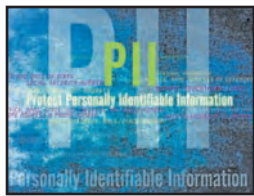


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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFau

A youth dance group performs an anti-bullying dance during the Face Off anti-bullying rally at the Fort Rucker Youth Center Friday.

## ONGOING BATTLE

### Youth center rallies to combat bullying

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Bullies come in all shapes and sizes, and with the rise of social media, they can negatively affect children's lives in the virtual world, as well as the real world.

The Fort Rucker Youth Center sought to help local youth by combating bullying through its Face Off anti-bullying campaign rally held Friday, which highlighted the impact and reach that bullying has on an individual, ac-

cording to LaShia Brooks, youth technology lab program associate and coordinator for the event.

"I take it very personally when I see anyone being bullied," she said, "so we want to make children here are more aware of bullying and how it affects others."

The rally started with a video presentation depicting what it's like for those who are bullied in schools, and how bullying has evolved from direct confrontations in some cases, to cyber bullying through social media. It also

highlighted the affect that bullying has on those who are bullied.

"It can be difficult for youth to understand sometimes how much it can impact other people," said Brooks. "I titled this (anti-bullying campaign) 'Face Off' because it's about telling people to face their fears and whatever it is they're finding to be challenging — face it."

"But you're going to need your friends, you're going to need your family and you're going to need support," she said. "You need to

know who to contact if this is something that is affecting you."

LaKeisha Newsome, Henry County Schools at-risk coordinator, was invited as a guest speaker to talk with the children on how bullying can impact others, especially with the advent of cyber bullying.

"There are effects to bullying," she said to the youth. "Sometimes it gives people low self esteem, low grades and in some cases can even lead to suicide."

"Think about having to leave

your house every day and having to deal with the same people saying the same stuff to you," she continued. "It can cause long-term effects with feelings of anger and bitterness, and (the victims) can often find they have a difficult time trusting other people."

Newsome said there is a rise in online bullying since much of it can be done through the veil of anonymity, but cyber bullies might not be as anonymous as

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFau

Lt. Col. Chun Chan, Brown Dental Clinic commander, and Jessica Moore, registered dental assistant, perform screenings on Poppy and Gunnar Clagg, third grade students at Fort Rucker Elementary School, Friday.

## Dental clinic promotes proper hygiene at schools

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Poor dental hygiene and care can have painful and lasting effects on a person's teeth and gums, and Fort Rucker's Brown Dental Clinic is pushing to teach children good dental health habits at an early age.

Dentists and assistants, including Lt. Col. Chun Chan, Brown Dental Clinic commander, visited the child development center Feb. 14, the Fort Rucker Primary School Feb. 15 and the Fort Rucker Elementary School Friday in order to perform general screenings for children to promote healthy dental habits for National Children Dental Health Month, according to Ann Bagley, gen-

eral dentist at the clinic.

"This is something that happens every year in February, and the big reason it's done is to raise awareness about the importance of good dental health," she said. "They were short, general screenings, and we were just looking for obvious dental health problems, mainly tooth decay, and anything that we could see with a mirror and a light."

Overall, Bagley said the children had healthy teeth.

"Most of the children on Fort Rucker have good dental health. We saw some issues, but generally speaking they have very good dental health," said the dentist.

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## LOST & FOUND

DPS helps unite owners with lost, misplaced items

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

It is natural to retrace one's steps when searching for lost property, but many people fail to exhaust all of Fort Rucker's available resources.

Fort Rucker's Directorate of Public Safety maintains a lost and found for items recovered across post and, according to Peggy Contreras, Fort Rucker community police supervisor, many people fail to utilize the resource.

"Lost and found is a collection of all the lost or misplaced items found on post," she said. "People will find the items and turn them in to us. Anyone who has lost or misplaced an item on post is encouraged to contact us first to see if anyone has turned the item in to DPS."

According to Contreras, individuals must provide a description of the item prior to claiming it — the more detailed, the better.

"We want to make sure the property is returned to the proper person," she said. "Instead of just saying you lost your keys, say you lost your keys with a blue key-chain or a picture of a family member attached."

Commonly lost or misplaced items brought to lost and found include cell phones, jewelry, keys, jackets and other items commonly removed or carried freely.

"People will remove their ring to wash their hands or put their cell phone down for a moment to free up their hand and forget about it," Contreras said. "That

property is found and often delivered to lost and found."

Instinct typically dictates a return to the last place individuals possessed the lost or misplaced item, Contreras said, but time could be saved with a quick, initial call to DPS.

"Give us a call first," she said. "We can quickly check what we have here and possibly help find the lost or misplaced property without spending minutes or hours searching."

"Sometimes someone places something on top of their car, it falls off when they drive away and someone will find it later and turn it in to the police," she added. "People will sometimes leave things in the museum during a visit. They think to call the museum because that's where they last had it, but they never think to call the police. They can all here to see if it has been turned in to us."

According to Contreras, property is often lost or misplaced during events on post such as Freedom Fest.

Doug Johnson, Fort Rucker police investigator, said many items remain unclaimed each year.

"We had some found property (from) last year. We advertised it and no one claimed it," he said. "It was destroyed."

"We have a board and they decide what to do with [unclaimed property]," he added. "Sometimes it is donated to charity, if it is something useful. However, some things are destroyed."

For more information or to inquire about lost or misplaced property, call 255-3239.



# PERSPECTIVE

## SPECIAL DELIVERY

*Huey delivery to Kazakhstan means more than just equipment*

**By Sean Hicks**  
*U.S. Army Security Assistance Command Country Program Manager*

*(Editor's note: Hicks is an Army veteran who joined USASAC in 2009.)*

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The alarm bell goes off, and a 7-year old boy grabs a couple of books off the shelf and ducks under his desk assuming a turtle position. The child is a little scared, but also sees this as more of a game.

The teachers tells us to remain calm, this is a nuclear bomb drill — the year is 1981. Fast forward more than 3 ½ decades later, on Jan. 18, in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and that same kid, now an adult, is standing in an old Soviet hangar in sub-zero weather that brought about this strong flashback to times long past.

But this is not a story of the past, but one of the future — it's a story about American exceptionalism and American partnership. However, at the heart of the story you will find what keeps America's pulse going — the people.

I stood watching two young men from south Alabama, Jessie Lawrence and Kevin Helms, both aircraft mechanics, as they conducted final assembly of the fourth "Huey," or UH-11, helicopter to be delivered to Kazakhstan. There was about three feet of snow on the outside of the rusted out pre-fall-of-the-Soviet Union hangar, and on the inside there were piles of snow throughout the hangar to match the frozen breath of all the U.S. government and contract support personnel involved in this mission.

In an effort to ensure that the U.S. government met its prom-



COURTESY PHOTO

Representatives from the United States stand in front of a Huey II helicopter that was delivered to the Ministry of Defense of Kazakhstan through the Army's foreign military sales program. Representatives include: Lt. Col. Ellen Canupp, Air Force liaison to the Security Cooperation Office; Col. James Hogan, defense attaché; Lt. Col. Rob Brewer, security cooperation officer; U.S. Ambassador to Kazakhstan George Krol; Sean Hicks, USASAC; Kenneth Bernhardt, international program manager for CENTCOM/EUCOM; Lt. Col. Ben Grusin, assistant security cooperation officer.

ised delivery, these two mechanics continued to work through the bitter cold. It was through their herculean efforts, along with Dave Archer, foreign military sales program manager for Bell Helicopter, and Andrew Kelly, field support engineer, that we finalized the case on Jan. 19.

It should be noted at this point, and many times prior to this point, Patrick Williams, product quality manager from the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center's Quality Management Division, and Chris Martin, from CAS Inc. in support of NSRWA PMO Aircraft Maintenance/Quality Control PM Non-Standard Rotary Wing Aircraft, assisted in the final delivery process.

The finished Huey was in stark comparison to the broken-down

and aged Soviet equipment in the hangar. The headquarters commander gave us a tour of the area before we departed to the Huey's final operational post. Before the tour started, Ambassador George Kroll noted to the team that it was remarkable that such a fine piece of American machinery was delivered all the way from Ozark, Alabama, and constructed in Kazakhstan.

Such an accomplishment stood testament to the ability of the American professionalism and expertise. During the tour, it was hard not to notice the deterioration of the building and the quick patch jobs that probably dated back to the 1970s and 1980s — and juxtapose that to the hangars and machinery we are accustomed to in America.

After the tour of the plant,

we traveled to the aviation post where the Huey would be located. During our walk out the airfield, we could hear the Huey's distinct "whump, whump, whump" sound. At first, I thought that it was the fourth bird that we delivered, but as it turns out it was actually the second Huey. The Kazakhstan special operations were conducting high altitude-low opening operations from the aircraft. It was spectacular to see them jump from an American machine, fall silently through the air, and land within 10 feet of a bull's-eye out on the snow-covered field.

After a couple of passes of the Huey and its jump operations, we were able to see the bird land. The Huey came in under the control of a Kazakhstan pilot about 15 feet off the ground, blowing

snow and arctic wind across our position. The bird slowly moved along a preordained path staying at about the same height.

It was impressive to see; however, the fourth Huey came in shortly after that piloted by Cornelius McMillan, an American pilot, and an old hand on the stick. As a matter of fact, he was the delivery pilot of all four aircraft, starting almost 10 years earlier.

We then conducted a celebration ceremony, where a bottle of champagne was broken on the bird and milk with bread were shared. Kenneth Bernhardt, international program manager, Aviation and Missile Command, Security Assistance Management Directorate, was noted as the person behind this event. Without his efforts, the building of this partner's capacity would never have happened.

During this event, and quite frankly throughout all my times visiting this country, I noticed how happy the Kazakhstans were to have us there and how appreciative of all that the U.S. had supported them. This event marked 25 years of security cooperation between the two countries and I can say that in the last five, I have seen marked changes.

The government is not as controlling; they are privatizing many things that were nationalized, moving to a more capitalist and free society. I would like to think that in some small or even large part that the efforts of the Security Assistance Command and the Army Materiel Command's security assistance enterprise had helped bring about some of these changes. Either directly or indirectly, and that could never have happened without the people involved.

## Rotor Wash

“This week is Read Across America Week and today is Dr. Seuss’ birthday. What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book and why?”



**Lillie Kopp,**  
**Fort Rucker Primary**  
**School student**

“My favorite Dr. Seuss book is ‘One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish’ because it’s really funny.”



**Jacob Andersen,**  
**Fort Rucker Primary**  
**School student**

“I like ‘Green Eggs and Ham’ because Sam is silly and asks the guy who doesn’t like green eggs and ham everywhere if he likes it.”



**Lincoln Speallina,**  
**Fort Rucker Primary**  
**School student**

“I like ‘Hop on Pop’ because they’re opposites, and I like the pup with the cup part because the cup is on the pup.”



**Samantha David,**  
**Fort Rucker Primary**  
**School student**

“I like ‘The Foot Book’ because I like the rhymes.”



**Jaya Robbins,**  
**Fort Rucker Primary**  
**School student**

“I like ‘I Can Read With My Eyes Shut’ because it’s kind of silly and I’ve been trying to read with my eyes shut, too.”

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# ‘A PRETTY BIG DEAL’

## PII violations can carry stiff penalties

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Protecting personally identifiable information can become increasingly difficult as more information and services shift to the online world, but Fort Rucker officials want to remind people that it still comes down to personal responsibility.

PII is any combination of information that can be used to identify a person, according to Sean Sparks, director of Fort Rucker Directorate of Human Resources.

One of the most familiar PII violations is identity theft, said Sparks, adding that when people are careless with information, such as Social Security numbers and people’s date of birth, they can easily become the victim of the crime.

