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CELEBRATING FREEDOM

Freedom Fest to feature music, food, fireworks

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Staff Reports

Fort Rucker will celebrate the nation's independence during Freedom Fest June 29 and the event will feature one of the largest fireworks displays in the area.

Freedom Fest is scheduled for 4-10 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields and will also include food, activities for children, live music, games, local vendors, static aircraft displays, the Fallen Heroes Field of Flags and more, according to Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials.

The headliner of the event, which is free and open to the public, will be the U.S. Army Rolling Thunder Maneuver Center of Excellence Band, said Lynn Avila, special events coordinator.

"Patrons will recognize many vendors and the crowd will have the opportunity to enjoy many different selections," she said. "Also, the fun zone will return for children this year, and we will also have rides, a trampoline, zip line, pony rides and trackless train rides."

The Rolling Thunder MCOE Band will provide a patriotic concert beginning at 7 p.m. before the fireworks display. "We invite the community to come early and

enjoy all the food, drinks and entertainment before the fireworks show," Avila said.

Janice Erdlitz, DFMWR marketing director, said the annual event is the perfect opportunity for Soldiers and families to celebrate the nation's independence and experience a full day of local entertainment.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to show support for Fort Rucker," she said. "Freedom Fest is a celebration for our entire community. We look forward to this day when we invite everyone out to celebrate our nation's independence with us at Fort Rucker."

"We all stand together, side by side, Soldier to neighbor, and feel the same powerful emotions of being proud Americans," she added. "Freedom Fest is a tradition for many families. We often hear our retirees comment on attending Freedom Fest when they were stationed here as active duty Soldiers. Building memories to last a lifetime is one of best parts of what MWR does for our families."

Safety is also a top priority for officials as people come out to celebrate the nation's independence, said Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker chief of police, reminding people

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Rania Ortiz, military family member, makes her way through a tire course of the Warrant Officer Career College children's confidence course with the help of Warrant Officer Candidate, Ashely Long, WOCC, at a previous Freedom Fest.



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Col. Brian E. Walsh (center), Fort Rucker garrison commander, presents a check for \$116,000 to Beth Gunter, AER officer, during the 2018 AER campaign closing ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum June 5.

Fort Rucker raises more than \$116K for AER

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers helping Soldiers is Army Emergency Relief's main mission and goal, and Fort Rucker made a big impact to that mission during this year's fundraising campaign.

The 2018 AER campaign season came to a close during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum June 5, with Fort Rucker raising more than \$116,000 to help Soldiers, families and retirees in need, according to Col. Brian T. Hughes, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff.

Through contributions from fellow Soldiers, retirees and community members, the installation was able to help provide a lifeline to those in financial need, Hughes said.

"Through the compassion of Soldiers and the Fort Rucker community here with us, this year's campaign generated over \$116,000, continuing the legacy of pro-

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AH-1 COBRA

Museum greeter undergoes restoration

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Visitors to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum might notice that the aircraft that usually stands guard near the entrance is not at its post, but people should rest easy knowing that the aircraft is undergoing a restoration to return it to its former glory.

The Bell AH-1S Cobra helicopter that normally sits near the entrance of the museum is one of the first aircraft to greet people as they make their way into the museum, but over the years weather and time has taken its toll, and for an aircraft with such a storied past,

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

The AH-1S Cobra that normally sits in the front of the U.S. Army Aviation Museum is undergoing restoration after over a decade in the elements.

Aviation historian helps lost D-Day aircraft fly again

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

A critical piece of Aviation history is being restored to its former, flyable glory, thanks to the initial efforts of Aviation Branch historian Ken Tilley.

The C-47 with "That's All Brother" painted on the nose led the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, which included approximately 800 airplanes that dropped 13,000 paratroopers into a battle that would change the course of history.

The aircraft also flew in Operations Market Garden, Repulse and Varsity, but somewhere along the way ended up sold into the civilian sector, and eventually would be headed for the remanufacture line.

That is, were it not for the efforts of a team of historians at Maxwell Air Force Base, where Tilley served in 2007 as a U.S. Air Force historian searching for the missing airplane.

"We already knew that unit had been an airlift squadron

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COURTESY PHOTO

'That's All Brother,' the C-47 that led the historic D-Day invasion into Normandy, France, during World War II, after being sold in the civilian sector, was tracked down by Aviation Branch historian Ken Tilley, and is now being restored by the Commemorative Air Force. The plane is slated to fly in the 75th commemoration of D-Day into Normandy in 2019.

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PERSPECTIVE

MEN’S HEALTH MONTH

Never ‘too busy’ to focus on wellness

By Chris Lopez,
Chief of Strategic Outreach and Engagement
Military Health System

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Summertime, and the livin’ is easy – or so the song goes. But for many men, summer is a difficult time of year to focus on fitness.

Vacations and outdoor gatherings after work and on weekends can disrupt established routines – not to mention one’s best intentions to eat healthfully, exercise regularly, and get a good night’s sleep.

For me, fitting in fitness is a year-round challenge. I travel a lot, not only for my job with the Defense Health Agency but also for my obligations as a lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserve. I’m also working on a master’s degree in national security and strategic studies through a distance-learning program with the Naval War College; and my wife and I have three children ages 5, 3, and 1. I’m constantly on the go, and I never know what I may find on the other side, in terms of a decent workout facility, available time, and healthful food options.

My physical fitness routine is to work out five or six days a week: three or four days of mainly cardio work, such as running 6 miles, and two days of strength training. I honor this schedule even when I’m traveling. When I was in Poland in March for three weeks of reserve duty, the



COURTESY PHOTO

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chris Lopez, chief of strategic outreach and engagement for the Military Health System, competes in an event during the Camp Lemonnier Amazing Race in Djibouti.

base gym wasn’t available, so I found a gym within walking distance of the base and used it religiously.

When I’m in town and parenting duties overrule a gym workout, I’ll take the kids to a nearby park with a playground. I use the monkey bars to do pull-ups, and I run around the little path there about a hundred times to get 6 miles in. I just make sure I get my workout while spending time with the kids, and the bonus is that I’m model-

ing the culture of being physically active.

I’m a naturally big guy, and strength training is something I’ve enjoyed since my high school and college football days. When it comes to healthful eating, though, I’ll admit to having some trouble. One thing that makes it easier is to think about my dad. Although he was physically active, he had a heart attack when he was only 40, an age I’m closing in on. That was 25 years ago, and Dad’s well today

because he changed his diet. His health scare serves as my reminder for moderation and making good choices.

Also, my wife has been a huge influence. She introduced me to fish, not to mention portion control. I’m not a big fan of fruit, but I love vegetables. A typical weekday breakfast is a veggie egg-white omelet with a side of bacon. For lunch, I usually go to the DHA cafeteria and buy soup and one or two servings of whatever hot vegetable is being offered.

When I traveled to Kentucky in May, I arrived at the hotel late and hungry. As tempted as I was to order Chinese food or a pizza, I wound up getting Uber Eats to deliver a McDonald’s grilled chicken salad to my room.

I’d still like to lose a few more pounds, but I’m down about 10 pounds from what I weighed last year. I feel confident I’ll continue my streak of scoring “outstanding” on the Navy’s physical readiness test. Most importantly, I feel good. When I’m eating well and exercising regularly, I’m more effective, more efficient, and just better all around. We reap what we sow.

With June marking Men’s Health Month, I’d like to encourage all men to take their health and wellness seriously. Make it a priority, no matter how “too busy” you think you might be. Keep in mind that God blessed you with one body, and no one else is going to take care of it for you.

NEWS BRIEFS

Installation of Excellence Recognition Ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its Installation of Excellence Recognition Ceremony June 14 at 10 a.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. The post will receive its Commander in Chief’s Annual Award for Installation Excellence and Army Communities of Excellence Gold awards at the ceremony.

Change of responsibility

The Fort Rucker Garrison will host a change of responsibility ceremony June 15 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Command Sgt. Maj. Jasper C. Johnson will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey.

Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close at 11 a.m. June 22. The clinic will remain open all day on the third Wednesday of the month, June 20. The Fort Rucker Army Wellness Center will also close at 11 a.m. June 22.

Army Wellness Center

The Army Wellness Center offers free health and wellness classes to all Soldiers, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. All classes are held at the Army Wellness Center in Bldg. 4102.

- **Upping Your Metabolism** – June 18 at 11:45 a.m. and June 28 at 1 p.m.
- **Exercise Prescription and Goal Setting** – June 12 at 11:45 a.m. and June 26 at 11:45 a.m.
- **Stress Management** – June 14 at 11:45 a.m.

Healthy cooking class

Lyster Army Health Clinic will host its next healthy cooking class June 20 at noon. This month’s recipes include easy gluten-free meals.

Tobacco cessation program

Lyster Army Health Clinic’s tobacco cessation program consists of four weekly sessions each month. Each class is one hour. Classes are Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 334-255-7930.

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.

PTSD group

A post traumatic stress disorder education group meets Tuesdays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center in Bldg. 8939 on Red Cloud Road. The group follows the Veterans Affairs protocol PTSD Recovery Program and is for anyone interested in learning more about PTSD.

For more information, call 255-3903.

Lyster update

To keep track of goings on at Lyster Army Health Clinic, people can check out the clinic’s Facebook Page for the Healthy Tip of the Day and important clinic information, such as class dates and times. People can also visit the clinic’s Twitter feed at @LysterAHC.

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.

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.

You Made the Grade

For 17 years, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service’s You Made the Grade program has been a cornerstone of military life. Now, students who participated in the program as children are passing it on to another generation of military students—

and the exchange is ready to honor their achievements. In recognition of military students who excel, the exchange is rewarding high-achieving scholars in first through 12th grades who maintain a B average or better with a coupon book filled with free offers and discounts.

“The Exchange appreciates the strength and resiliency of all military children,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the exchange’s senior enlisted adviser. “To excel academically while dealing with frequent moves, deployments and parents’ long working hours is a significant achievement. That’s why the exchange has rewarded military students for 17 years running with the You Made the Grade program.”

The You Made the Grade booklet includes coupons for free food and other offers that are valid through July 31. The booklet also includes an entry form for the You Made the Grade semiannual sweepstakes. Students can enter to win exchange gift cards worth \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500. Entries can be submitted twice per year, with drawings typically held in June and December.

Students, including those who are home schooled, can receive a You Made the Grade coupon booklet by presenting a valid military I.D. and proof of an overall B average at their local exchange’s customer service area. Eligible participants can pick up one booklet for each qualifying report card.

Students and guardians can contact their local exchange for more information about the Exchange’s You Made the Grade program. Contact information for your nearest store can be found at shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/.

Students can send You Made the Grade sweepstakes entry forms, which are included in the coupon booklets, to: You Made the Grade, PO Box 227398, Dallas, TX 75222-7398.

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SECDEF:

Alliances, partnerships critical to U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy

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Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with U.S. treaty allies and other partners, America seeks to build an Indo-Pacific region where sovereignty and territorial integrity are safeguarded and the promise of freedom is fulfilled and prosperity prevails for all, Defense Secretary James N. Mattis said June 2 in Singapore.

Addressing the 2018 International Institute for Strategic Studies Shangri-La Dialogue, the secretary said the Indo-Pacific strategy stands in firm support of America's recently released National Defense strategy.

"[The strategies] take a clear-eyed view of the strategic environment, and they recognize that competition among nations not only persists in the 21st century, in some regard it is intensifying," Mattis said.

And both strategies affirm that the Indo-Pacific region is critical for America's continued stability, security and prosperity, he added.

"In [America's Indo-Pacific strategy], we see deepening alliances and partnerships as a priority. [The Association of Southeast Asian Nations'] centrality remains vital and cooperation with China is welcome wherever possible," the secretary said.

"So, make no mistake — America is in the Indo-Pacific to stay," he noted.

"This is our priority theater; our interests and the regions are inexplicably intertwined," Mattis said. "Our Indo-Pacific strategy makes significant security, economic and development investments."

The U.S. strategy recognizes no one nation can or should dominate the Indo-Pacific, he said. "For those who want peace and self-determination, we all have shared responsibility to work together to build our shared future."



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Defense Secretary James N. Mattis delivers remarks during the opening session of the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore June 2.

ELEMENTS OF STRATEGY OUTLINED

The secretary highlighted several themes of the strategy.

-- Expanding attention on the maritime space: "The maritime commons is a global good, and the sea lanes of communication are the arteries of economic vitality for all," he said.

"Our vision is to preserve that vitality by helping our partners to build up naval and law enforcement capabilities and capacities to improve monitoring and protection of maritime borders and interests," he added.

-- Interoperability: The United States recognizes a network of allies and partners is a force multiplier for peace, the secretary said.

"Through our security cooperation, we are building closer relationships between our militaries and our economies, all of which contribute to enduring trust," he added.

