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Soldiers from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, demonstrate the enhanced capabilities of hoist operations within MEDEVAC operations during a visit by the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization in August. (Photo by Capt. Tanya Oliver)

#### USAACE honors top squad, best warrior, drill sergeant of year



The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence honored its top squad, warrior and drill sergeant, as well as the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command best warrior, during a ceremony at Howze Field Aug. 5, 2022.

Twenty-two staff sergeants, sergeants and specialists from across the USAACE, including from Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., and Fort Rucker, participated in a grueling four-day competition testing ...

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#### Parker Elementary welcomes students back for 2022-23 school year



Fort Rucker children headed back to Ellis D. Parker Elementary School for the first day of the 2022-23 school year Aug. 8.

The students' arrival after summer vacation proved to be the best the school has seen to date, according to Principal Dr. Vicki Gilmer, who added the first day of school is always a highlight of the year.

"It's the best," she said. "When the walkers and bikers ...

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#### Fort Rucker hosts Aviation Industry Days



Army aviation leaders and aviation industry representatives came together at Fort Rucker to focus on modernizing the force for large scale combat operations during an Aviation Industry Days event Aug. 2-4.

Hundreds of attendees packed the post theater to hear from Army aviation enterprise leaders, and 50 industry vendors displayed their latest technologies at The Landing.

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### Fort Rucker Commissary parking lot receives new coating, fresh paint

The Fort Rucker Commissary parking lot received a new seal coating and fresh paint to clearly mark parking spaces in an effort to improve safety and visibility, and also extend its life using a technique only used a few other times on Fort Rucker.

"In the past, Fort Rucker has used coal tar sealer, or repaved with asphalt on top of the existing parking lot asphalt," explained Trevor Marshall, Directorate of Public Works civil engineer. "The product we used is a polymer- and fiber-reinforced asphalt emulsion sealer."

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#### Fort Rucker police officer earns Army Safety Guardian Award

A Fort Rucker police officer earned the U.S. Army Safety Guardian Award during a recognition ceremony in the Soldier Service Center Aug. 9.

Richard Peterson received the award from Brig. Gen. Gene D. Meredith, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center commanding general and director of Army Safety, for his actions May 6, according to the citation read at the ceremony.

On that day, a concerned citizen informed Peterson of a vehicle traveling erratically toward the Enterprise Gate. He attempted to perform a traffic stop, but received no ...

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#### Army officials welcome ideas on how to improve quality of life

The Army Family Action Plan has evolved with the rest of the Army into the digital age. and it's never been easier for people to voice their ideas on improving the quality of life of Soldiers, family members and the post community as a whole.

"AFAP is a process where people in the Army or associated with the Army – it could be family members or retirees – can input suggestions on how to improve quality of life in the Army," explained Kent Thompson, Army Community Service director.

In the past, people would see boxes in offices where they could submit their ideas on paper, he said, which unfortunately led to the AFAP boxes being used as complaint boxes. "And they were saying here's my complaint, but they weren't saying how to fix it," ...

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#### **VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER**



Fort Rucker honored its volunteers of the quarter during a recognition ceremony Aug. 8 at The Landing, which recognized people's selfless service during the past two quarters. During that timeframe, volunteers provided almost \$20,000 worth of free labor during their more than 6,000 hours of volunteer service, according to Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry, Fort Rucker and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence commanding general. (Photo by Jim Hughes)

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