A person with any combination of that information has the potential to violate another’s PII, he said, but oftentimes, people are careless with their own information. Over the last few years, the DHR Administrative Services Division has had all Fort Rucker forms reviewed by the originating office to have the SSN removed or provide a justification to retain it to help in that regard, said the HR director.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is assuming that recycling bins are safe for disposal of PII, the HR director said. “Those bins are not to be used for placing any type of PII, those items are not secured and once it goes into a recycling bin, that information is no longer protected.”

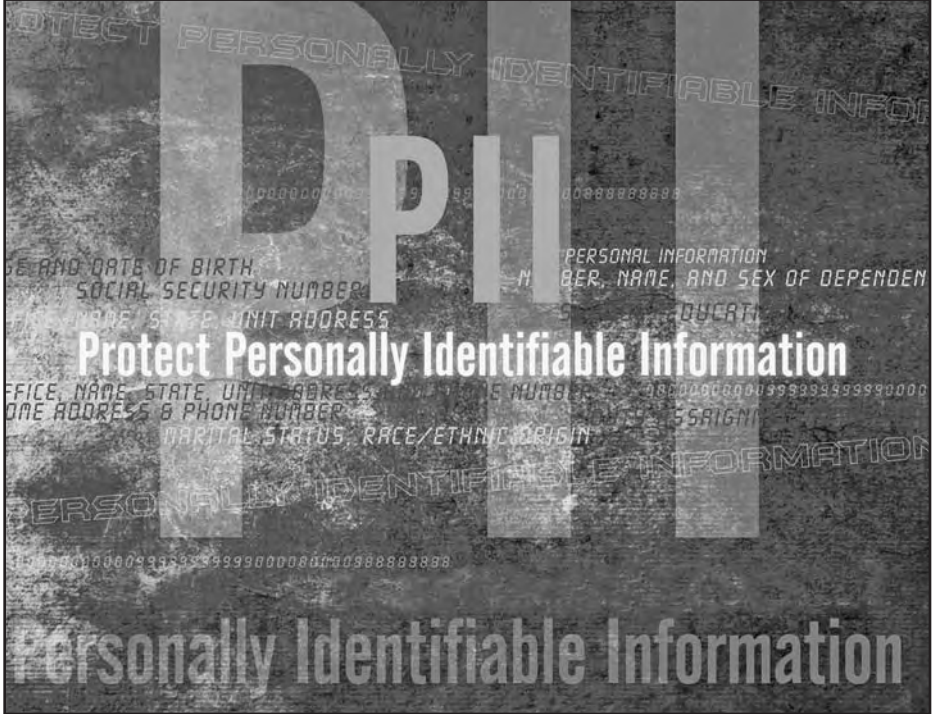
Any type of information that is disposed of in the recycling bins has the potential

to be viewed by anyone with access to the bins. From the office, that information can travel miles to the recycling center where it is picked up by an organization outside Fort Rucker. “People are cleaning out their files and not thinking about what could happen putting that information into the recycle bin,” he said.

Sparks said that many people also seem to think that if the files they are throwing out are old, then they have no pertinent information in them. This is wrong. Regardless of how old they are, if the files or documents have any type of PII on them, they need to be destroyed properly by shredding, he added. Most of the organizations and offices on post have shredding machines, and the installation has a high-volume disintegrator ran by the DPTMS, security office that is available to use at the recycling center, he said, so people have no excuse not to properly destroy PII documents.

“We use a disintegrator for paper that will shred documents and turn them into briquettes,” said Linda Green, security assistant for the Fort Rucker security division. Essentially, the high-volume disintegrator turns paper into dust and compacts it into briquettes that the recycling center sells for various uses.

The recycling center also houses a CD/DVD destroyer, as well as a hard drive degausser and destroyer, said Heather Androlevich, security assistant for the Fort Rucker security division. The degausser uses high-powered magnets to completely obliterate any data on the hard drives, and



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for classified hard drives, the hard drives are also physically destroyed to the point they cannot be recovered, she said.

In order to use the equipment, people must take a safety class provided by the security office and set up an appointment at their convenience, and unit training can be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

To set up a training appointment, people can call 255-3094 or 255-2973.

People found in violation of mishandling PII have the potential to be hit with civil penalties that range from payment of damages and attorney fees to person-

nel action that can include termination of employment and possible prosecution, according to officials at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Criminal penalties can also be charged from a \$5,000 fine to misdemeanor criminal charges if the violation is severe enough.

“PII violations can be a pretty big deal,” said Sparks. “It requires intervention on the part of the operational security manager, as well as the security office to assess the situation and that can all take a lot of time.”

The bottom line is people need to make sure to protect PII, said the HR director.

# HRC talks program changes, promotions

By Sgt. David Beckstrom  
*Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
Public Affairs*

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — Retention control points, promotions and noncommissioned officer evaluation reports were among the topics discussed during the Human Resources Command Road Show sessions at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Feb. 15.

During the HRC Road Show, senior leaders from the command are traveling from installation to installation to discuss changes to current programs and initiatives. The JBLM road show event featured two sessions, one with Maj. Gen. Thomas Seamonds, HRC commanding general, and another with Command Sgt. Maj. Wardell Jefferson.

Due to the recent halt of the military drawdown, the Army has made changes to its qualitative management program, NCOER, and promotions, Jefferson said. Events like the HRC Road Show are a way of ensuring that leaders at all levels are aware of those changes and their questions about them are addressed.

During his session, Jefferson discussed with senior enlisted Soldiers at JBLM the changes to these programs and how the changes will affect their career progression.

“QMP is about standards and discipline,” he explained. “We use this process to retain the highest quality of service member possible.”

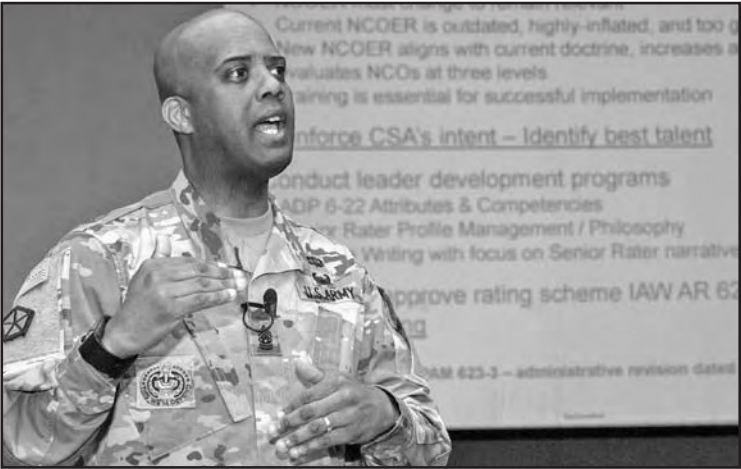


PHOTO BY SGT. DAVID N. BECKSTROM

Command Sgt. Maj. Wardell Jefferson, command sergeant major for U.S. Army Human Resources Command, discusses retention control points and NCO evaluation reports with senior enlisted Soldiers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Feb. 15.

Jefferson said he is often asked whether an issue from a Soldier’s early days in the military could get him reviewed by the QMP board. The answer, he said, is that it depends. If the issue happened while the Soldier held his current rank and the Soldier has not been through the QMP process before, then the answer is yes. However, if the issue was from a previous rank or the Soldier was cleared by the QMP board in the past, the Soldier will not be looked at again for the same issue.

The RCP program has changed several times over the past decade due to the growing and shrinking of the fighting force in the Middle East, Jefferson said. This process is now being used to help mid-range NCOs get promoted by opening up positions in the higher ranks.

“I have heard of several highly

talented Soldiers leaving the military because they couldn’t get promoted because there was no room at the higher ranks,” Jefferson said. “These changes will help alleviate these bottlenecks.”

Jefferson also talked about the Army’s Select, Train, Educate and Promote program. The Army instituted the STEP program to provide Soldiers with an understanding of the schools and positions that would keep them competitive for promotion.

One recent change to the STEP program, Jefferson said, concerns the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. Completion of the structured self development course for the next rank is required prior to attending NCOES schools.

“Soldiers who have not completed the SSDs will be passed over for the school and then po-

tentially become outranked by those who have completed both the SSD and schooling,” he explained, “even if their promotion sequence number was higher than the other Soldiers.”

On March 7, at 1 p.m. EST, Jefferson will conduct a live town hall to address STEP and assignment process issues on the HRC Facebook page. He and subject matter experts will answer questions from the field under the rubric “Get it right from HRC.”

Both Jefferson and 7th Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Love stressed the importance of the NCOER during the discussion.

Jefferson said the NCOER is the most important document in the promotion packet because it gives the board members a snapshot of the quality of the Soldier.

Love said the NCOER is what separates outstanding leaders from the rest of the Army, and that these leaders are the Soldiers who need to be promoted.

The NCOER also will benefit the Army by identifying talent for promotions, assignments, professional development opportunities and education, Jefferson said.

As the U.S. military continues to evolve, Soldiers need convenient ways to learn about policy changes, said Staff Sgt. Pedro Rentas, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division who was among the Soldiers in the audience waying they find events like the HRC Road Show helpful for keeping up with

changes.

“Gaining the knowledge from these NCOERs will enable me to become a better leader and mentor to my subordinates,” he said. “I now have a better understanding of how the QMP and RCP process works, and can help my Soldiers get promoted.”

One of the lessons Rentas said he took from the discussion of the NCOER was that the bullets need to be more specific rather than the general “fluff” that some have had in the past.

“As the Army continues to modify its programs, NCOERs like this one will be one of the most effective ways to disseminate the information to the masses,” Rentas said. “It allows for the questions to be answered and discussed – which will lead to a better understanding of the reasons for the changes and how it will affect the Soldiers in the end.”

Jefferson said he will conduct a live town hall to address STEP and assignment process issues March 7 beginning at 1 p.m. EST on the HRC Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ArmyHRC>. He and command subject matter experts will answer questions from the field under the rubric Get It Right from HRC.

For more information on the RCP process go to <https://www.hrc.army.mil/MILPER/17-007>.

For more information on the QMP process go to <https://www.hrc.army.mil/MILPER/16-311>.

For more information on the Soldier’s career map go to <https://actnow.army.mil/>.

# News Briefs

### National Prayer Breakfast

The Fort Rucker Religious Support Officer will host its National Prayer Breakfast Wednesday from 6:30-8 a.m. at The Landing. The speaker will be retired Chaplain (Col.) Alvin “Sonny” Moore, former U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chaplain. Tickets are available at a suggested donation of \$5 per person and can be obtained through unit representatives or the RSO in Bldg. 8945 until Friday.

For more information, call 255-2989 or 255-2012.

### Changes of command

- B Company, 1st Battalion, 145h Aviation Regiment will host a change of command ceremony today at 11:30 a.m. at Pratt Hall, Bldg. 4901 on Minute Man Street.
- The 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment will host a change of command ceremony March 15 at 10 a.m. at Howze Field.

### Aviation Ball

The Landing will host the Aviation Ball April 8 from 6-11 p.m. Dress for military is dress

mess or ASU with white shirt and bow tie. Civilian dress is formal. Meal choices are chicken cordon bleu, beef roast or vegetarian lasagna. Ticket prices are \$25 for E-6 and below, and \$35 for E-7 and above. To purchase tickets, contact your unit for point of contact information.

### Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close March 15 at noon for training.

### Upcoming exercise

Fort Rucker will conduct an all-hazards exercise March 21-23. People should expect some road closures and traffic delays March 22.

### Pay office closure

The Defense Military Pay Office will close March 24 at noon. For emergencies, call 317-319-7604.

### 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.

### Tax center

The Fort Rucker Tax Center is open for business, and a staff of fully trained preparers stands at the ready to help Soldiers, families and retirees. Located in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F, the center is open Mondays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 15, and people should make an appointment to use the service, which also offers free electronic filing for Soldiers, family members and retirees.

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

Soldiers who wish to utilize the drop-off service must have a simple return with no more than two W-2 forms.

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

### Library survey

The Center Library is conducting a survey to help determine its customers’ needs. To access the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CenterLibrarySurvey>.