-- Strengthening the rule of law, civil society and transparent governance: "This is the sunlight that exposes the malign influence that threatens sustainable economic development," Mattis said.

-- Private sector-led development: The United States recognizes the region's need for greater investment, including infrastructure, he noted, adding, "We are reinvigorating our development and finance institutions to enable us to be better, more responsive partners."

"U.S. agencies will work more closely with regional economic partners to provide end-to-end solutions that not only build tangible products, but also transfer experience and American know-how so growth is high value and high quality, not empty promises and surrender of economic sovereignty," he said.

U.S. STANDS READY

The United States stands ready to cooperate with all nations to achieve this vision, Mattis said.

"While a free and open Indo-Pacific is in all our interests, it will only be possible if we all pull together to uphold it," he said.

"A generation from now, we will be judged on whether we suc-

cessfully integrated rising powers while increasing economic prosperity, maintaining international cooperation based on agreed-upon rules [and] protecting fundamental rights of our peoples and avoiding conflict," the secretary said.

The U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy informs its relationship with China, he noted. "We are aware China will face an array of challenges and opportunities in coming years. We are prepared to support China's choices if they promote long-term peace and prosperity for all in this dynamic region."

CHINA'S POLICY

Yet China's policy in the South China Sea stands in stark contrast to the openness of the U.S. strategy, Mattis said, adding that it calls into question China's broader goals.

"The United States will continue to pursue a constructive, results-oriented relationship with China, [and] cooperation whenever possible will be the name of the game, and competing vigorously where we must," he said.

"Of course, we recognize any sustainable Indo-Pacific order as a role for China, and at China's invitation, I will travel to Beijing soon in an open, transparent approach, broadening and deepening the national dialogue between our two Pacific nations," the secretary said.

As a Pacific nation, the United States remains committed to building a shared destiny with the Indo-Pacific region, he said, adding the nation offers strategic partnerships and not strategic dependence.

"Alongside our allies and partners, America remains committed to maintaining the region's security, its stability and its economic prosperity -- a view that transcends America's political transitions, and will continue to enjoy Washington's strong bipartisan support," Mattis said.

Under Secretary: Communication, trust key to Army's relationship with Congress

By David Vergun
Army News Service

JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, Va. — Investing time in establishing personal relationships with legislators is good for the Army because it results in a shared understanding of issues of great importance to all Americans, said Under Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy.

McCarthy spoke at a reception prior to a Twilight Tattoo here May 23, where he honored bipartisan House Army Caucus co-chairmen Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.) and Rep. John R. Carter (R-Texas).

During his earlier career in banking and later in the military, McCarthy said he was taught by mentors the importance of relationships.

The under secretary said he recalled his old boss, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, saying relationships are "the grease that runs Washington."

Senior Army leaders, including McCarthy, are often seen on television testifying in Senate and House hearings, such as the armed services and appropriations committees.

But a lot of communication and trust building goes on behind the scenes and away from the cameras, he said.

Senior Army leaders constantly meet with senators and representatives in other venues besides the Twilight Tattoo, such as breakfasts and lunches in various locations, and often invite them to the Pentagon, he said.

Congressional delegation trips to military installations and to units participating in overseas operations are especially important because lawmakers and military leaders spend a great deal of time with each other and come away with a first-hand grasp of issues important to the Army and to the nation, McCarthy said.

"You have to invest in a relationship. You have to give it time. And, it's always best to do it before you have to deal with a



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Under Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy speaks at the AUSA annual symposium Oct. 9.

challenging issue," he said. "The more you invest in personal relationships, the easier it is to work through difficult issues."

The reward for doing that is getting the funding and authorities needed to proceed with increasing Army readiness, modernizing the force and implementing institutional reforms, he said.

An essential component of establishing personal bonds is being a good listener, he said. Lawmakers have a lot of things to deal with besides military matters. There are roads that need paving, schools that need funding, healthcare issues, and constituent needs and concerns.

It's important to have an appreciation for those other issues and in turn, the Army must communicate the rationale behind every penny it spends and why it's the very best return on investment to the taxpayers, he said. "We're quite frankly, asking for their help."

The under secretary expressed appreciation for lawmakers' contributions to national defense, particularly the 127 Army House Caucus members and 33 senators in the Army Senate Caucus.

"The Army Caucus is great because you feel you're at home," he said. "Everyone has a unique appreciation for challenges

faced in organizing, equipping and training the force, keeping units ready and taking care of families."

He said he was especially glad to honor Ruppersberger and Carter at the event. "These two men absolutely meet the interests of the Army and they give us the strategic council we need."

McCarthy also noted the importance of having Twilight Tattoos. He mentioned the busloads of school children from the surrounding area who were in attendance, invited press and leaders of industry that are getting a taste of Army history and traditions in a very dramatic fashion.

HIGH PERFORMANCE

Army researchers headed for development of lightweight helmet

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Army researchers in Massachusetts are developing technology that may soon yield a lightweight combat helmet that provides more protection than anything ever fielded.

Representatives of the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, out of Natick, Massachusetts, had an array of combat helmets on display at the Pentagon, May 24 and 25 as part of a “Close Combat Lethality Tech Day.”

Included among that protective gear was the Personnel Armor System for Ground Troops, first fielded in 1981; the Advanced Combat Helmet, first fielded in 2003; and the Light Weight-ACH, which first appeared in 2013.

All three of those helmets make use of para-aramid fibers to protect Soldiers, and each successive helmet weighed less than its predecessor. The LW-ACH, for instance, is more than a half-pound lighter than the PASGT helmet for a size large.

Newer helmets on display made use of a different material: ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene, or UHMWPE.

The Advanced Combat Helmet Generation II, for example, weighs 22 percent less than the ACH and is designed to protect Soldiers from fragmentation as well as from rounds up to 9mm.

The Enhanced Combat Helmet, and the most-recently fielded Integrated Head Protection System with ballistic applique, provide protection against rifle fire as well. That increased protection, however, comes at a cost in terms of weight.

The helmet display made clear the challenge posed to those responsible for designing gear that keeps Soldiers safe.

“There’s kind of a competition between increased threat and weight,” said Richard Green, the director of the Soldier Protection and Survivability Directorate at NSRDEC. “We want to protect against increased threat, while minimizing the weight. That’s our goal.”

The centerpiece of the NSRDEC helmet display, the NSRDEC prototype helmet, met the protection versus weight challenge head on.

Weighing in at just 2.5 pounds for the



PHOTO BY LT. COL. JOHN HALL

Capt. Beverly Nordin and Command Sgt. Maj. James LaFratta, the 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion, make decisions about the employment of heavy machine guns as their paratroopers conduct a base defense live fire in Slovenia in 2017. U.S. Army researchers are currently working on a helmet prototype that will provide equal protection to earlier helmets but at less weight.

shell, and an estimated 3.5 pounds final weight, the NSRDEC prototype provides the same protection as the currently-fielded IHPS.

But the NSRDEC prototype doesn’t require the modular IHPS ballistic applique that attaches over the base helmet. With that applique in place, the IHPS system weighs over five pounds. The NSRDEC prototype weighs less than half that and provides the same protection. It protects Soldiers against fragmentation, against 9mm weapons fire, and against what Green called a “prevalent rifle threat.”

The NSRDEC prototype helmet is made of the same class of material as the IHPS, the ECH and the ACH GEN II: UHMWPE. But what researchers at

NSRDEC have done is developed new ways to process UHMWPE so that it will be stronger than it has been in the past.

“It’s stronger, so you need less of it,” Green said.

The new processing methods NSRDEC researchers have developed for UHMWPE has improved the ballistic performance for that material within a helmet. That means Soldiers may one day see a finished helmet that weighs the same as the ECH, but provides more protection.

“The processing of that material has enabled us to optimize its performance,” said Kenneth Ryan, the Warfighter Protection Branch chief at NSRDEC. “Decreasing the load helps optimize Soldier

performance, and that helps them to be more lethal.”

The NSRDEC doesn’t manufacture helmets for the Army. Instead, it is the defense industry that ultimately provides that function, Ryan said. But when the time comes, it’ll be research done at NSRDEC that industry uses to make the next generation of helmets that will help keep Soldiers safe on the battlefield.

Ryan said he expects it will be about 12 months before these advanced technology developments that yielded the current incarnation of the NSRDEC prototype helmet can move forward to a point where the Army may request industry to develop mass-produced helmets for fielding to Soldiers.



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This helmet, an NSRDEC prototype, provides equal protection to earlier helmets, but at less weight.

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Carlucci left ‘indelible mark’ on DOD

By Terri Moon Cronk
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Former Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci died June 3 at his home in McLean, Virginia. He was 87.

Carlucci was secretary of defense from Nov. 23, 1987, to Jan. 20, 1989, under President Ronald Reagan.

“Secretary Carlucci served our great nation under four U.S. presidents, both republican and democrat, as a lieutenant in the United States Navy, the Ambassador to Portugal, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and several other roles within the Department of Defense before becoming secretary of defense,” Defense Secretary James N. Mattis said in a statement.

“Appointed in 1987, with the end of the Cold War near, Secretary Carlucci was a transformative leader,” Mattis said. “He changed the way the department worked with Congress, and managed critical defense issues, such as procuring major weapon systems, and rebalancing military priorities and resources under dynamic and challenging geopolitical circumstances.

“Secretary Carlucci left an indelible mark on the Department of Defense,” he continued. “On behalf of all our service men and women and civilians, past and present, we will forever be grateful for his leadership and long honor his patriotism, service and legacy.”

NUMEROUS GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

Carlucci was a Foreign Service officer in the State Department and later served as ambassador to Portugal. He was deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, undersecretary of Health Education and Welfare, and deputy director of the CIA.

Appointed as deputy defense secretary in February 1982 under Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Carlucci monitored the Pentagon’s day-to-day operations and oversaw the defense budget and procurement. His initiatives dealt with bringing more stability and order into the procurement system.

He left the Defense Department briefly in 1983 for the private sector, but returned to federal service at the White House as assistant to the president for national security affairs.

With extensive roots in national security, Carlucci succeeded Weinberger and became defense secretary on Nov. 23, 1987.

He was known for doing things his way, and while he served only 14 months as secretary, his brand was clear through his initiatives such as weapons systems and downsizing the military, as well as through his relationship with Congress.

In those 14 months, Carlucci made 13 foreign visits around the globe, and he was the first defense secretary to visit the Soviet Union.

CONTROVERSIAL DOMESTIC ISSUES

At home, Carlucci faced numerous controversial domestic issues. He dealt with a shrinking defense budget for fiscal year

1989 after the stock market crash of 1987. In 1988, to tighten the defense budget belt and rid the department of unnecessary military facilities, Carlucci proposed the Commission on Base Realignment and Closure, which ultimately eliminated some 90 bases by September 2011. He was up against tough opposition from members of Congress who wanted to save military bases and posts in their districts.

Carlucci’s proposed \$299.5 billion defense budget before Congress in 1988 included cutting 36,000 troops from a force of 2,174,000. That translated into cuts in all the military departments, for which he faced great opposition. The secretary of the Navy reportedly resigned after a Carlucci order to retire 16 frigates.

The budget request also provided for \$4.6 billion for the Strategic Defense Initiative — also known as the “Star Wars” program — and \$200 million for the Mid-etman missile.

Reagan vetoed the bill that Congress passed, citing his displeasure over cuts in SDI and restricted Pentagon spending for space-based antimissile interceptor development, which was key to the SDI program. A bill finally was hammered out, and Carlucci accepted a spending ceiling.

INF TREATY

Carlucci was very much in favor of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty of 1987, which he saw as enhancing NATO security. It would reduce the Soviet’s military threat to Western Europe by taking out a class of missile systems from the area, and show that NATO nations had enough political will to support decisions to secure their safety.

He also made it known that the INF Treaty included tough verification provisions, and to put them in place, Carlucci created the On-Site Inspection Agency in January 1988.

Carlucci also dodged some slings and arrows from the long-term war between Iran and Iraq. In 1988, U.S. ships destroyed two Iranian oil platforms to retaliate for damage sustained by the USS Samuel Roberts in the Persian Gulf from an Iranian mine. U.S. ships sank and severely damaged six Iranian ships. Reagan ordered the Navy to expand its work in the Gulf to protect neutral merchant ships when they were attacked. Carlucci kept a close eye on the events.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Carlucci left office at the start of President George H. W. Bush’s term. He told reporters three of his accomplishments made him most proud: convincing Congress to go along with BRAC, developing a positive relationship with Soviet military leaders and successful tanker escort operations in the Persian Gulf.

But his achievements totaled much more than those three.

He also was responsible for establishing funding priorities and guiding the cuts in the fiscal year 1989 defense budget, taking a calm approach to the Pentagon procurement fraud investigation, emphasizing the dangers of long-range missile proliferation to world leaders and convincing Congress



DOD PHOTO

Frank C. Carlucci, who served as secretary of defense under President Ronald Reagan, died June 3 at the age of 87.

