

“Over the last two decades, Army Medicine has transformed its pain management strategy with great success,” West said. “Chronic use of opioids peaked in FY 2007, and with our pain management program we have seen a 45 percent decrease in use between FY 2012 and FY 2016. In FY 2016, Opioid Use Disorder in the active duty Army was 0.15 percent compared to 0.90 percent in the U.S. adult population. Our pain management program is integral to sustaining this process by providing quality care, mitigating suffering and returning Soldiers to the fight.”

FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

Indoor pool

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center Indoor Pool will have limited lap lanes available for lap swimming Mondays-Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. due to programming. Recreational swimming will also not be available during this time.

For additional information, call 255-2296.

Youth Extreme Fitness registration

Fort Rucker Child and Youth Services will run registration for its Youth Extreme Fitness program May 1-31. The program will be both challenging and rewarding, according to organizers. Parents should understand that the program is intended to push children beyond their normal comfort zone, both mentally and physical-

ly. The program is open to youth ages 8-18. The event will run June 4-29 from 6-7 p.m. on the youth sports football fields. Workouts will include low crawling, tire flipping, pulling rope, running and sled pushing. Participants will need to have a current sports physical and valid CYS membership.

For more details or to register, call 255-9638 or 255-2254.

Hunting Incentive Program

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation is offering a Hunting Incentive Program to help control the coyote and feral pig population from May 1 to Aug. 31. The first five registered hunters who dispatch two coyotes or five hogs and bring them in to ODR will receive a free Fort

Rucker Post Hunting Permit for the 2018-2019 hunting season. Hunters must possess a valid Alabama state hunting license, Fort Rucker hunting permit and a hunter education completion card. Hunters also must be a registered participant of the Hunting Incentive Program. All dispatched animals must be brought to ODR or the Fort Rucker Game Warden during business hours. An individual record will be created for each hunter at the time they bring in their dispatched animals. Additionally, the hunter will be asked to remove the animal’s tail, so it cannot be claimed by another hunter. Hunters may email pictures after hours to ODR with the hunter and the dispatched animal in front of one of the weigh stations. Hunting on Fort Rucker is open to the public.

For more information, call 255-4305.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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Answer

9	8	1	7	4	2	5	3	6
5	7	4	3	1	6	8	2	9
2	3	6	5	8	9	1	7	4
3	1	9	2	6	4	7	8	5
4	5	8	9	7	3	2	6	1
6	2	7	8	5	1	9	4	3
1	9	3	4	2	7	6	5	8
7	6	5	1	3	8	4	9	2
8	4	2	6	9	5	3	1	7

TRIVIA

Answers

- Esso
- Utah
- 16th century
- 16 feet, 5 inches
- Canberra
- ... gets the worm”
- Radiation
- Napoleon Bonaparte
- Venus
- Granula (1863)



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