### Supply closure

Supply Support Activity will conduct a wall-to-wall inventory March 20-24. Normal operations will be suspended on those dates. All turn-ins must be in by 2 p.m. March 15. Normal operations will discontinue at 4:15 p.m. on March 17. It is anticipated that normal business will resume March 27. Customers will be notified by the Accountable Officer. During this period, the SSA will only process emergency requisitions. All normal operations will be suspended until inventory is completed.

For more information, call 255-9504.



# ‘GREAT PARTNER’

## Military working dog, Soldier handler bond in Baghdad

By Army Sgt. Anna Pongo  
3rd Infantry Regiment

BAGHDAD — “The capability they [military working dogs] bring to the fight cannot be replicated by man or machine. By all measures of performance their yield outperforms any asset we have in our inventory.” -- Army Gen. David Petraeus

Rrobiek, a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois, was born to be a hero. He was bred and trained to serve and protect the people he works with. Currently, those people are members of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command in Iraq.

Rrobiek is a patrol and explosive detector dog. He and his human handler, Army Staff Sgt. Charles Ogin, 3rd Infantry Regiment, work hard to ensure the safety of everyone inside the entry-point gate at Union III in Baghdad.

Rrobiek is one of six dogs who live and work with their handlers at Union III. These dogs work with their handlers to check each vehicle that drives through the entry point.

They also do other behind-the-scenes work to keep Union III safe.

“While it may not quite be thinking like us, they think,” Ogin said. “This enables them to help us enhance our force protection.”

### ‘A GREAT PARTNER’

Ogin and Rrobiek started working together in 2014, after Rrobiek’s last deployment to Afghanistan.

“At first, it was a bit of a rough relationship because it’s two different conflicting personalities,” said Ogin. “But we started meshing and now I wouldn’t have it any other way. He’s a great partner.”

While on a temporary assignment to Kenya in 2015, the duo began to bond as they lived together for the first time and formed the connection they needed to become the partners they are today.

Rrobiek was born June 1, 2010, at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. MWDs are either procured or bred specifically for their job. After he was born, Rrobiek lived in a foster home until he was old enough to



PHOTOS BY SGT. ANNA PONGO

Rrobiek, a Belgian Malinois military working dog, and his handler, Staff Sgt. Charles Ogin, 3rd Infantry Regiment, practice bite training after work in Baghdad Feb. 14.

go back to Lackland for training.

Through his training, which was like dog basic training, Rrobiek learned obedience, patrol and detection. He became an adept asset to his Soldier counterparts.

“He’s a piece of equipment in the Army’s eyes, but he has his own personality, his own quirks,” Ogin said. “He’s very set in his ways, kind of like a person.”

The relationship that the 72-pound canine and his handler have is mutually necessary. They form a bond that is more effective than any machine at finding explosives, Ogin said.

“You’ve got to understand that he’s doing 90 percent of the work, but without me, he can’t do the 90 percent of the work,” Ogin said.

This partnership enables the two



Rrobiek and Ogin play together after work.

of them to protect their fellow service members and also each other.

“I have a dog that’s loyal,” Ogin said. “He’s willing to work until he dies and he’s willing to defend me. I can’t say that about every Soldier ... but that dog will defend me until I die.”



Rrobiek and Ogin bond with each other during work in Baghdad.

## DOD official: ‘Encouraging initial successes’ for western Mosul

By Lisa Ferdinando  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Iraqi forces backed by coalition strikes are making gains in efforts to liberate western Mosul from Islamic State of Iraq and Syria terrorists, Defense Department spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis told reporters at the Pentagon Friday.

“The [Iraqis] have captured villages to the west of Mosul and they have penetrated the formal city limits from the south,” he said, adding, “We’ve seen some encouraging initial successes.”

About 75 percent of the Ghazlani military base southwest of Mosul has been secured, he said. In addition, Iraqi forces have a “strong foothold” on liberating the Mosul airport.

The Iraqis have cleared terrain to the south and west of Mosul, he said, gaining 24 square miles within the last day, for a total of 100 square miles since the offensive began five days ago.

The captain pointed out the total territory gained since Oct. 17, when the battle for Mosul began, is about 1,500 square miles. That figure includes recently cleared eastern Mosul.

### TOUGH FIGHT EXPECTED

Resistance around western Mosul is “moderate,” Davis said, with the terrorists using improvised explosive devices and indirect fire to “harass and slow down”

Iraqi forces.

The terrorists have pulled back into west Mosul, he said, noting that the coalition expects a “very challenging fight,” since ISIS is entrenched in the area. “That’s dense urban terrain, more dense than what we saw in east Mosul in a place where they are well-dug in.”

Meanwhile, Iraqi forces continue defensive holding operations in eastern Mosul, he said, and the coalition continues to hit ISIS targets around Mosul. In the past 24 hours, coalition forces conducted six strikes in a total of 80 engagements. Targets included ISIS tactical units, mortar systems, rocket launchers, anti-air artillery systems, fighting positions, vehicles and weapons caches.

### SYRIA UPDATE

Coalition efforts are ongoing to support efforts to isolate the Syrian city of Raqqa and operations for the city of Bab, Davis said.

Bab “does appear to be largely liberated,” he said, explaining the Turkish military and vetted Syrian opposition forces are conducting operations in the vicinity of the city.

Feb. 23, the 112th day of operations to isolate Raqqa, Syrian Arab coalition forces conducted offensive operations northeast of that key city, Davis said.

Those efforts resulted in the clearing of large swaths of terrain along two axes and the taking of 67 square miles, he said, along with the liberation of several villages.



PHOTO BY SPC. CHRISTOPHER BRECHT

Iraqi soldiers practice weapon safety during urban environment training at Camp Taji, Iraq, Feb. 20.

### 30-DAY PLAN TO THE PRESIDENT

The Pentagon met Monday’s deadline for the 30-day review that President Donald J. Trump ordered about the plan to fight ISIS. As the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, highlighted Feb. 23, the review is a “whole-of-government plan that deals holistically with ISIS,” he said.

Davis described the plan as a “framework for a broader plan.”

However, he said, details of the strategy will remain private, explaining it is a “plan to attack an enemy and I don’t think we’re going to want to telegraph too much of it.”

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## Cyber security studies program bolsters defenders

By James Brooks

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

GARMISCH PARTENKIRCH-EN, Germany – Cyber security professionals from around the world returned home Feb. 16 with fresh perspectives and a renewed sense of urgency after working and learning together at the Marshall Center's Program on Cyber Security Studies resident course.

The 2 ½-week-long course, designed to build global cyber security capacity through understanding and formulating strategies, attracted 76 military and civilian cyber practitioners from 55 nations.

PCSS was launched three years ago to fill a specific gap in the cyber security realm. While many cyber classes focus on the technical aspects, the bits and bytes of computer networks, the Marshall Center program focuses on the dimensions government and military leaders navigate when devising national regulations and agreements involving modern-day networked communities.

"In 2 1/2 weeks, it's difficult for us to cover every topic with sufficient depth, skill and expertise but getting the right themes for what we need to consider in our professional duties is important. I think the participants and guest speakers recognize this is a difficult challenge to do," said PCSS Program Director Phil Lark. "We are blessed to have a unique model that absolutely works. That model represents the expertise of serving professionals, private industry leaders, and political leadership.



PHOTO BY C. TODD LOPEZ

Kerstin Vignard from the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva, Switzerland, gave a presentation on the United Nations Group of Government Experts and how cyber security implications are discussed on that global stage.

This balance of expertise and the ability of our participants' ability to interact with everyone is what is important. I want this course to form a team of professionals that really want to help each other and share after they leave here. "

Industry, government and academic experts in the cyber realm are an important part of the PCSS program. Guest speakers are invited not only for what they know but also for the accessibility and willingness to spend time, one-on-one, with participants looking for answers to their national cyber security concerns. But this professional exchange of ideas works both ways.

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Experts and how cyber security implications are discussed on that global stage. In return, she got much more.

"In today's world, courses like this one are essential for capacity building and networking. PCSS is also useful to find common ground and understanding between very diverse cultures, political positions and ideologies which are causing impediments to international agreements on cyber issues," Vignard said.

"This has been a great opportunity to meet practitioners from countries I don't normally come across. There are many participants from ministries of defense who I seldom get to meet in the United Nations framework. This is exactly the place where I want to spend my time," she added.

According to Lark, a successful

cyber discussion must take place with the people who are dealing with it on a daily basis in their respective nations. The participants who attend PCSS are already hard at work wrestling with cyber processes, policies and laws back home.

One of the participants in this PCSS class traveled thousands of miles from his home in Kenya. Lt. Col. Robert Koome is the chief of section of the communications department in the ministry of defense, there. PCSS was the right course to help him focus on his realities and to start formulating a plan of action.

"We have a lot that we need to do within our institutional framework. First, we don't have the capability of combating the threat. We need to come up with a policy. Especially the awareness, and the training of our people so they can get to know what is 'cyber' and how they can combat the menace," he said. "The significance of a course like this is that it has brought professional experts together. I think this is a good idea to share information, come together and look at our common problems and see possible solutions to tackle the common problem."

For other participants, PCSS is an important first step to becoming a successful cyber practitioner in greater leadership assignments. Last April, Germany announced plans to establish a dedicated "cyber information command in its armed forces. German Navy Commander Markus Lohmann is one of the military officers transferring to this fledgling organization. Besides

a better understanding of cyber security, he now possess a long list of international partners and friends he can rely on for help.

"This course changed many of my perspectives and points of view on cyber security. Two areas that really changed my opinion was protecting critical infrastructure and the need for public-private partnerships. The expertise of the participants from all over the world gives me the opportunity to contact them," said Lohmann.

The final guest speaker traveled from Washington, D.C., to stress the importance of the tasks that face these cyber practitioners when they leave the PCSS program. Principal Director for Cyber Policy within the U.S. Department of Defense Kate Charlet said cyber security is no longer a niche area with "geeks and nerds" stereotypes. It's a new world that demands experts who understand the issue and can make tough decisions.

"I can't stress how important it is to build this community. Learn from this community and partner together because that's what policy makers need to understand, Charlet told the participants. "We all have to learn this together and build the next generation of professionals. Everything we are doing today – and this PCSS event – is critical. We are going to rely on each other and that's more important than ever."

The Marshall Center's next PCSS course is scheduled for December, but people shouldn't expect it to be a digitally mastered reproduction of this program or the previous two.

## Marshall Center seminar looks at security in a new way

By Christine June

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

CHISINAU, Republic of Moldova — A new way of looking at security was shared by representatives working in various government ministries from the Black Sea and Eurasia region at the Economic Security Seminar held Feb. 15-16 in Chisinau.

"In the last 20 years, the concept of related security has changed to a more human type of security," said Dr. Valbona Zeneli, director of the Black Sea and Eurasia non-resident program at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. "We live in a globalized world, and we (Marshall Center) are aware that economic security and national security are mutually independent."

That's why, Zeneli said, the Marshall Center organized this Economic Security Seminar, which was the first of its kind in the Black Sea and Eurasia Region. She added that the Marshall Center would like to continue to have this type of seminars in the next couple of years.

This seminar was co-hosted by the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova. More than 50 people from seven countries in the region attended the seminar.

"Economic security is a complex notion," said U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova James Pettit, during opening remarks. "In today's world, the expansive nature of world finance and globalized economics suggest that each country's economic security is interdependent."

A variety of topics were discussed during panel sessions at the two-day seminar from the highly technical such as the gas pipelines' stream to the more future-oriented issues like how to balance gender equality to improve economic development.

Dr. Michael Miklaucic, director of research at National Defense University, presented global economic development and its impact on the Black Sea and Eurasia Region on the first day of the seminar.

"Economic security is the new face of security – a new way of looking at security, and I think it's an informed and educated way – a more modern way of looking at security," he said. "It's cutting edge, particularly, in this part of the world. The choices these countries make will have a profound difference in future economic success and prosperity."