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Carlucci said he was most disappointed with how the Pentagon had not been able

to preserve the defense consensus in Congress and the nation when developments in the communist world proved that negotiating from strength works.



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WARFARE IN MEGACITIES:

A new frontier in military operations

By Joe Lacdan
Army News Service

HONOLULU — In one city block, future Soldiers could find themselves in an intense gunfight with enemy militants. In another, Soldiers might crawl through debris to rescue trapped residents or deliver needed supplies. At the city's opposite end, U.S. troops could be attempting to quell a civilian riot.

As urban populations worldwide continue to rise, the probability of these scenarios increases.

From the metropolitan sprawl of Tokyo with its 36 million inhabitants, to the massive clutter of rush hour traffic in Seoul, mega cities present a jarringly daunting obstacle to the future of world combat operations, Army senior leaders said at the 2018 LANPAC conference.

"The complexities that go on in this scale almost are unimaginable," said retired Lt. Gen. James Dubik, former commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

Additionally, if current trends continue, two thirds of the world's population will reside in large, metropolitan areas, according to United Nations projections. Threats to megacities take increased importance in the Asia-Pacific, where a majority of the world's megacities are concentrated.

Making matters worse, many of the cities sit inside the Ring of Fire, a 25,000-mile chain in the Pacific basin rampant with volcanic eruptions and unpredictable seismic activity. Some nations, such as Japan, sit on one of the most active tectonic plates in the world. Densely populated cities that include Bangkok and urban centers in Bangladesh are prone to natural disasters.

U.S. forces scarcely encountered operations in megacities in World War II, or the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

"The challenge of megacities is unlike (anything) we've had to deal with in history," said Dr. Russell Glenn, G-2 director of plans and policy at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

With so much of a nation's population contained in a compact, urban space, megacities pose a vastly different challenge from the deserts of the Middle East Soldiers have grown accustomed to.

"Every act you do in a city reverberates," said Gen. Stephen Townsend, TRADOC commander, who spoke via video teleconference at LANPAC.

Military units in rural areas, deserts and small villages can contain the aftereffects of combat. In a large urban environment, skyscrapers, large structures and traffic can cause a domino effect that spread throughout a city.

Glenn added that smaller subsystems comprise a megacity that in turn is part of a much larger system that can extend worldwide.

A NEW KIND OF WAR

To prepare for the complexities of urban warfare, TRADOC has created simulations for Soldiers to prepare for urban terrain. Weeks of coordination and planning must be implemented for a few hours of training, but Army leaders believe it will prepare Soldiers for future conflicts. Townsend said the Army has considered increasing the scale and size of their urban-simulated training centers. He added facilities can never match the scale needed to truly simulate warfighting in a megacity environment.

"Our simulations have not kept up with changes in our formations — changes in warfare," Townsend said. "So we've got to advance our simulations."

In March paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division spent close to a month training for combat in underground tunnels and structures at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.



PHOTOS BY SPC. JOHN LYTLE

A Paratrooper assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment simulates providing security outside a subway tunnel during training at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., in March. Senior Army leaders discussed the importance of preparations for warfighting in megacities during the 2018 LANPAC conference in Honolulu.

They simulated chemical attacks. Soldiers learned to spontaneously alter current operating procedures to adapt to a city environment.

The Army has been working on a synthetic training environment to bolster its capabilities, while also incorporating space and cyber capabilities more than before. Multi-domain operations will be crucial, commanders said.

URBAN 'FLOW'

No amount of planning, study or preparation can prepare a military unit for the unique rhythm of a major city or what Townsend labeled the "flow." The city's flow can't be clearly defined but its impact can never be understated, the general said. It can be felt during rush hour traffic or by careful observation over time. A city's social infrastructure carries more importance than its physical infrastructure, noted Glenn. But understanding how a megacity's population moves and lives can provide valuable insight for learning a city's unique intricacies.

To better understand a city's flow, Townsend said the Army must consult with a city's police force, fire department and its citizens. Last month, the Army held a panel discussion in New York City to discuss logistics and how through interagency cooperation a force might handle the environment's unique challenges. Gen. Robert Brown, U.S. Army Pacific commanding general, Townsend and New York City Police Commissioner James O'Neill joined the panel.

"The point that came through ... more clearly emphasized more than any other was the need to understand our partnership," Glenn said. "Take advantage of those military and civilian (relationships), only then can we fully understand the environment that we're working in."

Glenn said that if wartime conditions necessitate it, a military unit can impose or alter flow, so long as it benefits the friendly population and minimizes friction.

MOSUL OPENED THE DOOR

The July 2017 re-capture of Mosul from ISIS forces presented perhaps a blueprint for the future of urban warfare.

As the commander of the Combined Joint Task Force in Iraq, Townsend said he observed firsthand strategies deployed by



Paratroopers assigned to A Co., 1-508th Parachute Inf. Regt. provides security on a hallway during a nighttime air assault of a simulated enemy compound during urban warfare training at Fort A.P. Hill.

the Iraqi army to regain control of the city.

Townsend believes potential adversaries noticed too.

"I think the enemy has watched Mosul," the general said. "I think they will deliberately go to the cities and dig in there to fight because they know it takes away a lot of our technological advantages ... the range of our weapons is degraded -- the effects of our weapons are degraded."

"So I think we're going to see battle in megacities and there's little way to avoid it."

Townsend saw the difficulties of urban warfare in the northern Iraqi city which has a population of less than one million. His unit's command control systems lagged and struggled to keep pace with the conflict. He said digital maps and imagery were impacted.

"The urban landscape changes so rapidly," Townsend said. "Our C2 systems, our targeting systems ... became outdated quickly because the urban landscape was changing faster than we could update our imagery."

GROWING THREAT

By 2030, the UN predicts the world's

30 mega cities will also double to 60. Large-scale cities will increase from 45 to 88. America's potential enemies, China, Russia and North Korea will take advantage of this trend.

"Wars are basically won or lost where the people are — where the population is," Townsend said.

The Army's solution: better training, preparation and greater trust. At TRADOC, more Soldiers are receiving training in an urban environment. Soldiers must also learn to trust, not only first-responding agencies but accepting greater responsibility, Townsend said.

"As powerful as our mission command systems are, they are all challenged by the environment -- the complex terrain that is a city ... modern city," Townsend said.

"You can't go more than one floor deep without losing (communication) with everybody who's up on the surface."

"So this whole notion of conveying commanders' intent, and empowering subordinates ... to achieve that commanders' intent, and trusting them to do that is exactly how we'll have to fight in even small cities."



PHOTO BY JOE LACDAN

Lt. Gen. Michael Bills, 8th Army commanding general, discusses warfighting in a large city environment during the 2018 AUSA Conference in Honolulu May 23.

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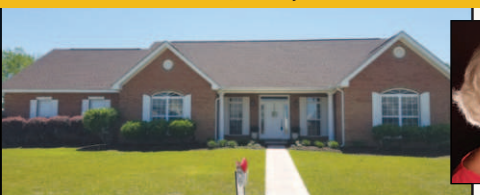
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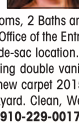
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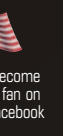
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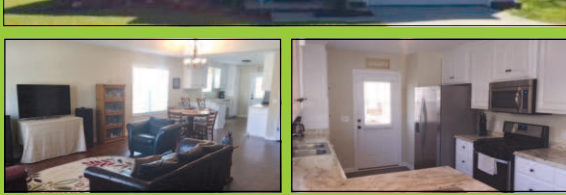
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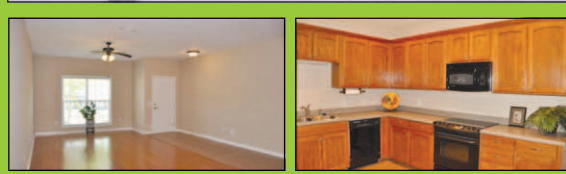
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MEDEVAC

4th Forward Support Medical Platoon supports Saber Strike

By Cpl. Tristin Maximilian
126th Public Affairs Operations
Center

The 4th Forward Support Medical Platoon, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Calvary Brigade, from Fort Hood, Texas, arrived in Poland in March to participate in Atlantic Resolve.

The platoon recently landed in Oleszno, Poland, to support Saber Strike 18 beginning early June. Their mission in Poland is not training, but to provide real-life medical evacuation support for service members injured during Saber Strike. The 4th FSMP will provide 24-hour MEDEVAC capabilities to anyone injured during Saber Strike 18, moving real-life casualties to civilian hospitals in Poland.

“Mission Command East has coordinated our being allowed to go to the hospital and our being able to actually land at the hospital,” said 1st Lt. William Miller, a pilot assigned to the 4th FSMP. The unit, along with MC East, has worked diligently to continue to build a relationship with the local hospitals. Williams says he hopes to carry on the joint effort to building an even stronger relationship with our allies and be able to open the doorways for the unit to follow his.

The 4th FSMP brought three UH-HH60M Black Hawks to support Saber Strike 18. The platoon is divided into each Black Hawk in teams of four to include two pilots, one medic, and one crew chief.



PHOTO BY CPL. TRISTIN MAXIMILIAN

Sgt. Emily Katz and Spc. Jimmy Torres, crew chiefs, assigned to the 4th Forward Support Medical Platoon, conducts maintenance on the UH-HH60M Black Hawk, June 2, at Ziemsko Airfield, Poland. The unit is here to provide MEDEVAC support for Saber Strike 18.

The UH-60 crew chief’s main role is to provide operational readiness for the Black Hawks.

“We will be the first ones out to prep the aircraft with the [pilot,] get it ready for engine start, and, as soon as the medic and the [pi-

lot commander] come out, we can start turning blades and go out and rescue our patients,” said Sgt. Emily Katz, 4th FSMP crew chief.

Katz isn’t new to joint operations with the Polish military. She had the opportunity to work along-

side them in Allied Spirit VIII in Hohenfels, Germany.

“We’ve talked to them about their search and rescue capabilities,” said Katz. “It’s fun interacting and seeing how they operate and them seeing how we operate.

It’s been a great work relationship.”

Katz said being in a field environment is a lot better than being back at home. It means that we

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NIGHT FLIGHT



PHOTO BY SGT. MARICRIS C. MCLANE

Soldiers from C Troop, 4th Heavy Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, prepare for night flight training at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. March 15.

1-25th Avn. Regt. cases colors

By Master Sgt. Jason Stadel
25th Infantry Division

1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, will be joined by Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, from Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, to form an Army Aviation battalion task force known as Task Force Arctic Saber.

TF Arctic Saber will replace 6th Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 10th CAB, 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, New York, as part of a normal rotation of Army Aviation assets to augment those already stationed in the Republic of Korea.

Lt. Col. Matthew A. Landrum, TF Arctic Saber commander, says this deployment provides a unique opportunity to expand and enhance the relationship with the Republic of Korea Army, and he knows his Soldiers are ready.

“I am humbled to know that we will energetically attack this mission,” Landrum said. “We must always remain mission focused, be professional and stay disciplined.”

TF Arctic Saber will be assigned to the 2nd CAB, 2nd Infantry Division, while in Korea.



ARMY PHOTO

Soldiers from 1-25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, 25th Inf. Div., stand in formation during a color casing ceremony at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, June 1. The battalion, along with Troop B, 2nd Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 25th CAB, will deploy as part of a routine rotation of Aviation assets to the Republic of Korea.

Female Texas Army National Guard pilot defies limits

By 1st Lt. Nadine Wiley De Moura
100th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

MCALLEN, Texas — In a small barbed-wired enclosed, green-pastured yard in Tamaulipas, Mexico, just three hours south of the Texas-Mexico border, 6-year-old Liliana Chavez Uribe marveled at the sight of crop-dusters flying over her home and dreamed that one day she, too, could fly. A short 18 years later, 2nd Lt. Liliana Chavez Uribe smiles as she recalls the memory that propelled her ever forward, ever upward.

“I grew up in a rural area where we didn’t have running water — we had wells,” Chavez, 24, said. “We had outhouses, so, no toilets, and the first time I saw a shower I was in second or third grade -- I grew up in the projects.”

Chavez, now an Aeromedical Evacuation Officer, 2nd Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, General Support Aviation Battalion, who flies Black Hawks and Lakotas, said that her accomplishments are far beyond what her 6-year-old self could have imagined.

“I have been wanting to fly since the first time I saw an airplane, but I kind of put that dream aside, since I thought it was very competitive,” Chavez said. “It was like dreaming to be a movie star, you put it aside because you think it will never happen.”

Despite the obstacles that Chavez and her family endured as immigrants during their journey, Chavez realized her dreams were more of a reality than she thought.

“I came here as a permanent resident,” Chavez said. “My dad worked his butt off to get us all here the correct,

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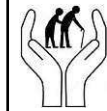


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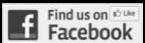
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have to improvise more but over all she thinks it's a great learning experience for her platoon.

In the platoon, there is always something one can bring, even if they are brand new to the Army. Spc. James O'Connor, 4th FSMP combat medic, has brought 15- plus years of being a flight paramedic experience to his team.

"I wanted to do this in the Army;

it was always cool do this as a civilian," said O'Connor, who has been in the unit for approximately a year. This is his first time overseas.

"I've never seen a real MEDEVAC set up," said O'Connor. "For me, I get to see how it's done for real in the Army. I'm excited to do the actual job and the medical stuff. I'm pumped."

The unit has been in Poland since March and will be here on rotation for the duration of Saber Strike.



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Sgt. Emily Katz, a crew chief, assigned to the 4th Forward Support Medical Platoon, conducts maintenance on the UH-HH60M Blackhawk, June 2, 2018, at Ziemsko Airfield, Poland. The unit is here to provide MEDEVAC support for Saber Strike 18.

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legal way, and now I am citizen."

Upon moving, to Pharr, Texas, with her parents, Chavez and her older sister went to school in the Pharr-San-Juan-Alamo Independent School District. It was during her high school years that Chavez discovered her love for the disciplined military structure when she joined the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Chavez graduated fifth in her high school class with an associate degree under her belt and landed a two-year Texas Armed Services scholarship to the University of Texas Pan-American where she joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

"In ROTC I got the opportunity to go up for the aviation board," Chavez, a biology major, said. "I put in the packet, took a physical fitness test, went before a whole bunch of important people and was selected," she casually recounted without hubris, as if it was no feat at all.

Chavez graduated flight school and Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape training.

SERE is a 21-day training requirement for all pilots and U.S. Special Forces that tests the limits of the participants' mental and physical fortitude to prepare them to evade capture and survive extreme conditions and unforgiving elements, while maintaining the military code of conduct.

Chavez said that SERE training was the most challenging experience that she has faced in her life.

"My lowest moment (during the training), I can't say it, but it was really, really low," Chavez said. "But I started laughing, even though there were tears coming out of my eyes. It was tough, but I always had a positive attitude. I tried to sing and make something positive out of a crappy situation."

Chavez credited her father's work ethic to the reason she is so driven to overcome the multitude of challenges she faced during SERE training.

"My dad, he is really motivating," Chavez said. "He works in construction, in roofing. He would come back home just burned and blistered -- everyday nonstop and he never complained."

Chavez said that she admires her father and that he is the force that continues to keep her on track. "I always stop to sit down and think 'would this make my dad proud?'," Chavez said as her eyes glimmered with pride.

Silvano Chavez, Liliana's father, also frequently expresses

his pride for his daughter when talking to his friends. His pride gleamed through his eyes as he spoke of her.

"I tell my friends that Liliana is on another level, she isn't just any normal college graduate -- she is way more than that," Silvano said. "Liliana serves as an example that if you work hard and persevere you can get to where you want to be."

Silvano was one of 14 siblings and never had the opportunity to finish his education or go to college. He started working at the age of 13 to help provide for his large family.

Silvano said that he taught his three daughters that if you want to do better in life you need to focus and take every opportunity that you have.

"When Liliana went to Alabama (Fort Rucker for flight school) she had never thought of flying as a possibility," Silvano said. "It was an opportunity that she had and she took it."

Chavez remembered being one of three women and the only Hispanic woman in her flight school class.

"There is a challenge in being a Hispanic woman and being a minority -- that's two things," Chavez said. "But now, I think it's a great thing, because we can actually go all the way to the top."

Chavez said that she overcomes discrimination the same way that she conquered her challenges during SERE training -- with a splash of humor.

"I just play along with it, and I say 'so what?' I'll cross with my sombrero and taco machine, I don't care, I'll make you tacos right now," Chavez laughed. "I'll prove a point, I'm Mexican, I'll braid my hair. I embrace every stereotype, and I think that's the way to do it instead of being thin-skinned."

Regardless of all the obstacles she has faced, whether it was getting through college, financial setbacks, discrimination or SERE, Chavez never saw failure as an option.

"My main drive was not to disappoint my father," Chavez revealed. "I wanted to finish school and do amazing things for myself and him also. I want to eventually pay him back for all he has done for us."

Chavez, a lean 5 1/2 feet tall, walks ruler-straight and with purpose, radiating positivity, while also having a steadfast command presence.

"The leader I hope to be -- I expect to touch many, many lives," Chavez excitedly exclaimed. "I am already a joyful leader, always looking at the positive side. I am always smiling, I don't want to be bitter. If you aren't happy and have a moody face that is contagious."

When Chavez talks about her job and flying, her face lights up, and her voice exudes an energetic rhythm and tone that only proves that long after achieving her dream of flying, she is still filled with the same wonder and awe she had watching the crop dusters as a young girl.

"I want to fly a fixed wing. I want to fly it all (all aircraft)," Chavez said.

"I feel really proud, she loves what she does," Jessica Chavez, 27, Liliana's sister, said. "Every time she talks about it, you can see a little spark -- the glow in her eyes, the spark in her face."

She has this strong character everywhere she goes, even in the way she stands, you can see it, Jessica added.

The Aviator reflected upon where she would be in life had her father not brought her and her family to the United States.

"I would be living a sad life, probably with like, five kids, not in school, not educated or maybe something even worse -- just the way stuff is down there," Chavez said.

With a smirk on his face and standing very straight, Silvano crossed his arms and shook his head in disagreement with his daughter's statement.

"If we hadn't come here, nothing would be different," Silvano said. "I would have wanted them to keep up with their education, and if Lily were in Mexico she would move somewhere else and still succeed because that is the way she is."

Although she has reached what her family and many people would see as the pinnacle of success, Chavez said she still has many dreams to fulfill.

"My other plan is to go back to school for Earth and Coastal Sciences, diving and studying earth forms," Chavez said. "I want to be an astronaut too, one day."

Chavez said that working in the community where she was raised is a humble reminder of all the people who have shaped and molded her life.

"I would never have thought I would be in this position to make a difference or implant a seed in their (her community) brains so they can actually grow their ideas and be something," Chavez said.

Sitting up straight on the end of her office chair, both hands on her knees, Chavez leaned forward and passionately voiced her message to other girls who have big 'movie-star dreams' like hers.

"I'd tell them don't limit yourself, the sky is actually not the limit -- you can be an astronaut if you want to."



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PRIZES, MAGIC, CATAPULTS

Summer Reading Program combines fun, learning

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Although summer is typically a time children get to forget about school and learning for a while, the Fort Rucker Center Library is keeping learning alive through one of its most popular programs.

The Fort Rucker Summer Reading Program kicked off June 1 with a party that had children playing for prizes during the library's own "The Price is Right" game show, and although families were cheering on each of the contestants, the real prize was keeping children interested in learning throughout the summer, said Cameron Hill, Center Library youth librarian.

"This is a good way to keep the kids reading and engaged throughout the summer when they might lose a little bit of what they've learned, so this will help reinforce what they've learned throughout the year," said Hill.

The theme for this year's program is "Reading Takes You Everywhere," which focuses on the power books have to transport people to not only places across the world, but throughout their imaginations, as well, said the youth librarian.

The program, which is for children ages 4-17, allows children to read books of their choice and log minutes online to reach milestones and earn prizes.

"Last year was the first time we did this entirely online, and the majority of (people) appreciate it because they can go anywhere and log their minutes," said Hill. "People do a lot of traveling over the summer, so instead of having to keep up with a paper log, they can just get on their device or computer, log it in the system and it will add up the minutes automatically and let them know when they've reached a milestone."

For each milestone reached, participants will receive a virtual badge, as well as an email notification to come into the Center Library to claim a prize for that particular milestone.



Lorelei Mark, military family member, tries her hand at Plinko as her mother, Amy, looks on during the Center Library's 'The Price is Right' game show at the kickoff party for the Summer Reading Program June 1.

PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

"(The prizes) just give them a little bit of incentive to keep reading throughout the summer," said the youth librarian, adding that prizes will be age appropriate.

To participate in the program, participants must be authorized patrons of the library and register online at <https://ftruckercenterlibrary.beanstack.org>. Once registered, parents can begin log-

ging minutes for their children now through July 20.

Another way the library is keeping children interested in reading is by hosting events throughout the summer to go in line with the Summer Reading Program.

The Center Library will host Didgeridoo Down Under June 7 at the School Age Center from 1-2 p.m. where children



Eliana Fell, military family member, throws a die during the Dice Game of the Center Library's 'The Price Is Right' game show at the kickoff party.

can witness the Australian-themed show that will combine music, culture, puppetry, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience participation.

Next, the library will host Animate Your Journey June 13 from 2-4 p.m. where participants will get the chance to learn how to create their own stop-motion animation video from an experienced graphics designer.

If magic tricks are more up their alley, parents and children are invited to see Skip Cain, The Magic Guy, June 21 at the library from 4-5 p.m., where he will perform magic and create balloons for the children.

Catapulting Through STEM will be held June 28 from 2-3 p.m. at the library in partnership with the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory where children can learn about the history of catapults and even get to create their own.

The library will also host an all-day movie marathon July 11 where people can come enjoy movies throughout the day with popcorn provided.

To round out the Summer Reading Program events, the library will host the Bath Fizzie Workshop July 19 from 2-3 p.m. where people can learn to create their own bath bombs.

"We just want people to come out and have a good time, and learn a little bit in the process," said Hill.

For more information, call 255-3885.

DANIEL'S JOURNEY

Vacation Bible School shares inspiring journey, teaches life lessons

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

Children are invited to travel back to biblical times and immerse themselves in Daniel's journey during Fort Rucker's Vacation Bible School June 11-14 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily.

"VBS covers many of the stories of Daniel's life, including being taken into captivity as a youth and forced to live in a foreign land where he had to learn a new language and many new customs," Nancy Jankoski, Fort Rucker Religious Support Office director of religious education, said. "Daniel had to make choices several times in his life between following

the rules in the new country or obeying what God said.

"Each time, the choices had consequences. And each time, Daniel made the right choice, even when it would lead to him being punished and sometimes placed in harm's way," she added.

Jankoski added that Daniel's story contains many lessons applicable to the meaningful decisions encountered in life.

"There are many life lessons children can learn from the story of Daniel, about standing up for what is right, knowing what you believe and why, and having the courage to work for the good of people who are different than you are, even when

you may have been mistreated," she said. "Daniel never sought to do harm to the Babylonians who ruled over him. In fact, he did everything he could to seek their welfare as long as it didn't involve compromising his beliefs. Certainly in our day, the idea that you must treat everyone with dignity and respect and do your best when life's circumstances aren't what you wanted or expected is an important lesson for all."

According to Jankoski, the Spiritual Life Center will be home to 12 classes designed to help students feel a sense of togetherness and community.

"Classes are called tribes, based on the 12 tribes of Is-

rael," she said. "In the daily homeroom time that students will start with each day, they will learn something about that specific tribe, but they will also explore their own feelings about times when things are uncertain in life – how do you handle it? Our military students are very familiar with making moves and sometimes those moves are to foreign nations. So they can relate to Daniel and his friends being in an unfamiliar place and having to figure out how to live in a new land."

Admission is free and open to youth kindergarten through sixth grade.

Walk-in registration for the event remains open, according to Jankoski, and there is usually space available for walk-in registrations the first day of VBS.

"We have classes for [children] who are in kindergarten (age 5 by Sept. 1) through sixth grade," she said. "Registration is based on the child's fall 2018 school grade. We do have a parent and child together option for those with preschoolers and for other special circumstances. The parent or other authorized adult chaperone must stay with the child at all times for those who wish to use this option. Usually on the first day of VBS there is still space available for walk-in registrations."

In addition to the daily VBS events, the Fort Rucker Religious Services Office will host a Family Night at VBS for all parents and students from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"We will provide a meal for all participants and a program

where parents can see their children perform some of the skits and music they are learning, and they will be able to walk through the VBS Marketplace and experience many of the VBS activities the children participate in each day," Jankoski said.

Although the VBS program is Christian-based, Jankoski feels the lessons contained within know no boundaries.

"We always use or write curriculum that teaches foundational truths that all Christian denominations have in common," she said. "This year's theme is from what Christians would call the Old Testament, and Daniel and his friends were Jewish youths who were determined to continue to be faithful to their religious beliefs. We will help our students learn to appreciate and respect people, which is exactly what Daniel dealt with himself. He worked with King Nebuchadnezzar, knowing the king did not share his beliefs. And in many ways, the kings of Babylon and the Medo-Persian empire, like Darius, also respected Daniel."