Specifically, topics explored were: security challenges; global economic development and its impact; energy security; integration dilemma and the European Union and Eurasian Economic Union; good governance and inclusiveness for economic development; and, China's role in the Black Sea and Eurasia Region.

"These topics presented here are our top questions for my country, Ukraine, and only together, we will find answers," said Nataliia Haluhan, chief specialist for the Foreign Economic Security Department with the National Institute for Strategic Studies in Ukraine, who was a seminar participant. "The main idea of this conference is to help us to confront all these issues that

we currently have in the region like the integration dilemma in terms of the European Union and Eurasian Economic Union."

There was also a participant panel discussing regional cooperation. One of the panel members, Nikoloz Khatiashvili, a counselor with the Political Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Georgia, presented current reforms being implemented in his country.

"For this moment it's very important for countries in the Black Sea and Eurasia to work together because there are many challenges in the region," said Khatiashvili. "I think this kind of seminar helps to connect more people so they can find new solutions and ideas to solve these challenges and to cooperate with each other."

Miklaucic agreed. "I think this seminar is incredibly important because this is where we talk about every global problem hitting the region. Global cooperation starts with meeting people and understanding their different perspectives.

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# FUNCTIONALITY

## Army implements new, improved ammunition management system

By Terrance Bell  
Fort Lee Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. — The Army is implementing an updated ammunition management system with significantly improved cyber-attack resistance, greater transparency for ammunition managers and easier functionality for operators.

The Standard Army Ammunition System used by the service's active and reserve components to manage and control ammunition supply operations has received an update that significantly enhances its capability. System implementation began in January and is expected to be complete in July.

"This is a great development for the ammunition community," said Ricky Daniels, the product lead for Logistics Information Systems, which led a consolidated update effort. "It's been roughly 20 years since this system has received an improvement of such value."

### REAL-TIME AMMUNITION ASSET VISIBILITY

The new version boasts the added versatility of cloud-based computing, which features a centralized server and database that provide near real-time ammunition asset visibility across the entire network architecture, Daniels said.

"A cloud-based system allows

our cyber guys to better monitor what's going on -- who's on the network, where they are, and whether they have the correct software updates," he said. "It provides them an enhanced capability to deny unauthorized individuals from getting into the system."

SAAS's transparency also has been bolstered. Ammunition information under the new system "can be rolled up at the highest levels," Daniels said, "so that managers and planners can see what kind of ammunition we have, what we need and where we need it."

As a result, he added, "ammunition purchases can be better streamlined because we can better project requirements and shipments with improved cost efficiencies."

### EASIER TO USE

The new system also is easier to use, Daniels said, describing it as one that "has the Microsoft Office touch and feel." The SAAS modification, he added, sports a user interface reminiscent of the most popular software programs.

"That is an important element in the modification," he said. "It allows soldiers to undertake their day-to-day missions at a faster pace, and they don't have to do the manual things necessary with the prior version of SAAS."

Reports can be generated more



PHOTO BY TERRANCE BELL

**Spc. Robert Woodworth feeds ammunition to Spc. John Thrasher's M240B machine gun as the two help to provide covering fire for their platoon during the assault on an enemy position that was part of a war-game exercise held at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 4, 2011.**

quickly, Daniels added, "and we can more easily cross-level assets from one unit to the next. There's a mandatory technical benefit security-wise of this update, but the second and third-order effects are that soldiers can perform tasks more efficiently."

The next step in the SAAS implementation is to complete the migration of the various installation activities and tactical units around the world. So far, U.S.

Army Europe is already online, and user feedback has been positive, he said.

"We've heard some very good comments from USAEUR -- 'Wow, this is great. I can do my job better than with the old system.' That's taking care of the Soldier," Daniels said. "Update the system, but if you can benefit the Soldier, as well, that's great."

The U.S. Army Software Development Center at Fort Lee and a

team of contractors were responsible for the system modification. The Combined Arms Support Command here and the Army Staff's logistics section oversaw the functional aspects of the project.

SAAS has undergone several modifications since its inception in the 1980s. The current update will act as a bridge to the rollout of an entirely new management system due to go online in the next five or six years, Daniels said.

## Army on track to meet 2025 data center reduction goal

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has reduced the number of data centers across the force by about 38 percent and has, in one area, already exceeded a reduction goal set by the Office of Management and Budget.

In December, then Army Secretary Eric Fanning issued a memorandum re-emphasizing Army goals for data center consolidation, as well as the reduction in enterprise applications that must happen in tandem with the consolidation.

As part of its data center consolidation plan, 1,157 Army Enterprise Data Centers have been identified for closure across the force. According to a Feb. 6 report from the Army's Office of the Chief Information Officer/G-6, 94 of 230 "tiered data centers," or 41 percent, have been closed already. That exceeds OMB's requirement of 25 percent.

Additionally, 344 of 927 "non-tiered data centers," or 37 percent, have been closed.

### GOAL OF 10

The end-state for the Army, according to Gary Wang, the deputy CIO/G6, is to bring the total number of Army Enterprise Data Centers down to about 10 by 2025. Six of those will be located outside the continental United States. The other four, inside the continental United States, will be located at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Carson, Colorado; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

"Security has been a driver," said Wang of the reason for the closing of so many Army data centers. "But cost efficiency has also been a benefit. The other intangible kind of benefit that industry has kind of noticed is that it forces the organization to be more agile, in terms of being able to adjust to environmental kinds of things that happen."

Preparing the 10 data centers that will remain ready to service the entire Army is also part of the initiative. That will mean, according to Wang, ensuring the data centers are consistent in terms of standards and "how



PHOTO BY SGT. JOSE A. TORRES JR.

**The Army has reduced the number of datacenters across the force by about 38 percent. In one area, exceeding goals set for it by the Office of Management and Budget.**

they offer their services."

"Part of it is making sure ... the environments are consistent across the board, so essentially you can go to any one of the four [U.S. locations], and ideally they would be identical," he said. "But I'd be happy with 95 percent."

### SAVING \$56 MILLION

To date, progress on Army Enterprise Data Centers consolidation has included the decommissioning of 2,848 servers, the reduction of the amount of floor space housing servers by about 154,000 square feet, and a cost savings of more than \$56 million.

According to A.J. Bognar, the Army's lead for data center consolidation, a data center can be a single server under a desk, or much more. "If it computes and stores data, it's a data center," he explained. "It could be one server, or it could be a more traditional type of facility, a brick-and-mortar facility with many racks of computing equipment, many servers and storage devices."

The data centers being targeted for closure and consolidation are typically those that host a large number of Army enterprise applications that serve more than one installa-

tion, according to Wang. Those applications are typically multi-user, web-based applications that perform business, warfighting, command and control, and other enterprise functions.

A reduction of the number of applications the Army uses across the force will be required before the remaining applications can be migrated to the data centers that will remain, Bognar said.

"The biggest part is getting the applications out of the data center," he said. "In order to do that we have to make sure the application is ready to move into the enterprise environment. Is the application virtualized?"

### SHARING VIRTUALIZED ENVIRONMENT

Bognar said that applications the Army now uses -- some of which are decades old and were written for now-outdated operating systems -- typically run one application to one server. To achieve a consolidation of data centers, those applications will need to run in a virtualized environment. That means that many applications, Bognar said, could end up running on a single server.

"You can see how we can gain efficiencies there," Bognar said. "Instead of hosting 100 racks, I can go down to five racks."

To make that happen, application owners must first invest to update those applications to run in such an environment.

"We have to modernize as well if we want to be successful in an enterprise-hosting environment," he said. In addition, the applications must be updated to comply with more robust security requirements, he said.

The Army also hopes to reduce the total number of enterprise applications in use.

"Part of the cloud drive is what we call application rationalization," Wang said. "What we found is a number of commands may procure or buy commercial off-the-shelf applications, but it could be six flavors of the same function. It becomes very unwieldy. Sometimes they can have interoperability issues if you want to move data."

Wang said supporting such a wide variety of applications, many of which perform the same function as other applications already in use by the Army, is both costly and complex.

Application rationalization, he explained, is an effort to reduce the number of applications in use across the Army in areas such as human resources, finances, logistics and engineering.

"[It's] saying we don't need three versions of financial manipulation software," he said.

### EFFICACY AND EFFICIENCY

Wang envisions the Army ultimately turning to commercial cloud services later in the consolidation effort to provide a portion of the computing power to the force.

For now, he said, it's likely that about 90 percent of applications would run on government-owned, government-operated systems, with the remaining 10 percent running on corporate-owned, corporate-operated systems located on military bases. But he hopes that will change.

"Over time I'd like it to be the other way, where it's maybe 10 percent where we own stuff," he said.

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# JCS chairman discusses strategy, threats

By Jim Garamone  
*Defense Media Activity*

FORT MEADE, Md. — Countering the threats posed by Russia, China, Iran and North Korea – and countering violent extremism – is still the correct way to benchmark what the Defense Department must do to prepare the joint force, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said at the Brookings Institution Feb. 23.

Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford spoke generally about strategy and specifically about Russia and Syria during a session with Brookings Fellow Michael O’Hanlon.

“If you look at the capabilities presented by those four-plus-one threats ... it gives you the full spectrum of the challenges we may face,” the chairman said.

Dunford hastened to add that he does not anticipate fighting any of these nation states, but they present the capabilities that the U.S. military would have to overcome should deterrence fail.

### EXISTENTIAL THREAT

Russia is an existential threat to the United States, he said. The nation is modernizing its nuclear enterprise, cyber capabilities, land, sea and air forces and space capabilities. And Russia has a strategy that uses information, cyber, diplomacy and military capabilities short

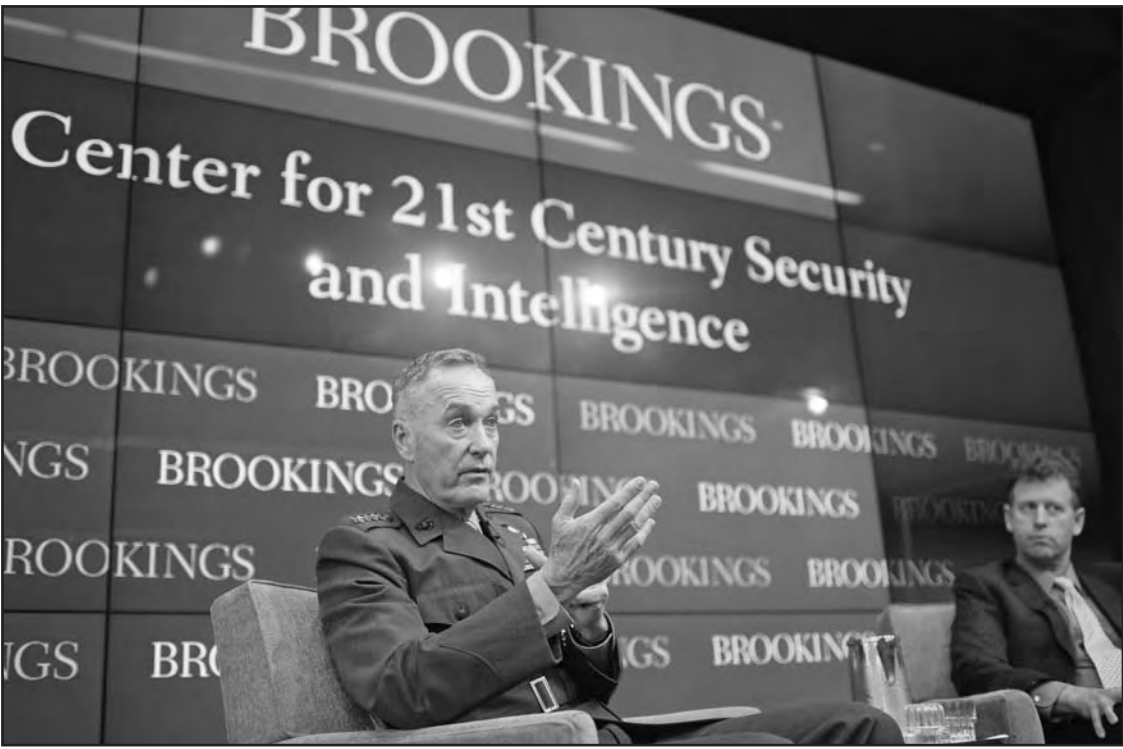


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Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., Feb. 23.

of war to accomplish strategic goals.