"Daniel's story begins as a teenager in Babylon and ends with him being a senior citizen now serving kings from the Medo-Persian empire," she added. "He treated them with respect and honor while continuing to remain true to his own faith and, as the students will see, there were times when the various kings also treated Daniel with respect."

For more information, call 255-3946.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Children take turns blowing into a horn to make noise at a previous Vacation Bible School at the Spiritual Life Center.

DOD offers enhanced support

Defense Media Activity
Staff Report

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department now offers access to a wide array of newly enhanced and specialized support for military families with special needs.

Officials launched the Exceptional Family Member Program “ROC” – for resources, options and consultations – May 30.

Available through Military OneSource at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>, it offers additional expertise, specialized support and more ways to connect families with resources, all of which augment the services already provided by the EFMP staff at military installations around the world, officials said.

Officials hosted a Facebook Live event on the Military OneSource Facebook page to introduce service members and their families to the newly enhanced support available through the EFMP ROC and answer



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questions.

“One call or chat puts you in touch with an amazing team to help you find services and navigate the wide and sometimes complex array of resources, benefits, and care available to you,” A.T. Johnston, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy, said. “The EFMP ROC connects you with subject matter experts, and can provide you with assistance in understanding and navigating the military health care system and TRICARE, as well referrals to local resources to meet your needs.”

As Dr. Ed Tyner, director of the Office of Special Needs at Military Community and Family Policy, explained, “We continue to work with military and civilian leaders, service providers, and family members to ensure our programs are focused on the family with greater standardization across the services and locations. The EFMP ROC will enable us to provide an enhanced level of service.”

Military families can schedule an appointment 24/7 with a Military OneSource EFMP ROC special needs consultant by visiting the Military OneSource website

or by calling 800-342-9647. Special needs consultations are available via phone or video session. The Military OneSource staff is also available to provide additional support to families through three-way calls with health care and other service providers.

Officials also encourage military families to enroll in the EFMP to ensure they have help working through their unique set of circumstances, and that their family members documented medical and educational needs are considered during the assignment coordination process.

To enroll, the family should complete DD Form 2792, “Family Member Medical Summary” and/or DD Form 2792-1, “Special Education/Early Intervention Summary,” and submit the forms according to the guidance of their military service. For assistance with this process, families can contact their installation Military and Family Support Center, or they can contact Military OneSource.

Retired military working dog honored for Army service

By Dean Siemon
For Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Four U.S. military working dogs were the latest recipients of the American Humane Lois Pope K-9 Medal of Courage May 22 at Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Among them was Jag, a 12-year-old black Labrador retriever, who now lives in Olympia, Washington, with medically retired Sgt. Dennis Dow and his family.

The medal is given to a select group of military working dogs for their service. Jag had seven years of military service, starting out with Dow more than a decade ago.

Dow’s wife, Jacqueline, said it’s nice to have a way to honor retired military working dogs, especially ones like Jag who continue to work long after they finish their military service.

“(Jag has) been such a huge part of Dennis’ recovery from (post-traumatic stress disorder),” she said. “I owe his life to Jag.”

Both Dow and his wife have spent time as dog handlers. When Jacqueline, a former Army specialist, was a military working dog handler from 1989 to 1993, dogs were not able to retire from their service.

Dow and Jag met several handlers at the ceremony who were happy to see dogs like Jag be recognized. Dow said he could see them remember the memories they had with their military working dogs.

“It was neat watching the handlers who didn’t have

their dogs any more playing with Jag,” Dow said. “You can see the sparkle in their eyes.”

Dow and Jag have a long history together. While stationed in Germany, they went on two tours in Afghanistan, the first from 2007 to 2008 and the second in 2010. During their first mission together, Jag was able to find a hidden weapons cache in Afghanistan.

The two went on thousands of missions where Jag looked for improvised explosive devices and other enemy weapons. After their second tour in Afghanistan, Dow was considered medically unable to continue service, but Jag still had some time left.

In 2011, they went their separate ways. Dow and his family went to Joint Base Lewis-McChord for the medical evaluation board process. Jag remained in Germany and had two separate handlers. They didn’t quite have the same rapport with Jag as Dow did.

The chance for Dow and Jag to be reunited came in the fall of 2013 when Jag was set to retire from his military working dog career. Because handlers have the first chance to adopt, Dow and his family welcomed Jag into their home in Olympia.

It was a no-brainer for Dow and his wife, who didn’t get to bring her dog home.

“There’s survivor’s guilt, but it’s something else to leave what seems like you’re child behind,” Dow said.

Dow and Jag were still active for a few years after their retirements, helping out with the Lacey Fire Department. The two provided comfort and therapy for



PHOTO BY DEAN SIEMON

Retired Sgt. Dennis Dow, right, pets former military working dog Jag moments after Jag received the Lois Pope K-9 Medal of Courage in Washington, D.C., May 22.

firefighters and civilians affected by fires and other tragedies.

Now age 12, Jag has had to slow down in the last year after having two knee joints in his hind legs replaced. Despite his age, Jag is certainly not the type of dog to rest all day, Dow said – he seeks activity and interaction like when he and Dow were teamed with units.

“Letting him interact with the firefighters has also helped him,” Dow said.

FORT RUCKER RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109
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11 a.m. Liturgical 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

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Crossroads Discipleship Study (Meal/Bible Study)
Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.
Protestant Women of the Chapel
Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Tuesday Night Connect
Wings Chapel, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday
Catholic Women of the Chapel
Spiritual Life Center, 9 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.

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D-DAY 74: Honoring the past to secure the future

By Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard
U.S. Army Europe

SAINTE-MERE- EGLISE, France — U.S. Army Soldiers and their allies descended upon the Normandy region of France to commemorate the largest multi-national amphibious landing and operational military air-drop in history, a day that unites Europeans and Americans in the single bond of victory.

This year marks the 74th anniversary of Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944 -- most commonly known as D-Day. The events of D-Day forged partnerships and reinforced transatlantic bonds that remain strong today. Overall, U.S. service members from 20 units in Europe and the U.S. will participate in events and ceremonies in almost 40 locations throughout the Normandy region of France as part of Joint Task Force Normandy 74 until June 7.

U.S. Army paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division, WWII veterans, local leaders and residents gathered here at the Airborne Monument in the town square on May 31 to kick off the week-long commemoration and pay homage to the memory of the Americans who helped turn the tide of WWII. Sainte-Mere-Eglise was the first town in France to be liberated.

“Our paratroopers had never met the people of this town, yet a permanent bond was formed in fire when the first paratrooper landed here on the morning of June 6, 1944,” Maj. Gen. Michael E. Kurilla, the 82nd Airborne commanding general, said. “All around this town today we see that bond in our remembrance of that defining moment.”

In English, Sainte-Mere-Eglise translates to “Holy Mother Church,” and for the 82nd Airborne Division, it’s a place of sanctuary.

“Our heroes are honored here,” the general said. “The Double A patch flies all over this town. Today, 74 years later, the world turns its eyes to the small French town that flew that American flag and those of us today who wear this patch ... will continue to car-



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. TAMIKA DILLARD

Ceremonial wreaths honoring allied airborne units who took part in Operation Overlord during June 1944 lay at the base of the Airborne Spirit Monument May 31 in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, France, in order to pay homage to the memory of the Americans who helped turn the tide of WWII.

ry out the legacy started here.”

Sainte-Mere-Eglise was merely a point on a map for paratroopers on the night of June 5, 1944. It was a piece of geography for which they would risk their lives. They boarded aircraft knowing if they did not succeed here, the Germans would hold on for years longer.

“This place is so much more than a military objective now,” Kurilla said. “Every year around this time, the grateful eyes of the free and the hopeful eyes of those who wish to be free turn here.”

In an earlier ceremony, Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, the commander of U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, lauded former Sainte-Mere-Eglise Mayor Alexandre Renaud and his legacy to honor those American Soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

“Alexandre dedicated his life to this city ... capturing the heroic acts of Airborne Soldiers and average citizens alike,” Scaparrotti said. “He rebuilt this city, not just with brick and stone, but with books and stories that

provide priceless record of this city’s revival.”

Scaparrotti then turned to the paratroopers and said, “This is what history calls us to do – to carry on the task, to continue the work, to carry forward the great and noble undertaking, to serve the cause of freedom. You prepare for your future by understanding the past. You carry on the All-Americans’ legacy, legacy forever bound to Sainte-Mere-Eglise, a legacy proudly shared.”

Over the next few days, stories of bravery, heroism, selfless service and sacrifice will be passed on as the way to honor the past and secure the future – as well as reinforce the transatlantic bonds that remain just as strong 74 years later. Overall, JTF Normandy 74 will participate in more than 50 events and ceremonies.

“The world looks here for calm in the storm of a dangerous, confusing world,” Kurilla said. “The world looks here for an example of the love that conquers hate. The world looks here to honor this place and its moment.”



Command Sgt. Maj. Frank C. Luedtke Jr., the 82nd Airborne Division Fires sergeant major, gives unit patches to local children May 31 in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, France.



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D-Day forever intertwines past, present, future

By Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard
U.S. Army Europe

TOURNIERES, France — The village of Tournieres, like many other small French municipalities during World War II, was heavily occupied by German forces and very unaware of its fate.

However, it would later realize the name Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and his First Advance Headquarters Supreme Allied Expeditionary Force Headquarters, known today as Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army Europe, would forever be a part of its history.

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U.S. Army Europe soldiers, World War II veterans, local leaders and residents gathered at the General Eisenhower Monument here June 2 for a wreath-laying ceremony to pay homage to the memory of the Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for liberation of the people in this region of France. Tournieres, liberated June 9, 1944, served as the hub for the first military command post on the European continent from August through September 1944.

Guest speakers for the occasion were Lt. Gen. Christopher Cavoli U.S. Army Europe commanding general, and Susan Eisenhower, the granddaughter of the late General Eisenhower.

U.S. ARMY EUROPE PATCH

“It is a privilege, not least, because of the patch I wear as the commanding general of U.S. Army Europe,” Cavoli said. “It is similar to the patch that General Eisenhower’s headquarters used; in fact, we inherited directly the history of his headquarters.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. TAMIKA DILLARD

U.S. Army Europe Commanding General Lt. Gen. Christopher Cavoli, Susan Eisenhower and community leaders lay wreaths June 2 at the base of the Eisenhower Monument in Tournieres, France, to commemorate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

“Every time I put on this patch, it reminds me of the sacrifice of the greatest generation as they brought peace to Europe,” he continued. “It reminds me of the huge price that the United States, France and all of our allies paid to liberate this continent.”

Cavoli then explained the symbolism of the patch he and all the soldiers of U.S. Army Europe wear on their uniforms every day.

“The symbolism of the patch is important and powerful,” Cavoli said. It began with a Norman shield, which was originally black, representing the occupied continent; the flaming sword is the sword of freedom, the sword of liberation and the sword of justice; the rainbow contains the colors of the national flags of the alliance. All of this is below a blue sky -- the symbol of a peaceful future for Europe.

MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Eisenhower’s granddaughter and newly appointed honorary citizen of Tournieres reverberated the same message before unveiling the design of the new Eisenhower Memorial, currently under construction in Washington, D.C.

“The new design will display the beaches of Normandy in peacetime,” she said. “It will be important for all of us as this memorial will link forever in the American mind our deepest connection to this part of France. It will serve to symbolize for all of America ... the vital importance of our alliance.”

Cavoli emphasized the importance of this event and those taking place over the following days.

“Celebrating commemorations of the liberation of this conti-



U.S. Army Europe soldiers, World War II veterans, local leaders and residents gather June 2 at the General Eisenhower Monument in Tournieres, France, for a wreath-laying ceremony to pay homage to the memory of the Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for liberation of the people in France’s Normandy region.

ment is very important,” Cavoli said. “It serves as a reminder to ourselves, the cost of liberty and the price we’ve paid as a country along with our allies, for the freedom we all enjoy today.”



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WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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ANDALUSIA

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

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

DALEVILLE

JUNE 9 — A Visual Ecology Workshop, Kirigami Native Birds and Bees of Alabama, will be held at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Artists Douglas Pierre Baulos and Pinky Bass will host the workshop. Participants will experiment with drawing, folding and sashiko sewing to create a wonderful, re-imagined sculptural object out of paper using moths as a theme. Kirigami -- from the Japanese “kiru,” which means “to cut,” and “kami,” which means paper -- is a variation of origami that includes cutting paper rather than solely folding the paper as in origami. The free event is open to any age 12 or older. Students under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a guardian. Participants much bring their own lunch. Seating is limited and early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.wiregrassmuseum.org/>.

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

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

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JUNE 7 — “Mending, Memory and Placemaking,” an artist talk with Douglas Pierre Baulos, will be held at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 6-7 p.m. Baulos will speak about his WMA exhibition “Alabama Reckoner” and share his thoughts on creative placemaking. The exhibition is on display at WMA through June 30. For more information, call 794-3871 or visit <https://www.wiregrassmuseum.org/>.