“What they seek to do in all of that is to undermine the credibility of our ability to meet our alliance commitments to NATO and then [operating against] the cohesion of the NATO alliance would be would be an objective of Russian activity,” he said.

Dunford reiterated U.S. support for NATO and said the United States is fully prepared to meet Article 5 commitments to NATO allies – an attack on one nation is an attack on all. He also reiterated his earlier state-

ments that NATO nations need to meet their agreed-upon goal of spending 2 percent of gross domestic product on defense. Only five nations do so now.

It is also important that the alliance continue to transform, “to be relevant for the threats of today and tomorrow,” the chairman said.

### GERASIMOV MEETING

Dunford said his recent meeting with Russian chief of defense Gen. Valery Gerasimov in Baku, Azerbaijan, was a chance to keep the lines of communica-

tion open to minimize chances of misunderstandings between the two nations becoming incidents.

The U.S. military cannot, by law, cooperate with the Russian military, he noted, but that does not and should not preclude communications. The chairman said that U.S. and Russian officials communicate at the purely tactical level to ensure there is no conflict between the two sides over Syria.

In discussing operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, Dunford stressed that

the 30-day review that President Donald J. Trump ordered is a political-military plan. “In the development of the plan, we have been engaged at every level of the State Department,” he said. The intelligence community and the Treasury Department have also been full members in forming the plan.

“Anything we do on the ground has to be in the context of political objectives or it is not going to be successful,” the chairman said. “We are in the business of providing integrated options to the president to deal with the challenge he has articulated. It will be a whole-of-government approach.”

### TRANSREGIONAL THREAT

The threat that needs to be addressed is not contained within Syria and Iraq, Dunford said, it is transregional. “In this particular case, we are talking about ISIS, but it’s also al-Qaida and other groups that present a transregional threat. When we go to the president with options, it will be in the context of a transregional threat.”

The plan needs to cut the connective tissue between the groups that now form the threat, the chairman said. “Then, working in cooperation with local and coalition forces, drive the threat down to the point where local law enforcement and security forces can deal with that threat.”

## Bullying

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they think.

“There are ways that they can find out who you are ... and there are laws against bullying or harassment,” she said. “Measures have been taken to address those who are behind cyber bully attacks, especially in instances that lead to harm – people can be prosecuted for this.”

People need to think twice when it comes to bullying another individual, she added, and when people notice situations of bullying, they should step in to help those who

are being bullied – either directly or indirectly – by letting someone know.

“When you see these situations, it’s OK for you to step in and be their protector,” said Newsome. “What if that was your mom, your sister, your brother?”

“Be that super hero that some people need because not everybody is able to (stand up for themselves),” she said. “Let’s start a legacy of being a generation that leads good lives and leads by example.”

Soldiers from the Warrant Officer Candidate School were also invited to share stories of bullying and speak on

the impacts it can have on others, but despite the efforts, Brooks said the fight is never done.

This was the second year the rally has been held, and Brooks hopes to continue holding the rally each year to make sure she can spread the message that bullying is not OK.

“We’re going to try to continue this every year,” she said. “I’m excited about (bringing about this awareness) and I feel like we can actually make a difference with this. Even if I reach only one person, at least they’re informed and they are aware that they have our support.”

## Dental

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Conducting these screening is important to bring about awareness of the importance of dental health for not only the children, but for the parents, as well, who were notified if an issue was noticed, said Bagley.

“We look for (any issues because) they can cause infections and pain in the child, which can lead to them having problems with them eating, speaking, playing and learning,” she said.

For children to keep their teeth healthy, parents should teach their children to take care of their teeth the same way adults do – by brushing regularly, flossing, healthy eating and going for regular dental health checkups, said the dentist.

“They should avoid sugary foods like sodas and energy drinks, and just eat healthy foods, like fruits,” she said.

Most commonly the biggest thing people tend to forget when it comes to proper tooth care is flossing, said Bagley, which is not just an issue seen in children, but in

adults, as well.

“If it’s an inconvenience, then people tend to not do it,” she said, adding that people should make sure to floss regularly and get their children in the habit of flossing at an early age to promote good dental health habits.

Poor dental health can lead to pain, infections, and loss of teeth, and Bagley iterated that there are documented cases where infections can in some cases become life threatening, so people shouldn’t take oral hygiene lightly.

Although children’s primary teeth aren’t permanent, Bagley said it shouldn’t discourage people from making sure children take care of their teeth because although they won’t have their baby teeth forever, complications can lead to issues when their permanent teeth come in.

“Decay or issues with baby teeth can cause problems throughout, and the problems can affect the developing permanent teeth, as well, which can cause problems in the future,” she said, adding that prevention is the best medication.

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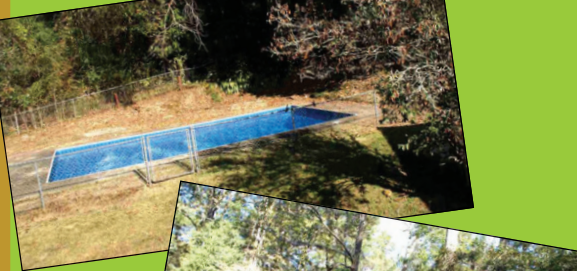
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A Gray Eagle UAS taxis at Marshall Army Airfield at Fort Riley, Kan., recently for F Co., 1st CAB, 1st ID Table 6 Aerial Gunnery Training.

# UAS GUNNERY

*1st ID Gray Eagle exercise a training first*

By Andy Massanet  
*1st Infantry Division Public Affairs*

FORT RILEY, Kan. — A milestone in the training with the Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft system has been reached at Fort Riley, and will enhance the ability of UAS technicians to prepare for and win in a combat zone.

Known to the Soldiers of the F Company, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, as Table VI Aerial Gunnery Training, it is more comprehensive than previous training scenarios and, up to now, has not been possible at Fort Riley, said Capt. Christopher Landers, F Co. commander.

Landers was pleased with the work his team accomplished during the recent training.

“We were able to complete four of the planned six crews on that one day,” he said. “The reason such training was not possible at Fort Riley before now was not due to a lack of resources at the post, but because the cycle of deployments were such that we had to do this training downrange. It was a matter of time constraints. So, doing a home-station gunnery like this is not common.”

Now, with more time between deployments, the need for this kind of training comes home and Fort Riley is at the forefront of meeting that need. “This is a big

deal for us,” said Fred Siebe, Douthitt Gunnery Complex manager, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. “It’s the first time they’ve been able to do Table VI here.”

The weeklong exercise required the Soldiers from the unit operate Gray Eagle UAS around the clock.

## UAS AND HELLFIRE

Gray Eagles can perform reconnaissance or deliver Hellfire missile ordnance. In fact, Landers said, the range of each Gray Eagle depends on whether or not it is carrying a payload of missiles.

“If they aren’t carrying missiles, they can

stay airborne for about 16 hours,” Landers said. “If they are armed, that number goes down to about 12.”

During the exercise, Gray Eagles found targets constructed by Siebe’s team and used a laser to paint the target. The Hellfire missile then used the laser to find and destroy the target, he said.

One aspect of the training involves the concept of “terminal guidance.” The UAS will acquire the target with the laser, Landers said, and the Hellfire will use the laser to find and destroy the target. The missile can also adjust its flight up to a certain mo-

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## HOMECOMING

A CH-47F Chinook helicopter waits to be unloaded from a C-5M Super Galaxy on Pope Army Airfield, N.C., Feb. 11. The 22nd Airlift Squadron from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., transported two Chinooks assigned to the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade from Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

# TRADOC breaks new ground with program



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. CASHMERE JEFFERSON

Like the Army Warfighting Assessments, including this one in October at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Network Integration Evaluations, FIND and the CIE will allow the Army to explore ‘the art of possible’ using industry prototypes.

By Steve Stark and Margaret C. Roth  
*Army AL&T Magazine*

(Editor’s note: This article was originally published in the January-March 2017 issue of “Army AL&T Magazine.”)

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — With the establishment of the Forum for Innovative Novel Discovery and the Capabilities Information Exchange, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command has broken new ground, involving industry in creating innovative warfighting capabilities with a clear focus on future force development that will help both the Army Capabilities Integration Center and industry prioritize their efforts.

“We do have an opportunity to engage industry partners earlier in the requirements process, and we’re moving to do that through the CIE and also through the FIND process,” said Maj. Gen. Robert M. “Bo” Dyess, ARCIC deputy di-

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# Soldiers refine air assault skills

By Sgt. Neysa Canfield  
*101st Airborne Division Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs*

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Soldiers from 58th Signal Company, 101st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Sustainment Brigade, 101st Abn. Div., conducted a sling load training operation Feb. 10 with the help of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade.

The signal Soldiers validated the company’s ability to properly rig and transport equipment via sling load, said Sgt. Timothy Cruz, NCO in charge of the operation.

Sixty percent of the Soldiers who participated in the training had only practiced sling load operations while attending The Sabalauski Air Assault School, said Cruz.

The company teamed up with a 101st CAB aircrew that provided a CH-47 Chinook helicopter for the training.

In teams of three, air assault qualified Soldiers from the company rigged and transported equipment onto an aircraft. Teams had to rig their assigned equipment in

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PHOTO BY SGT. NEYSA CANFIELD

Soldiers from 58th Signal Company, 101st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Sustainment Brigade, 101st Abn. Div., attach a 10k generator to a CH-47 Chinook during the company’s sling load operation Feb. 10 on Fort Campbell, Ky.



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# UAS

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### COMING TO TERMS

Terms “gunnery” and “training table” bear defining. “The Aviation gunnery program is an event in which individuals, crews, teams, platoons and companies train to meet standards for weapons proficiency, as well as validate the operational readiness of the unit aerial weapons systems,” Landers said.

According to an article in Infantry magazine titled “Heavy

Weapons Gunnery in an Airborne-Air Assault Weapons Company,” by Capt. John Herger, “gunnery is a highly structured progression of training that begins with the assessment of basic individual skills and culminates with ... collective training.”

Gunnery crews exercise on a variety of different systems, or platforms, of which the Gray Eagle UAS is an example. It “focuses on the six tables in which crews certify on their mounted platforms,” Herger said.

The key to each training table is taking the individual Soldier from prerequisite training using classrooms, training aids, devices, simulators and simulations to live-fire exercises. With each successive training table, more and more Soldiers and units are involved and all are working in

concert with each other. Once Soldiers in a unit like Co. F, 1st CAB, 1st Inf. Div., reach Table VI qualification training, they are in what Herger calls a “gate to live fire.”

According to the Gunnery Table VI document, this week-long training qualifies aircraft and crews in “single live qualification.” Crews will be evaluated “on engaging moving and stationary targets using the UAS laser and or weapon system.”

Teaming up with Siebe’s range control staff, crews and aircraft of the Gray Eagle UAS system can train, prepare and be ready to meet and exceed mission requirements when called upon to do so.

There will be more such training at Fort Riley as the Gray Eagle team remains ready for future deployments.

# Skills

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less than 20 minutes and de-rig the equipment in less than 10 minutes, which was all in accordance with the sling load course field manual.

The company’s equipment included a Humvee, a joint network node, a satellite transportable terminal, and a 10k generator.

“The equipment we selected for the sling load operation was important because it is everything we need to run a signal mis-

sion,” said Cruz. “It was important to make the training as realistic as possible, so including the exact equipment we would need for a mission was crucial.”

For Pfc. Terrance Nails, multichannel transmission systems operator-maintainer, 58th Signal Co., the operation was a refresher of what he learned at air assault school.