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

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post monthly membership meetings for the VFW Post 6683 and Auxiliary are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the post

headquarters building located at 2615 Coffee County Road 537. The post mailing address is P.O. Box 311752 Enterprise, AL 36330. For more information, call 334-464-1171 or the auxiliary at 334-464-2222. The post also has a Facebook site at vfw post 6683.

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

JUNE 21 — The Disabled American Veterans Wiregrass Chapter 99 meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center. Officers for the upcoming year will be nominated. For more, call Charles Lobdell at 718-5707.

ONGOING — The Disabled American Veterans Wiregrass Chapter 99 Veterans Assistance office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-11:00 a.m. except on federal holidays. The office is located in the town hall.

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

JUNE 9-23 — “Making Alabama,” a bicentennial traveling exhibit, comes to the Dowling Museum’s Ann Rudd Art Center downtown to commemorate Alabama’s 200-year history. The exhibit will be open for viewing from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The exhibit will

feature interactive computer tablets and audio medleys of song and spoken word highlighting Alabama’s history. The public is invited to an opening celebration June 9 from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 618-6223.

ONGOING — The Friends of Ozark holds a monthly meeting on the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Ozark-Dale County Library. For more information, send an email to jnbull@gmail.com, call 334-774-1127, send an email to marie.l.clark@gmail.com, or call 334-777-1156.

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

JUNE 10 —The New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, 3819 County Road 31, Abbeville, will host Youth Day beginning at 2:30 p.m. Pastor James Turner of First Baptist Church in Shorterville and Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Abbeville will deliver the sermon. The theme will be “Teach One, Reach One!” Refreshments will be served.

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, day-packs, 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, fishing 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.

For a free copy, call 770-389-7286 or stop by any Georgia State Park or State Historic Site. An online version can be found at GeorgiaStateParks.org. Outdoor enthusiasts and history buffs can keep up with the latest news and discounts by

signing up for the park system’s e-newsletter at GeorgiaStateParks.org/enews or following them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/georgiastateparks](https://www.facebook.com/georgiastateparks).

Jacksonian Guard Colors Ceremony

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

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

Palafox Market

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

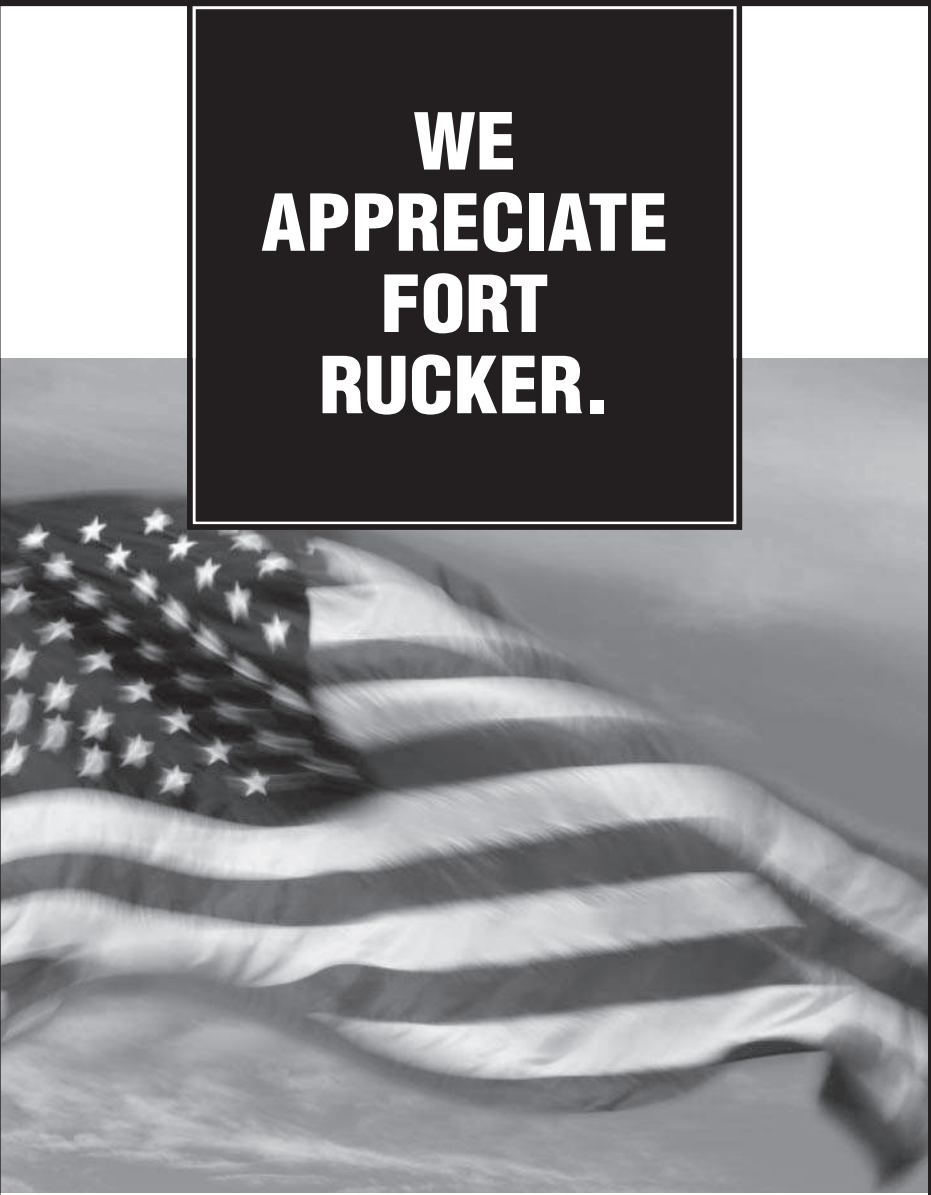
For more information, call 850-434-5371 or visit <http://palafoxmarket.com/>.

Southern Thunder

Inspired by the Alabama Gang’s influence on auto racing, Vulcan Park and Museum showcases its latest Linn-Henley Gallery exhibition through December. Southern Thunder: The Legacy of Alabama Auto Racing, presented by the Jefferson County Commission, will showcase hair-raising stories and bring to life the impact that auto racing in Alabama had on the regional and national scenes, according to organizers. The exhibit relives this thrilling piece of Alabama history when driving by the seat of your pants wasn’t a figure of speech and explains why this legacy is the foundation for auto racing in Alabama today.

Daily admission rates: adults, \$6; Seniors (65 and older) and military, \$5; children ages 5-12, \$4; and children 4 years and younger are admitted for free.

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



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COURTESY PHOTO BY AARON BURCIAGA

A group of 13 to 15 year olds attending the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivor's 24th annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp, along with their mentors, point to the name of Air Force Col. Charles Stoddard Rowley, father of mentor Patti Rowley, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington May 26.

Wars bring survivors together through tragedy assistance

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — On the National Mall here, young hands traced the letters of the names in granite as visitors walked by to pay their respects, glancing curiously at the group of teens.

Patti Rowley, a first-time mentor with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivor's 24th annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp, shared with the group that her father's name was on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall. They all had lost a military member loved one.

GUNSHIP SHOT DOWN

Air Force Col. Charles Stoddard Rowley, a navigator on an AC-130 Spectre gunship, was part of an 11-man crew. On the night of April 22, 1970, his aircraft, call sign “Ad Lib,” departed Ubon, Thailand, for a “truck-busting” mission on the Ho Chi Minh Trail in southern Laos. It was hit by 37 mm anti-aircraft artillery fire, caught fire and fell into the jungle.

According to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial website, at dawn, search and rescue forces found and rescued one crewman but couldn't find the others. Enemy activity prevented a search and so the rest of the crew were classified missing in action.

In 1993, a joint U.S.-Laos team found the wreckage of the aircraft and many fragments of bone and teeth, as well as crew equipment. On Sept. 1, 1995, the U.S. government announced that the remains were of the missing men, and they were buried in Arlington National Cemetery Nov. 8, 1995.

CHAPLAIN TOOK HER HOME

Rowley said she was 12 years old when her father went MIA, and she was attending a public school at the time.

“When the chaplain came to get me from school to take me home to tell us what happened, when he walked in, I knew he was coming for me,” she said. “I don't know why I knew that.”

Rowley has fond memories of going to airshows with her father. “My father, airplanes were his life. Every time a new plane came out, he wanted to see it,” she said, as her face lit up. She said the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum is her home. “I've been there so many times. I love it, that's home to me.”

She said that she's proud to see her father's name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall here in Washington.

“It's incredible to see so many people come through every day to honor him and the others. He will always be remembered and that's amazing,” she said, her voice full of emotion.

Her TAPS mentee, Gabby Bowen, 13, of Fairfax Station, Virginia, said she's been to Washington many times, but hadn't looked closely at the wall until this weekend.

“It was emotional. It was cool that his name was on the wall, and I saw many, many other people there. I was somewhat overwhelmed,” Bowen said.

AFGHANISTAN BLAST

Bowen's father was Army Sgt. 1st Class Collin J. Bowen. He was killed in action March 14, 2008, from an improvised explosive device blast in Afghanistan.

Bowen said she's enjoyed being paired



COURTESY PHOTO BY ARI J. STRAUSS

Patti Rowley, mentor, poses with her mentee, Gabby Bowen during the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivor's 24th annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp in Arlington, Va., May 26.

with Rowley as her mentor because “she's very kind and sweet. She's kindhearted and wise,” she said. “We both lost our parents at a very young age, so we can connect with that. And she was around my age when she found out all this stuff about her dad. I connect with that.”

Rowley, who lives in Tappahannock, Virginia, said she became a mentor because she remembers how hard it was to not have a support system to help with the grieving process. “I know what it's like to not have it. I know how much it's needed,” she said, tears rolling down her cheeks. “TAPS is incredible.”

She said support groups like TAPS are important for military families because it is so much a part of their identities, growing up and living on military bases. Once their loved one dies, they go back and live within the civilian community with people who don't understand what they went through.

“It's really hard, not having that identity any longer. It was hard bringing that back into my life,” she said. “This year was the first year I went back to Andrews Air Force base and got a military ID to be able to access the base. I was really proud of that. We've come a long way.”

STRENGTH AND BRAVERY

Both Rowley and Bowen said being military children who suffered loss has made them stronger people.

“If I feel like I can't do something or that it's so hard when it really isn't, I think of my dad who volunteered to go to Af-

ghanistan on that last mission. I think of that to keep going because I know I can,” Bowen said. “I want to be braver, step out of my box, and not think anything's tough and hard when really it isn't.”

“Military children have strength given us by our parents -- that courage and strength to put others first, and they pass on to us to want to make the world better,” Rowley said passionately. “It gives us strength, even in their loss. It's given me a purpose and strength in life that I wouldn't have had.”

She also said that it's hard to grieve alone. “You really can't effectively. All of your life, you're healing. Grief is a life-long journey,” Rowley said. “You don't get over it; it's a journey. I don't expect any of these kids to get over it. I expect them to be proud and to remember and to make their way. I can't think of a better tool than TAPS and the mentoring program. I'm so glad to be a part of it.”

The National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp is taking place May 25-28 in Arlington, Virginia.

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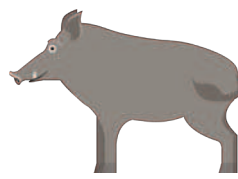
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Families participate in a previous youth fishing tournament at Parcours Lake.

GONE FISHING

Post boasts multiple options for anglers

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Staff Reports

Taking to the waters with a rod and reel is a way that many choose to spend their leisure time, and Fort Rucker has plenty of watery real estate to keep anglers hooked on the popular pastime.

There are a few different lakes on Fort Rucker covering more than 700 acres that house a variety of different fish – ranging from largemouth bass, hybrid bass, catfish, crappie and bream – that people can test their skills against as they cast their lines, according to John Clancy, Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation manager.

LAKE THOLOCCO

The first and most well-known of all the lakes is Lake Tholocco, which offers two different fishing piers – one on East Beach and one on West Beach – and shoreline fishing is also permitted.

People can catch largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie in Lake Tholocco's waters, and something many people don't know is that night fishing is allowed on the lake.

"Lake Tholocco is a 676.8-acre lake," said Clancy. "We sell bait, including worms, crickets, minnows; rods and reels; and all kinds of tackle.

"We also rent different types of boats that are geared up for fishing, (and also offer) cabins and campsites," he added. "It's guaranteed fun."

People operating the boats must first complete the boater's safety course before taking any boats out on the lake, he added.

Lake Tholocco is also the only lake on the installation that permits powerboats, according to Clancy. Boats on the other lakes on

Fort Rucker must be self-propelled.

Although the lakes are full of fish, there is a limit to how many fish people can take home. There is a limit of five largemouth bass for less than 14 inches in length and only one for more than 18 inches at Lake Tholocco. Any largemouth bass caught between the sizes of 14-18 inches must be thrown back, according to Clancy.

There is a limit of 30 for bream, 15 for catfish and 30 for crappie longer than nine inches.

Although the other lakes on the installation don't compare in size to Lake Tholocco, the fishing experience is just as rich and available from sunup to sundown, Clancy said.

PARCOURS LAKE

Parcours Lake is another popular fishing spot on Fort Rucker, but this particular spot is reserved for the installation's youth anglers, he said.

"Because of the size of the lake – 4.1 acres – and its proximity to the housing areas, it's only permitted for those ages 15 and younger," he said, adding that parents are allowed to assist their children in fishing, but children must reel in their own fish.

The lake, located on Farrel Road behind Lyster Army Health Clinic, is home to bream, catfish and largemouth bass.

BEAVER LAKE

Another hidden gem, more known for its trails than its fishing, is Beaver Lake.

This 7.7-acre lake is open to all ages for fishing from sun up to sun down and houses largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie. The fish limit at Beaver Lake is two largemouth bass larger than 16 inches, 10 bream of no size limit, unlimited catfish and up to



Lucas Gangler, military family member, took first place in a previous youth fishing tournament at Parcours Lake.

30 crappie with no size limit.

Beaver Lake is located just off Third Avenue across from the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center's football field.

There are also a few lakes that are relatively unknown to most on the installation, but the fishing they provide is just as enjoyable as their more well-known counterparts, said Clancy.

ECK LAKE

Eck Lake is a 7.7-acre lake open to all ages and filled with largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie. To get to this hidden gem, turn from Christian Road onto Johnston Road and take the first unpaved road on the left and follow the posted signs.

The limits for the lake are no more than two largemouth bass 16 inches or larger, 10 bream with no size limit, unlimited catfish and up to 30 crappie with no size limit.

BUCKHORN LAKE

Buckhorn Lake is another lake that isn't very well known, but it's also one of the installation's most restricted lakes due to its location and proximity to training areas, said Clancy.

The lake is 13.2 acres and is home to largemouth bass, bream and crappie. Hours of operation vary from day to day.

Buckhorn Lake is located two miles past Silver Wings Golf Course on Hatch Road.

"The lake is only open about half the time, so people should call outdoor recreation before they head out to the lake to confirm the times," said the recreation assistant.

BEAVER POND

Beaver Pond is the smallest of all the lakes on Fort Rucker and is also the least developed, according to Clancy. Beaver Pond is open to all ages, and is located off of Andrews Avenue between Silver Wings Golf Course and the Ozark Gate.

People 16 and older must have a state fishing license and post fishing permit to fish on Fort Rucker, and everyone operating a boat, motorized or self-propelled, must complete the Fort Rucker Boating Safety Course. People can visit the outdoor recreation service center to obtain a license. To purchase the Fort Rucker post permit, visit www.fort-rucker.com/sportsman.

For more information, call 255-4305, or visit <https://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/programs/hunting-and-fishing/>.

Wounded warrior athlete brings 'Aloha' spirit to Warrior Games

By Leanne Thomas
Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Less than a year ago, Sgt. Samuel Daniels, a wounded warrior athlete stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, was introduced to the Army Warrior Care and Transition's adaptive sports program.



PHOTO BY ROBERT WHETSTONE

Sgt. Samuel Daniels winds up a shot during shot put training May 29.

Now he is competing in the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games, an adaptive sports competition developed to enhance the recovery and rehabilitation of seriously injured, wounded, and ill service members and veterans.

The 2018 DOD Warrior Games will be held June 1-9 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with approximately 300 competitors representing teams from the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Special Operations Command, Australian Defence Force, United Kingdom Armed Forces, and the Canadian De-

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WARRIOR GAMES

Leaders, celebrities signal start of competition

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Senior military leaders and celebrities teamed up to signal the official start of the 2018 DoD Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium here June 2.

Comedian Jon Stewart, joined by singer Kelly Clarkson, introduced Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the event's opening ceremony.

This year's Warrior Games competitions began June 1 and conclude June 9. About 300 wounded, ill and injured service members representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and U.S. Special Operations Command, along with allied armed forces from the United Kingdom, Australia, and for the first time at Warrior Games, Canada, are competing in shooting, archery, track and field, swimming, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, powerlifting, time trial cycling and indoor rowing.

Stewart told the audience that he'd once shared a global USO tour with Selva.

"We went on a C-17. I would like for you to finish the inside of it. It was really loud and uncomfortable. But then when we got to Afghanistan, they put us on a C-130. Apologize for saying anything mean about the C-17," Stewart, a son of a Vietnam veteran, said, eliciting laughs from the athletes and fans in the crowd. "You know what sounds a lot cooler than it sounds – a combat landing. Halfway through, when my buttocks were in my ear, well, it was truly an honor."

Stewart said he noticed that Selva cares very much about service members and their families.



PHOTO BY EJ HERSOM

Movie and television personality Jon Stewart gets a lift by Team United Kingdom while hosting opening ceremonies for the 2018 Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., June 2.

"You are his family. He cares so deeply about every service person out there and their families and what they do," Stewart said of Selva. "And, he and his wife are just the most impressive and loving and loyal couple you could ever hope to be around."

For Selva, being at Falcon Stadium was a return home. Thirty-eight years ago, Selva said, he and his wife, Rickie, marched into the stadium and 90 minutes later, left as second lieutenants.

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DOWN TIME



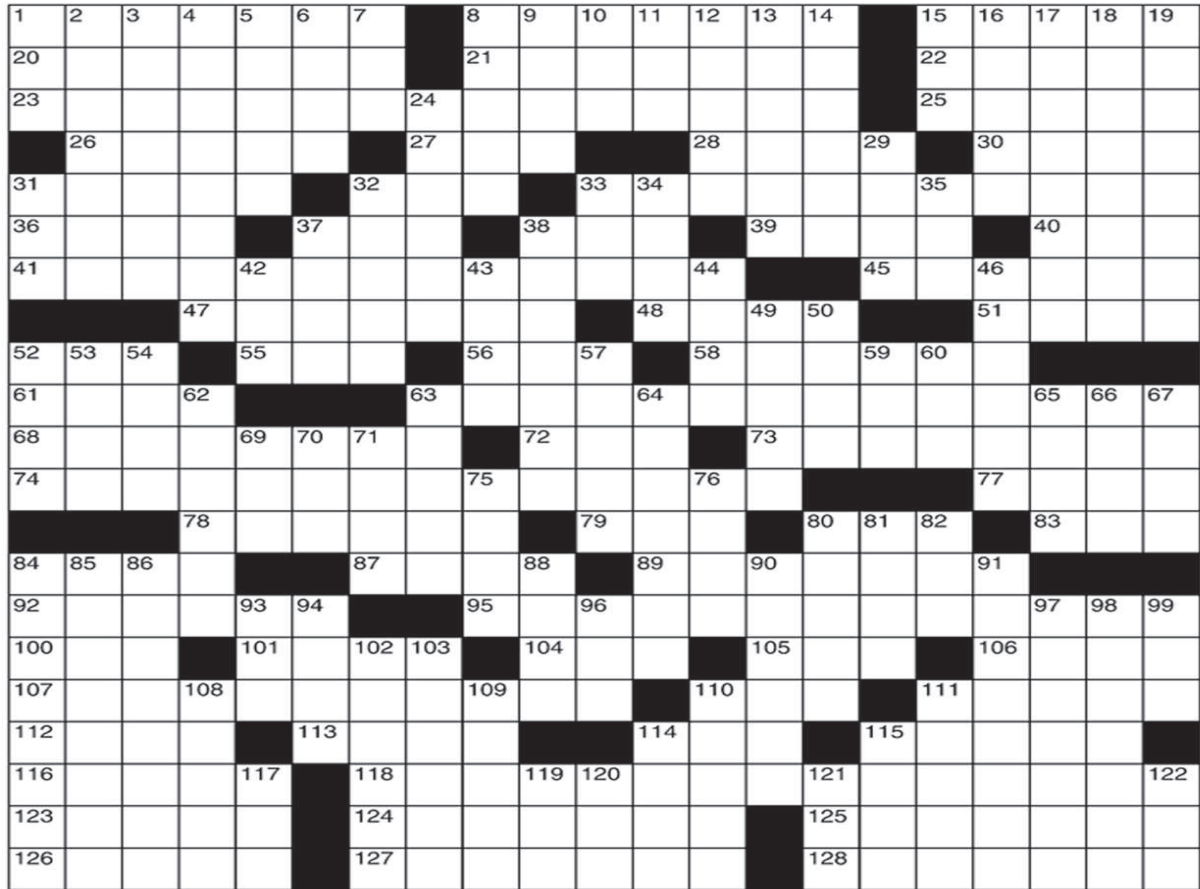
TRIVIA

1. GEOGRAPHY: The island of Saipan is a commonwealth of which nation?
2. LANGUAGE: How many lines are in a limerick?
3. U.S. STATES: What is the only U.S. state name that ends in three consecutive vowels?
4. ASTRONOMY: Where is the Lowell Observatory located?
5. MATH: What is the longest side of a right triangle called?
6. HISTORY: Which European conflict was ended with the Dayton Agreement in 1995?
7. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Mansfield Park"?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president gave the famous Gettysburg Address?
9. COMICS: What was the real name of the Green Arrow?
10. TELEVISION: What was Kramer's first name on "Seinfeld"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

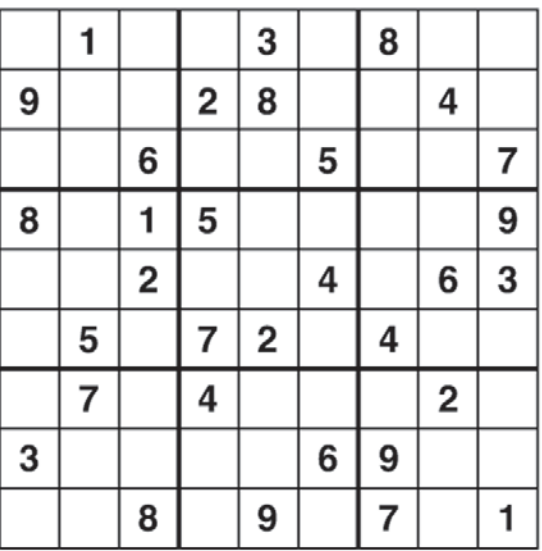
- ACROSS**
- 1 Put a cork in
 - 8 Tribulations
 - 15 Rival of Hertz or Avis
 - 20 Very weak
 - 21 Patty of the LPGA
 - 22 Supped
 - 23 Set a camel's cousin free?
 - 25 In a devious way
 - 26 Toyota model
 - 27 Meadowland
 - 28 Folk stories
 - 30 Belt stabbers
 - 31 Times Square lights
 - 32 — mo replay
 - 33 Terrible-tasting stadium snacks?
 - 36 Writer — Stanley Gardner
 - 37 — Z (complete)
 - 38 Wood splitter
 - 39 Reply to the invite
 - 40 Baaing "ma"
 - 41 Very light wood gradually decayed?
 - 45 Annual
 - 47 Low cloud
- DOWN**
- 48 So-o-o slow
 - 51 Piano pieces
 - 52 Easter meat
 - 55 Kitten cry
 - 56 — de plume (pen name)
 - 58 Tutti- —
 - 61 Yale alums
 - 63 Tall beast makes a low, indistinct sound?
 - 68 Patronize
 - 72 "It's so-o-o cold!"
 - 73 Pastel color
 - 74 Unearth Moscow natives?
 - 77 Brewer's kiln
 - 78 California surfing spot
 - 79 Yoko of "Two Virgins"
 - 80 — -la-lal"
 - 83 — power
 - 84 Cut short
 - 87 Voyaging
 - 89 Cooking competition reality show
 - 92 2001 Sean Penn drama
 - 95 Skier/shooter carbo-loading on tubular pasta?
 - 100 iPhone game, often
- INTERNAL BONES**
- 4 Runt's quality
 - 5 Hocus- —
 - 6 San —
 - 7 Claimed psychic skill
 - 8 Bone: Prefix
 - 9 Ostrich kin
 - 10 Costa — Sol
 - 11 Long fish
 - 12 "Two and — Men" (sitcom)
 - 13 Dorothy of the "Road" films
 - 14 Tie-ups
 - 15 Some plugs
 - 16 Pastel color
 - 17 In whatever place
 - 18 Without harshness
 - 19 Long, trying trips
 - 24 Full-scale
 - 29 Reason to turn green?
 - 31 State east of Wyo.
 - 32 Diner freebie
 - 33 Rock's Rose
 - 34 Sob
 - 35 Act like
 - 37 Tillage unit
 - 38 Soaks up
 - 42 \$20 bill dispenser
 - 43 City bond, informally
 - 44 Tip, as one's hat
 - 46 With hands on hips and elbows out
 - 49 TV beatnik
 - 50 Arizona city on the Colorado
 - 52 "You take it"
 - 53 TV's Trek
 - 54 Ho Chi — City
 - 57 Writer Puzo
 - 59 Bath mat site
 - 60 Take a shot
 - 62 Stymies
 - 63 Beetle larvae
 - 64 Frenzied
 - 65 — Bator
 - 66 Red-brown
 - 67 Meyers of "Late Night" frame
 - 70 Disney
 - 71 113-Across solo, often
 - 75 Red Sea gulf
 - 76 Green net user
 - 80 Central Florida city
 - 81 "— be in England ..."
 - 82 Snicker part
 - 84 Panini bread
 - 85 Leg-warming blankets
 - 86 Exemption from penalty
 - 88 "Je t'— (Luc's "I love you")"
 - 90 Physicist
 - 91 Diagram of a facility's layout
 - 93 In the style of
 - 94 Actress
 - 96 Pothole filler
 - 97 Dignify
 - 98 Under-ground passages
 - 99 That, in Spain
 - 102 Levers' pivot points
 - 103 Rolle with a sitcom role
 - 108 Pied-à- — (apartment)
 - 109 Homies' turfs
 - 110 1980 Dom DeLuise film
 - 111 Evaluate
 - 114 Fizzy wine, familiarly
 - 115 Poet Sexton
 - 117 Not "dis," in Brooklyn
 - 119 "Norma —"
 - 120 Hotel cousin
 - 121 Relieve (of)
 - 122 Post-Q run



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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KID's CORNER

DO YOU KNOW what nut is a pleasant winter's drink? Connect the dots and find out!