“I was a bit nervous at first, but it was a great refresher and I had fun rigging the equipment and hooking it up to the aircraft,” said Nails. “My team leader, who

had previous experience in the training, was extremely helpful being that it was my first time.”

During the training, each team had at least one person with past experience in sling load operations, said Cruz.

“We made sure we mixed the new Soldiers and those who had previous experience together to ensure everything was rigged and loaded properly,” said Cruz. “It also allowed Soldiers and NCOs in the company to build trust with one another to

ensure the operation went smoothly.”

Cruz added that it is extremely important for all air assault Soldiers to stay proficient in their skills because they represent the only air assault division in the Army.

“The 101st Airborne Division is known for its rapid deployments, and we have to be ready in case we are called upon to provide support,” said Cruz. “Having the ability to internally, as a company, rig and load our equipment and provide [Soldiers] with signal support is what we strive for.”

# TRADOC

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rector.

The initial pilot for FIND brought six companies, chosen from 28 submissions responding to the FedBizOpps.gov announcement, to Washington Oct. 3-4 to present their research and development ideas and technologies to an audience of general officers from the Army’s acquisition, resources and requirements communities. “Essentially we’re just kind of teaching, mentoring,” Dyess said. “There was no prize of money or anything, but there was a point of contact so we could point them in that direction.”

TRADOC chose robotics and autonomous systems as the scope of the inaugural FIND, held in

conjunction with the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting & Exposition. “The next one that we do could be in another capability area,” Dyess said. The second FIND event is scheduled to coincide with the AUSA Global Force Symposium & Exposition slated for March 13-15 in Huntsville, Alabama. FIND is expected to continue as a semiannual event, timed to coincide with AUSA’s fall and spring meetings.

Lt. Col. Eric Van De Hey, who leads the Industry Engagement Branch in the Science and Technology Research and Accelerated Capabilities Division of ARCIC, described FIND as a rare opportunity for selected small businesses to hear firsthand how they could support the Army’s capability

needs. It brought the small business entities “before a panel of senior military folks, really looking at the resourcing requirements,” to answer questions such as, “What did the small business have to offer the Army? How could the Army shape those offerings?”

Held Dec. 15, CIE was designed to be a much broader forum, open to all interested members of industry, “to give them an overarching session of what we see the future Army needing and then breakout sessions to address one-on-one questions,” Van De Hey said.

By briefing industry on the Army’s needs, initiatives and concepts, ARCIC leaders hope that the Army will be better able to integrate industry into capability development early and, in

turn, help industry make better-informed R&D decisions. The inaugural CIE drew more than 100 companies, he said.

CIE is intended to be a recurring semiannual event to make it easier for industry—particularly companies that currently don’t work with the government—to navigate the bureaucracy or even obviate some of it. According to FedBizOpps.gov, “CIEs will emphasize long-range planning to define future decision points that consider equipment age, degradation of overmatch, industrial base viability and closure of capability gaps in the near-term (FYs 17-20), mid-term (FYs 21-30), and long-term (FYs 31-50) time frames, while allowing for cost-informed decisions that balance force gen-

eration needs for Force 2025 and Beyond.”

Taken together, said TRADOC spokesman Maj. Thomas Campbell, “the FIND and CIE initiatives demonstrate how TRADOC is leaning forward on working closely with our industry partners to both have a clear picture of what innovative ideas are already out there which could impact future force development, and to communicate our needs to industry early and often.” The result, Campbell said, will be to support the Defense Innovation Initiative of “accelerating the process of getting cutting-edge technology into the hands of our warfighters in order to maintain our technological edge over our adversaries.”



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# READ ACROSS AMERICA

## Library's Seusstival celebrates reading

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Center Library celebrated the joy of reading with an event that had families bouncing for joy.

In recognition of Read Across America Week and in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the library hosted its Seusstival celebration Tuesday where families were able to take photos with their favorite Dr. Seuss characters, play games and win prizes while celebrating the love of reading.

Cameron Hill, Center Library youth librarian, said the event is a good way introduce parents and families to the library and everything it has to offer.

"We like to have fun here at the library, so whatever we can do to have fun and get our patrons having fun and interested in the library we're all for," she said.

Throughout the festivities, children had the chance to fish for prizes, participate in games of corn hole, jump in an inflatable bounce house and compete against each other in sack races, something that Emily Dalton, military spouse, said she had a blast watching.

"This has been a lot of fun for my little girls," she said. "They've really had a blast playing with all the games and especially the sack race. I think I've watched them run through the race at least three times."

Dalton said that Dr. Seuss has been a staple in her home since she was a little girl, so the chance to be able to share the love of his literature with her daughters, Ashley and Erin, was something that brought her joy.

"I've always loved Dr. Seuss books," she said. "'The Cat in the Hat' is my favorite book of his, and I love that his work is so timeless that I can see the same love my girls have for his books that I did as a child.

"I can see that they're going to have the same type of memories associated with his stories that I do, because I feel like his works gives you a sense of wonderment



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Jasmin Hurtado, civilian, takes a photo of her son, Mason, as he sits with the Cat in the Hat and Thing 1 and Thing 2 during the Center Library's Seusstival celebration Tuesday.

and the ability to look at the world from a different viewpoint, and that's a lesson I can totally get behind," she continued. "Of course that's not how I saw it when I was younger, but I feel like that's the message he gets across with his work, which is just fine by me."

Melissa York, civilian, said she heard about the event through a friend and thought it would be a great day to spend with her children.

"We don't get to come onto (post) very often, but when we do it's always good fun," she said. "I'm glad things like this are open to us to attend, and I'm glad that there's a purpose behind it, too."

York said reading books is an important part of growing up that she feels is being lost as technology continues to become integrated into daily life.

"I think that not too many children pick up books to read anymore, and that's a little scary to me," she said. "I always encourage my children to read books, whether it's on their (tablet) or an actual book, I just want to them to read the stories for themselves and use their imaginations to see the characters come to life. I think that's incredibly important to children's development, and it's great that the library here is doing what they can to promote that."



Children take part in a sack race during the Center Library's Seusstival celebration Tuesday.



Oliver Grace, military family member, enjoys a game of corn hole as his mother, Tona, looks on during the Center Library's Seusstival celebration.

# Travel Extravaganza a 1-stop shop for vacations

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Hundreds of people turned out to get the latest information on vacation possibilities in this area and beyond at the Travel Extravaganza Feb. 22.

The 29th annual Travel Extravaganza was held at The Landing's ballroom where 60 vendors set up for people to browse their dream vacations, as well as win prizes ranging from hotel stays, gift baskets and amusement park tickets, all in one convenient location, according to Savery Wile, MWR Central business manager.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Soldiers and their families to see what all is available for their travel needs," she said. "The goal is to show some of the amazing, hassle-free and affordable travel options that MWR Central can help to provide."

As people walked in the doors



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Spc. Toni Green and Pvt. 1st Class Mykea Carroll, both of 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, speak with Christina Dawson, LBA Hospitality Pensacola representative, during the 29th annual Travel Extravaganza at The Landing's ballroom Feb. 22.

they were able to take part in the passport scavenger hunt game, which had each participant visiting various booths to have their logos marked off by vendors. Once all of their checks were marked off, they were entered to

win a chance at the door prizes.

Vendors from vacation destinations from all over were showing off their wares – from local getaways to cruises and destinations, including Panama City Beach, Destin and Orlando,

Florida; New Orleans; Atlanta; and even the Caribbean.

Sharon Filler, civilian from Enterprise, said she loves to come browse the different vendors to get an idea of what her next vacation destination might be.

"I feel like a lot of times people will do the same vacation year after year, so it's always nice to get new ideas," she said. "When you're stuck in the same place for a long time, you don't really start to see past your own front yard, so it's good to get some external perspective on what we might be able to get into, what we can afford and what we might not have thought of."

"We normally take vacations to the mountains in Tennessee because we love the outdoors and my husband is basically a mountain man," she continued, "but I think this time we'll try something different, like a cruise or something, because it's al-

ways nice to be able to broaden your horizons and try something new – you never know what you might really enjoy."

Although the prospect of being on a giant ship in the middle of the ocean didn't seem ideal to Filler's husband, Mason, he said he'd be open to the idea of something new.

"I can't say it would be my first choice of a vacation, but this does give us a good chance to see what ways we can change it up a bit," he said. "I might have to warm up to the idea of the cruise, but I'm open to exploring my options, and I think this is a really good place to be able to do that."

That ability to be able to explore options is precisely what Wile said she hopes the event is able to provide people in the local community.

"We just want to be able (show) people what is out there for them to explore," she said.



# ON POST

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

**Single-parent family game night**

Army Community Service, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will host a single-parent family game night March 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the post exchange food court. Free giveaways will be included at this initiative of the Fort Rucker Community Health Promotions Council Family Resiliency Work Group. The event will be open to authorized patrons – single parents who are active duty, retired, Department of Defense employees and their families. Registration deadline is Friday and registration is limited to the first 20 families to sign up. People can pre-register by calling 255-3359 or 255-9647.

**Resilience training**

Army Community Service will host its resilience training March 9 and 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. People need to register by Tuesday. For more information on attending a resilience training workshop or two-day training, or to schedule training for a family readiness group or staff members, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

**Panda craft**

The Center Library will host a panda craft session March 14 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to the first 40 children to register. The event will be Exceptional Family Member Program friendly and open to authorized patrons. For more information or to register, visit the library or call 255-3885.

**Home Buying Seminar**

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a home buying seminar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 15 in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 282. Topics will include: why buy a house, credit history, Veterans Affairs mortgage insurance, types of mortgages and applying for a mortgage. The discussion will be facilitated by ACS accredited financial counselors. Pre-registration is required by March 14. Free childcare will be available with registration. For more information and to register, call 255- 3765 or 255-9631. Registration can also be completed by going to <https://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/programs/financial-readiness>.

**Newcomers welcome**

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for March 17 from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Landing. Active-duty military, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and family members are encouraged by post officials to attend the newcomers orientation. A free light breakfast and Starbucks coffee will be served. For free childcare, people can register their children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomers welcome. For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-2887.

**Employment readiness class**

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room, with the next session March 16. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about noon. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program. For more information, call 255-2594.

**Go Green Skate Night**

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host its Go Green Skate Night March 17. Youth are welcome to wear green from their heads to their toes for a chance to take home a prize. Safety skate costs \$2 and will be from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Regular skate costs \$5 and will be from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Parents must be present. Payment is accepted by cash only. Participants must be registered with child and youth services. For more information, call 255-9108.

**Spouse Leadership Academy**

The Spouse Leadership Academy taking place March 21-22 focuses on helping spouses enhance their leadership capabilities, according to Army Community Ser-



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## Lifeguard training course

A lifeguard training course will be held at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center March 27-31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course is open to patrons ages 15 and up, and costs \$125 for Department of Defense ID card holders and \$150 for members of the general public. A prerequisite test on first day must be passed to enter the course. People can register at the front desk of the Fort Rucker PFC. The cutoff for registration is three days prior to the course start date. Candidates who take the training program are also eligible for employment with Fort Rucker MWR. All candidates who apply with Fort Rucker MWR Aquatics after successful completion of the training program will have 50 percent of their training fees reimbursed to them at the end of the 2017 summer season –must work through Labor Day. For more information on how to apply, call 255-9162. Pictured is a scene from a previous course.

vice officials. It combines several Army Family Team Building modules, leadership classes and resiliency training for successful leadership roles. The academy is open to spouses of platoon sergeants, first sergeants, sergeants major, commander sergeants major, flight school and Captain Career Course students, unit commanders, battalion commanders and brigade commander spouses, senior leadership spouses and spouses within family readiness groups.

For registration and more information, call 255-9578 or 255-3161.

**Blended Retirement System Seminar**

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a Blended Retirement System Seminar March 22 from 6-7 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in Rm. 282. The seminar will be a discussion of the significant changes to the current military retirement system, including how retirement pay will be calculated, continuation pay and the Thrift Savings Plan with matching government contributions. This discussion will be facilitated by ACS accredited financial counselors. Pre-registration is required by March 21. Free childcare is available with registration.

For more information and to register, call 255- 3765 or 255-9631.

**Federal jobs workshop**

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop March 23 from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The workshop is aimed at getting people the information they need to increase their federal employment possibilities. Participants will receive a free copy of Kathryn Troutman’s “Jobseeker’s Guide (7th Edition).” Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 people to register and the workshop is open to authorized patrons only.

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

**School age center spring break**

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host its spring break, with carnival as the theme, March 27-31. Officials said they have many carnival games and activities planned, and also field trips to Rucker Lanes, a pizza place, hiking at Beaver Lake and a trip to a marine park in Panama City, Florida, and a carnival finale. Spring break hours of operation will be 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. All children must be registered with child and youth services and be in first-fifth grade.

For more information, call 255-9108.

**Youth center spring break cooking, sports camp**

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host its spring break cooking and sports camp March 27-31. The camp will feature a trip to Panama City, Florida, bowling at Rucker

# DFMWR SPOTLIGHT

## March 2017 Outdoor Recreation Hunting & Fishing Events Open to the Public!

### Youth Turkey Hunt

**Saturday, March 11, Outdoor Recreation, 5–11 am**  
Entry Fee: \$15. Open to youth ages 7–15. Parent/escort of youth must have an Alabama State Hunting License and Hunter Education Completion Card.

### Two Man Buddy Bass Tournament

**Saturday, March 18, Lake Tholocco, 6 am–2 pm**  
Entry Fee: \$100 per team. Only 25 slots available. Top three weigh-in totals will receive a cash prize. Special prize for “Biggest Fish”. Participants must have an Alabama State Fishing License, Fort Rucker Post Fishing Permit and Fort Rucker Boater Safety Completion Card.

### Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt

**March 15–April 30, Outdoor Recreation**  
Entry Fee: \$25. Participants must have an Alabama State All Game License, Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and Hunter Education Completion Card. Alabama State regulation and Fort Rucker 215-1 regulation apply. The turkey must be harvested on Fort Rucker in order to qualify.

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Lanes and more. The camp will run from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and will be from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday. Youth must be members of child and youth services, ages 11-18 in grades six-12, to participate.

For membership information or to sign-up for membership, call 255-9638.

**Monster Jam Day Trip**

MWR Central will host a day trip to the Monster Jam Triple Threat Series March 11 in Pensacola, Florida. According to organizers, a few trucks who are expected to

be there are Grave Digger, Zombie, Scooby Doo, El Toro Loco, N.E.A., and Monster Mutt Rottweiler. The cost for this trip is \$47 per person and includes transportation, pre-race pit pass and ticket to the show. The buses will depart from the Bldg. 5700 parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and return around 6 p.m. that evening. MWR Central will also sell tickets in the office for \$30. Hearing protection is highly recommended for the show – people can purchase some at the arena or bring their own.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call 255-2997.

## FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2-5

**Thursday, March 2**

**A Monster Calls (PG-13)** ..... 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 3**

**Live By Night (R)** ..... 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 4**

**Studio Appreciation Advance Screening – Free Admission (PG-13)** ..... 4 p.m.

**Sunday, March 5**

**Patriots Day (R)** ..... 1 p.m.  
**Assassin's Creed (PG-13)** ..... 4 p.m.

TICKETS ARE \$6 FOR ADULTS AND \$5 FOR CHILDREN, 12 AND UNDER. MILITARY I.D. CARD HOLDERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 255-2408.



# CRITICAL TO THE FIGHT

## Veterans impacted civil rights movement

By Terrance Bell  
Fort Lee Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. — Medgar Evers, a World War II veteran who participated in the famed Red Ball Express logistical effort, marched head-first into the teeth of the civil rights struggle years later, muddying himself in the trenches of the movement's fight against segregation in Mississippi.

Amid the commitment to the cause, he conceded danger was a lurking proposition.

"I'm looking to be shot any time I step out of my car," he said. "If I die, it will be in a good cause. I've been fighting for America just as much as the Soldiers in Vietnam."

Hosea Williams, like Evers, also was a World War II veteran. Having survived a Nazi bombing in Europe under the command of Gen. George Patton, Williams had teetered on the steps of death after being hospitalized for nearly a year as a result of the attack. He was reacquainted with the pain of his experience and introduced to the companions of rebuke and humiliation — after he was beaten by whites "like a common dog" upon his return home for using a whites-only water fountain, he said.

"At that moment, I truly felt as if I had fought on the wrong side," Williams said later, noting his U.S. Army uniform worn at the time did not deter his attackers. "Then, and not until then, did I realize why God, time after time, had taken me to death's door, then spared my life — to be a general in the war for human rights and personal dignity."

The experiences of civil rights icons like Evers and Williams and a long list of others form a collective narrative of those who served in the U.S. military during WWII and the Korean War and then returned to their communities with newfound hope and aspirations to improve their lot in American society through various efforts of the civil rights movement.

From the perspective of retired Lt. Col. John Boyd, black war veterans were critical to the fight for civil rights.

"They had a great impact on the movement," said the Mechanicsville resident and veteran of the Vietnam War. "I would go as far to say if it wasn't for the black Soldiers who came back from World War II and the Korean War and lent their expertise to the cause, Dr. King and the other ministers would not have been able to effectively organize [the masses] as they did."

Civil rights for African-Americans, or the "human rights and personal dignity" Williams referred to, have been elusive commodities for the better part of their existence. WWII, like all wars before it (and many since), was yet another opportunity to validate their place as American citizens and claim the rights and privileges they were persistently denied. Retired Col. Porcher "PT" Taylor, a combat veteran of WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars, said risking life and limb for one's country makes a powerful argument for reciprocity.

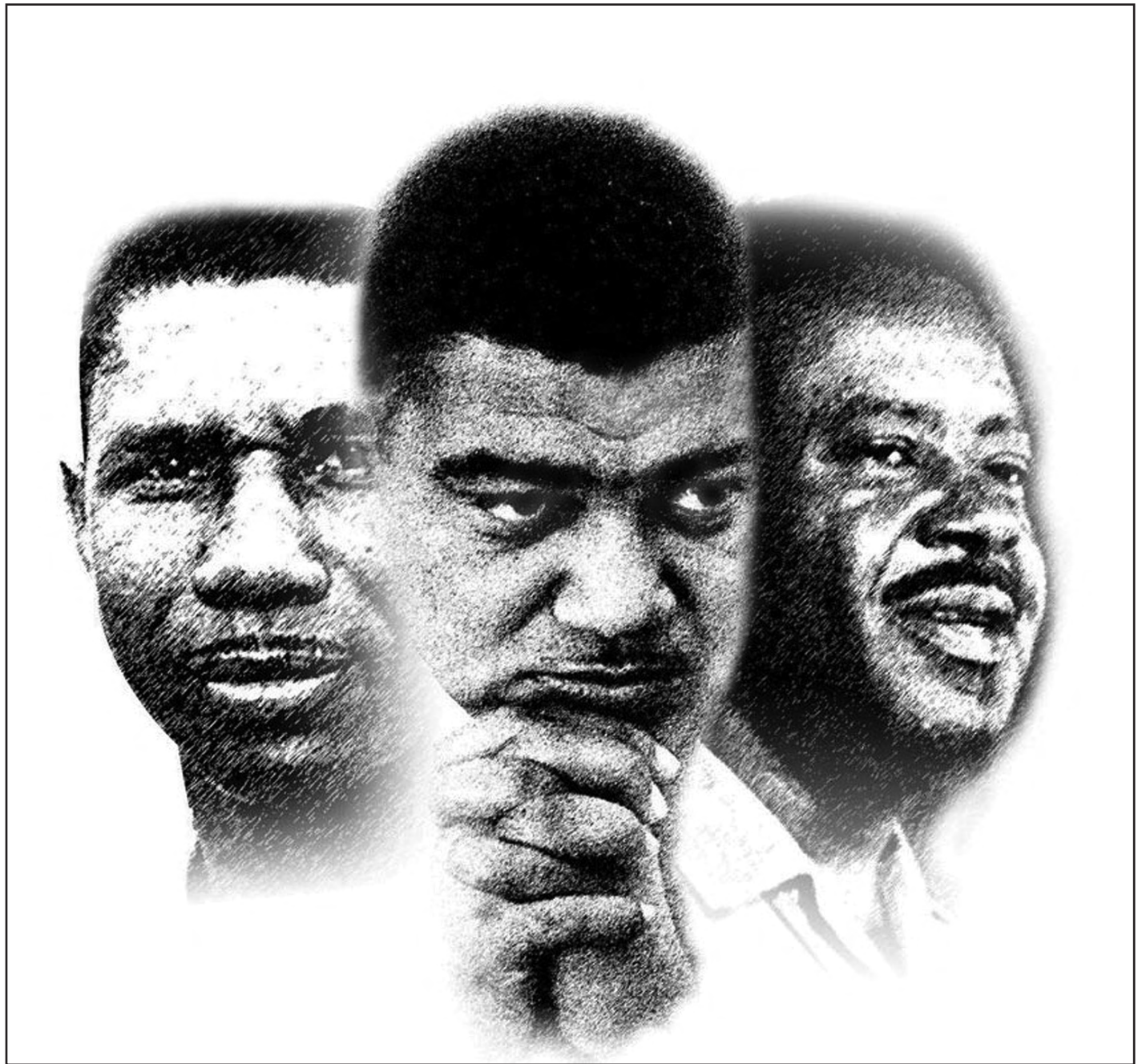
"When you go out there on the battlefield and you're fighting for your life and the lives of the people you're serving with, it's a big difference compared to the ordinary citizen who did not serve," said the 91-year-old Petersburg resident. "The country is then indebted to that person. It's an obligation."

African-American men and women who served during WWII and the Korean War numbered more than 1.5 million, despite enduring racism and discrimination on the homefront and within the ranks. In addition to returning with heightened expectations because of their battlefield sacrifices, many returned with unique perspectives on life and liberty, especially since many had been exposed to Europe and its more tolerant racial climates. Black military members also gained communication, organizational and leadership skills they might have never acquired as civilians, Taylor said.

Take, for example, Whitney Young. Enlisting in the Army in 1942, he attained the rank of first sergeant in just three weeks, according to [www.mallhistory.org](http://www.mallhistory.org). His rapid ascent in a segregated unit caused some resentment among his fellow Soldiers and members of his unit's white leadership. As a result, he was often called upon to mediate between the two groups.

"It was my Army experience that decided me on getting into the race relations field after the war," Young said. "Not just because I saw the problems, but because I saw the potentials, too. I grew up with a basic belief in the inherent decency of human beings."

Young eventually became executive director of the National Urban League in



GRAPHIC BY TERRANCE BELL

Medgar Evers, Whitney Young and Ralph Abernathy were among the many figures of the Civil Rights Movement who served during World War II and the Korean War.

1961 and a major player in the civil rights Movement.

In addition to the varied and once-in-a-lifetime experiences common to military service, black veterans who served in WWII also were provided with unprecedented educational opportunities. The Servicemen Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the GI Bill, provided them access to a free college education, although discrimination prevented many from receiving benefits. Williams and Evers were both educated under the GI Bill, as well as others like Ralph Abernathy, a confidante of King, and Harry Belafonte, an entertainer and activist.

Education was an important factor in the civil rights movement, Taylor said, but the African-American war experience, especially the segregated conditions of WWII, was the rock-solid premise for civic action and responsibility.

He noted how blacks desired more important roles in the war effort than the menial jobs most were relegated to, and how they longed for some measure of human dignity in light of the humiliating subjugation they experienced in comparison to German prisoners of war.

Further, Taylor cited those like championship boxer Joe Louis, who enlisted in the Army while still the world heavyweight champion. Louis was familiar with the challenges blacks faced during the war and gladly gave up thousands of dollars in profits to advocate for their cause. His efforts resulted in helping future baseball player Jackie Robinson and others gain acceptance into officer candidate school. Robinson would go on to assume the lead role in knocking down major league baseball's walls of segregation.