Answers: 1. Cocoa nut. 2. Cocoa nut.

A LUCKY PROBLEM! Professor Flunkum challenges you to write a math expression, using seven 7's, that will equal 100. You have seven minutes to pass this test.

One Answer: $(7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) = 100$.

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

Answers: Top to bottom: Birk, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt. Bottom to top: Birk, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt, dirt.

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

FIND THE BIG WORDS

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

DEFINITIONS:

1. What you get for speeding.
2. A military base jail.
3. No longer in fashion.
4. A nuclear plant accident.
5. A tough biscuit.
6. Seaward pull of waves.
7. To argue in favor of.
8. Type of door lock.

ANAGRAM:

teed + tick
odes + tack
duet + mood
town + meld
rude + hack
load + load
load + debt

Answers: 1. Ticketed. 2. Stockade. 3. Outmoded. 4. Meltdown. 5. Hardback. 6. Underflow. 7. Advocate. 8. Deadbolt.

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HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Tickered. 2. Stockade. 3. Outmoded. 4. Meltdown. 5. Hardback. 6. Underflow. 7. Advocate. 8. Deadbolt.

Warrior Games

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Selva said a group of volunteers put together the first Warrior Games in Colorado Springs eight years ago.

“Their vision was to demonstrate the toughness and the resiliency of the men and women of our armed forces, and they did a fine job,” he said. “The games haven’t changed much since. They’ve gotten a little more spectacular but the heart of these games is these 300 men and women who sit in front of me tonight – our athletes. You are all special, and we all owe you a debt of gratitude.”

Selva and his wife visited with the athletes at the track and field medal matches. “We got to meet Ross, Ben, Rafael and Abbie, four of the athletes who are giving their all,” he said. They have conquered challenges you and I would think are insurmountable. I’m humbled to be in their presence. All of you are an inspiration for the rest of us.”

Selva said the highlight of his and Rickie’s day was spending time with the athletes’ families and seeing and hearing the parents’, spouses’ and children’s pride and confidence in their athletes’ accomplishments.

“They just exude that pride and confidence. They talk about your coaches, caregivers, friends and the people who trained with you – the men and women who made this possible,” Selva said. “They brag about you. To all the athletes, thank you for being an inspiration. This week is all about sportsmanship and camaraderie. It’s about making friends. It’s about being the heroes that you are.”

LIGHTING THE TORCH

Stewart and retired Air Force Master Sgt. Shanon Hampton practiced teamwork during the torch lighting. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Israel Del Toro Jr., a 2010 inaugural games athlete, began the torch passing to representatives of each branch of the service until Hampton had the flame for the big cauldron on the stage. As Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein told him to light the cauldron, he reached up to light it but strong winds prevented him from doing so.

Goldfein announced the official opening of the 2018 DOD Warrior Games but Stewart jumped in, getting an assist from stage support for a ladder. A stage hand lit the torch.

“Done – we are open for business,” Stewart said.

Hampton said he was honored to carry the torch. “It is difficult to put into words the honor I was given to carry the torch for the Air Force and the Warrior Games. To once again serve with the Air Force, with my teammates, for my country and for God will be a memory I will cherish the rest of my life,” Hampton said. “We all have faced trials, hardship and heartache to get where we are at, but some things are just worth hurting for. Go Air Force!”

Army Staff Sgt. Altermese Kendrick, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, at the Garrison Chaplain Family Life Training Center, also served as a torchbearer.

“It was the largest honor I could’ve imagined,” she said.

RESILIENCY

Goldfein said the DOD Warrior Games represent the power of the human spirit. “There’s this old saying, ‘Age wrinkles the body but quitting wrinkles the soul,’” he said. “And while all of us grow older, not all of us grow stronger as we age. The athletes we celebrate this week show us how to grow stronger over time as they conquer the daily challenges in mind, in body, in spirit.

Warrior Games athletes are not “defined by illness, injury or the invisible wounds of war,” Goldfein said. “They’re defined by their courage, their determination, their grit, their resilience and their friends and family who cheer them on here and at home.”

He added, “Every athlete’s story is unique and deeply personal, built with common threads of strength and resilience. And these Warrior Games allow all of us, from both here and watching from home to recommit that no warrior takes the road to recovery alone. Family, friends and caregivers -- we’re on your wing for life. It’s a full contact team sport. And within the profession of arms it’s family business.”

Goldfein also announced a new DOD

Warrior Games tradition and presented an official DOD Warrior Games flag to Air Force Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, commander of the DOD Warrior Games this year.

CAMARADERIE

“It’s a true honor for us and an incredible opportunity to be with everybody from northern America and the international service,” said torchbearer Royal Canadian Air Force Warrant Officer Yves Lacasse. “It’s a real brotherhood. On the first day, Marine Corps, U.K., Air Force, Socom, even if you didn’t know the guy, everybody gives hugs, shakes hands. We share the same stories. We live the same lives. We meet the first day, and it’s like we already know each other.”

“We’re so excited, and we feel really lucky to be here. We’re pumped to do our best, and the results don’t matter as long as we do our best,” Australian Navy Leading Seaman Vanessa Broughill said.

This is Broughill’s first Warrior Games. “It’s such an amazing and inspirational experience,” she said. She went to the U.S. Navy trials in Florida.

“I made friends with them back in Florida, and some of them feel like family now. I just can’t believe how amazing this is,” Broughill said.

She said she hopes to make the Invictus Games team. But if she doesn’t, she’ll be there to support.

Team Army has a “heart for winning, a heart for camaraderie, a heart for representing Army, still Army strong,” said Kendrick, who has been selected for the Invictus Games in Sydney, Australia, in October.

“I’m making friends so we know who to meet up with when we get over there; it’s going to be great,” she said. “We’re cheering on Australia regardless of whether we’re competing against them or not, so we’re their support system here at the games.”

CLARKSON, CONCERT

Clarkson said she was honored to return to the Warrior Games to perform a free concert for the athletes and their families.

“It was such a blessing to do the first one. It’s such an honor. Thank you so much for

your service,” she said. “Thank your families for the sacrifice that you all make.

Stewart earlier had jumped with the Air Force’s Wings of Blue parachute team and joked about his trouble keeping his breakfast down.

Goldfein joked, “Thank you Jon Stewart for joining the Wings of Blue and jumping out of a perfectly good airplane today. I just hope we were able to replace the breakfast you lost on the way down.”

This is Stewart’s third year as host of the Warrior Games.

Athletes at the Warrior Games “will go to any lengths for their teammates, for the victory, and I hope you’re not here just to support them but to learn from them,” Stewart told the opening ceremony audience.

“Whenever I spend time with the athletes at the Warrior Games,’ he added, “I hope that just a fraction of their tenacity, their honor, their grace, their resilience and their teamwork will inspire me to do better in my life every day.”

The Warrior Games was created in 2010 as an introduction to adaptive sports and reconditioning activities for service members and veterans.

The U.S. Olympic Committee led and organized the Warrior Games from 2010 to 2014, hosting them each year in Colorado Springs. In 2015, the DoD assumed responsibility for planning and organizing the Warrior Games, having a service branch host the games each year.

The Marines hosted in 2015 at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and then handed it off to Army at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. The Navy hosted last year in Chicago, near its basic training center.

Adaptive sports and reconditioning are linked to a variety of benefits for wounded, ill and injured service members across all branches of the military. Benefits include less stress, reduced dependency on pain and depression medication, fewer secondary medical conditions, higher achievement in education and employment and increased independence, self-confidence and mobility.

Aloha

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fence Force. The branches of service will compete against each other in archery, cycling, sitting volleyball, shooting, swimming, wheelchair basketball, track and field, and, new this year, powerlifting and indoor rowing.

Hand-selected to represent Team Army, Daniels’ road to Colorado Springs started in December 2016 when he was assigned to Tripler Army Medical Center’s Warrior Transition Battalion after injuring his back and suffering from a herniated disc.

“While I was there, it was mostly recovery, and recovery is hard,” Daniels said. “I was starting to give up a little bit, and I was like, ‘you know what, just let me go home.’ I was done, I didn’t want to try anymore.”

Then in 2017, the Tripler WTB hosted the first Pacific Regional Trials, giving Daniels the opportunity to train and compete in adaptive sports, and also the motivation and confidence to drive on.

“This gave me something else to fight for, and I thought, ‘I got this. I still got push; I still got fight. This dog still got fight in him,’” said Daniels. “And me pushing myself to do this, it mentally got me into the mind frame of, ‘I got this.’”

At Pacific Regional Trials, Daniels won two gold medals in the discus and shot put field events. He then went on to compete at the 2018 Army Trials in El Paso, Texas, earlier this year. There he placed first and brought home two gold medals once again.

After Army Trials, Daniels stayed connected with the other athletes through a Facebook group to continue to train and support each other as wounded warrior athletes.

“We didn’t know which one of us were going to get picked (to represent Team Army for the Warrior Games) so we created the group before we got picked,” said Daniels. “Once we found out the list, we posted it on there and let everyone know who made it. We all continued staying connected.”

Team Army then started communicating and training together virtually by posting training videos in the Facebook group, raising the training standards higher and higher. “We kept putting a ‘stepping stone’ out for everybody until we got down here,” said Daniels.

When Daniels was asked if Team Army is going to be a good team this year, he said, “Oh yes! First, second, third, and fourth place are all going to Army.”

However, Daniels mentioned his primary focus at Warrior Games is not to bring home medals, although Daniels and the rest of Team Army are very confident that this will happen.

Daniels explained, “When people ask me about this they say, ‘so it’s about the medals?’ And I say no, medals are a plus, but we’re not competing for medals. We’re competing because it’s something that we are passionate about doing. We are becoming athletes again; we’re competitive. It’s to show people what we have, and show ourselves what we have now, that we once thought we didn’t have.”

Following the Warrior Games, Daniels will return to duty, assigned to the 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, located at Schofield Barracks.

“I’m still injured, but they (Tripler WTB) taught me how to deal with it, so I don’t overdo it. And I’m competitive, so I overdo it sometimes.”

Never forgetting where he came from, Daniels wears his ‘Aloha’ t-shirt during Warrior Games training prior to the competitions because, he says, “I’m still representing the Tripler WTB at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii because they’re the reason why I’m here, they’re the reason I got here.”

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.

Hunting Incentive Program

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation is offering a Hunting Incentive Program to help control the coyote and feral pig population from now until 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.

Thursday Evenings on the Range

Silver Wings Golf Course hosts its Thursday Evenings on the Range with PGA professional Ty Andersen Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. at the driving range. Cost is \$10 and can be paid at the pro shop before the session starts. The afternoon is a supervised practice with unlimited range balls.

For more information, call 255-0089.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Answers

1. United States
2. Five
3. Hawaii
4. Flagstaff, Arizona
5. Hypotenuse
6. Bosnian War
7. Jane Austen
8. Abraham Lincoln
9. Oliver Queen
10. Cosmo

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