There are various other examples of this wartime service-civic responsibility dynamic. The work of Amzie Moore and Aaron Henry, both WWII veterans who noted the racism inherent in military segregation, were spurred to wage war against segregation in postwar Mississippi. They did not command the spotlight like the high-profile Louis, yet their work as white establishment agitators was far more dangerous. The two eventually helped to organize such efforts as voter registration campaigns and economic boycotts all over the state despite looming threats of violence.

The sense of frustration African-Americans felt while serving their country is perhaps no better illustrated than by the work of one Grant Reynolds. He, like so many before him, entered a WWII Army with high aspirations to do his part for the war cause. He was trained as a chaplain but resigned his commission a few years later due to the "brazen racism" he had witnessed, according to [www.blackpast.org](http://www.blackpast.org).

Ironically, Reynolds channeled his experiences and with A. Philip Randolph, established the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training in

1947. The group's efforts led to President Harry S. Truman's Executive Order 9981 that integrated the services in 1948.

Truman's mandate, which did not erase military segregation all at once — complete integration did not occur until the mid-1950s -- served in many respects as the basis for the various legislation signed into law years later to include the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that guaranteed civil and voting rights for all people.

Those two pieces of legislation are the crowning achievement of the civil rights movement and the signature of warriors like Williams and Evers, who committed themselves to the well-being of their country in and out of uniform, despite the cost. Perhaps their earlier brushes with mortality served as the opening salvos in their fight for human rights and dignity.

It's plausible they believed they had lit-

tle to lose in light of what could be gained. Evers seemed to be at peace with the notion.

"Freedom has never been free," he said. "I love my children and I love my wife with all of my heart. And I would die, die gladly, if that would make a better life for them."

Williams, one of King's top lieutenants, fought long and hard for civil and human rights over the course of his life. He is best known for courageously leading the first Selma to Montgomery March of 1965. He died in 2000.

Evers participated in numerous causes in the name of equal rights and justice. He carried the title of NAACP field secretary for the state of Mississippi when he was tragically gunned down in 1963 at the hands of a white supremacist.

In 1994, Evers' killer was brought to justice. Today, the state of Mississippi is far removed from its segregationist past.

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# ‘HACKSAW RIDGE’

## Private Doss: Unlikely hero featured in award-winning movie

By Katie Lange  
Defense Media Activity

FORT MEADE, Md. — With the 2017 Academy Awards still fresh in people’s memories, it is fitting to highlight World War II Army Pfc. Desmond Doss, whose life and heroics were featured in the Oscar-winning film “Hacksaw Ridge.”

Spoiler Alert: You might not want to read further if you don’t know his story and still want to see the movie. For those who have, there are a few more details here that weren’t shared in the movie.

Doss grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia, and was a Seventh Day Adventist, which meant he was a pacifist – he didn’t believe in violence and chose not to bear arms. His beliefs and his job as a defense industry worker provided him draft exemption during the war, but he dismissed that chance to defer. Doss wanted to serve his country, so he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps as a noncombatant.

But because of his conscientious objector status – including his refusal to handle duties on the Saturday Sabbath – boot camp wasn’t easy for him. He was threatened and harassed. Many of the other recruits threw shoes at him while he prayed and they tried to have him transferred out of their unit.

They weren’t successful, though, and Doss proved them all wrong during his service with the 307th Infantry, 77th Infantry Division.

In late April 1945, 26-year-old Doss and his battalion were called upon to help fight near Urasoe Mura, Okinawa, in a campaign that would be one of the last and biggest in the Pacific. Using cargo nets, Doss’ battalion was tasked with climbing a treacherous, 400-foot-high jagged cliff, nicknamed Hacksaw Ridge, to get to a plateau. Waiting for them were thousands of heavily armed Japanese soldiers entrenched in hidden caves and holes.

During the month-long campaign, Doss treated several injured men, dressing their wounds right in front of the enemy before dragging them to safety.

About a week into the fight, Doss was the only medic available to advance with the rest of the men, who were close to taking the ridge from the enemy. It was



ARMY PHOTO

Army Pvt. Desmond Doss receiving the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman, Oct. 12, 1945.

his Sabbath, but Doss joined his men anyway, just as the Japanese concentrated massive artillery and other heavy fire on them.

The assault left many dead and injured Soldiers in its wake. The remaining Americans were driven back down the escarpment, except for Doss. He was the only one to remain with the wounded.

Over the span of several hours, Doss treated the injured and, one by one, dragged them to the edge of the cliff and lowered them to safety in a rope sling. After each successful delivery, he reportedly said, “Dear God, let me get just one more man.”

By nightfall, he had rescued 75 Soldiers, including many of the men who had berated him earlier in his military career.

His heroics didn’t end there, though. Days later, as the Americans continued their slow advance, Doss was seriously wounded in the leg by a grenade. Instead

of calling on another medic for help, he treated himself and waited five hours to be rescued.

As he was being carried back to an aid station, his unit was attacked again. Doss insisted that another badly injured Soldier take his spot on the stretcher.

As he continued his trek on foot, Doss was hit by a sniper, shattering his arm. He managed to make a splint out of a rifle stock, and he eventually made it to the aid station for treatment.

There was confusion over Doss’ whereabouts, though, so he was reported dead. The news even made it back to his hometown of Lynchburg where it made the front page. Doss cleared up the confusion by writing a letter to his mother proving he was, in fact, alive.

In October 1945, Doss was brought back to the states and had the bullet removed from his shattered arm. After the surgery, he was taken straight to Washington, D.C., where President Harry Tru-

man placed the Medal of Honor around his neck.

During his military career, Doss also received the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star, all without harming another human being.

As for the men who had shamed him during boot camp? They had nothing but praise for him after the war.

“He was one of the bravest persons alive and then to have him end up saving my life was the irony of the whole thing,” said Capt. Jack Glover in a documentary about Doss’ life. Glover had wanted Doss out of the unit when he first joined up.

Doss died in 2006 at the age of 87. He was always proud of his service, saying being a medic was “the most rewarding work there is.”

For more on the Medal of Honor winner, people can listen to Doss’ story in his own words through the Library of Congress Veterans History Project collections at <https://www.loc.gov/vets/>.



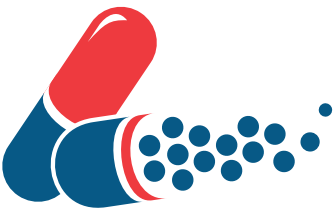
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Army Pvt. Desmond Doss, seen here at the top of Hacksaw Ridge, dragged severely injured men to the edge of the cliff and lowered them down to other medics below.




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# MILITARY SAVES WEEK

## Service members asked to pledge to take financial action

By Alecia D. Blair  
Military Saves Communications  
Project Manager

WASHINGTON — Military Saves Week, which continues through Saturday, is an opportunity to hit the pause button on the high-speed tempo of your military life and assess your financial fitness.

So, how are you doing? Much like improving your physical training score, could you improve your financial health? This Military Saves Week, create healthy savings habits by taking action.

Here's how and why it's so important.

Take the Pledge to Save. It works, really.

Jumpstart your financial fitness by creating healthy savings habits:

- Save automatically – through direct deposit, automatic transfer from checking to savings or allotment;
- Spend less than you earn and save the difference;
- Take the Military Saves Pledge at <https://militarysaves.org/for-savers/savings-tools-and-resources/take-the-pledge> to set short-term and long-term



MILITARY SAVES GRAPHIC

- savings goals;
- Set up a separate savings account for emergencies;
  - Pay down and manage debt;
  - Save for retirement, automatically, and take informed action in the Blended Retirement System; and
  - If you think taking a pledge won't help you start your savings goals, think again!

A survey from earlier this year of 1,313 individuals who took the America Saves Pledge reveals that it helped many start or continue to save. Nearly two-fifths said that taking the pledge was the main factor for starting to save more. Nearly one-fifth of respondents indicated that, while they had already started to save, taking the pledge improved their success at saving. For more than one-quarter,

taking the pledge helped them maintain the success they were already having.

So, take the pledge today and commit to saving.

### EDUCATE YOURSELF ON THE BRS

Between Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2018, the BRS goes into effect and service members with fewer than 12 years of service (as of Dec. 31) will be required to make an irrevocable decision – whether to opt in or out of the BRS.

According to the Department of Defense, “the new BRS combines the legacy 20-year military retirement system (the defined annuity), with a defined contribution plan, known as the Thrift Savings Plan or TSP, as it's more commonly referred to.

“The defined contribution component or TSP, includes automatic 1 percent DOD contributions after 60-days and up to 4 percent additional matching contributions after two-years of service to the member's TSP account.” That can mean a lot of retirement savings for you if you do your part—make an informed decision and commit to automatic retirement savings.

Currently, 81 percent of active service members leave the military with no retirement benefits. The new BRS will “ensure that nearly 85 percent of military service members leave the service with retirement benefits.”

So, take the pledge and educate yourself in 2017. Then, take informed, decisive action in 2018 to meet your retirement savings goals.

### KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR TRUSTED RESOURCES

If you're looking for a coach in your corner to give you the gentle nudge towards setting savings goals and following through on them, Military Saves has you covered with its Blended Retirement webpage at <https://militarysaves.org/for-savers/set-a-goal-what-to-save-for/save-for-retirement/blended-retirement-system>.

Think of Military Saves as your personal financial support system. Then become a part of the Military Saves savings community by receiving emails with the latest savings information, liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter.

To learn more about the BRS, visit the one-stop DOD shop at <http://militarypay.defense.gov/BlendedRetirement/>. Here, you will find a BRS Opt-In Course (both CAC and non-CAC required), infographics, timelines, informational videos and BRS calculators to help you run the numbers.

### SAVE WITH CONFIDENCE

You've got this! Taking decisive action will give you a leg up in preparation for the BRS by getting you in the automatic savings habit now. If you're already saving for retirement, maybe you can save 1 percent more, or set your sights on another goal, such as beefing up that emergency fund or saving for a large purchase, such as a home or car.

You can do this and, remember, Military Saves is here to help. Now, ready, set, save!

Set a goal. Make a plan. Save automatically.

## Setting goals, education key to building strong financial foundation

By FINRA Investor  
Education Foundation

Much is written about the need to set financial goals, but what if you are just starting out?

Maybe your experience saving money has been limited to tossing spare change in a jar. Maybe you've never invested a penny.

But now you know it's time you do something with your finances. And you know goals are important.

Which goals should you set and why? Here are four specific goals for those who are new to saving and investing. They are sound and can help you lay a strong financial foundation for the rest of your life.

1. Review your credit report and credit score. This one is easy and can be done in a few minutes. Request your free credit report by going to [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or calling (877) 322-8228. You can—and should—also get your credit score. When you take the Military Savers pledge, the FINRA Foundation will provide to service members and their spouses who have a .MIL email address no-cost access to our easy-to-use myFICO tool.

Why? Because reading your credit report lets you see what potential lenders see. It can also help you spot signs of identity theft. As for your credit score, it's a key factor in determining how much you will pay to borrow money. Scores range from approximately 300 to 850: the higher your score, the better the terms of credit you are likely to receive. Good credit management leads to higher credit scores, which in turn lowers your cost to borrow.

2. Put aside money in an emergency fund. Start this process by opening a savings account at a bank or credit union expressly for the purpose of putting money away for a rainy day.

Why? Because an emergency fund helps you deal with unplanned expenses – a car

repair, for instance – rather than put these expenses on a credit card, or be forced to cut corners or go without. And there's another benefit: you start saving on a regular basis at a bank or credit union – a healthy habit to develop.

3. Save and invest at least 10 percent of what you make. The easiest way to accomplish this is through an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as the Thrift Savings Plan. Enroll, if you haven't already – and contribute at a double-digit level, or as much as you can, while staying within your budget. Most retirement saving accounts offer balanced funds (stocks and bonds) to help you diversify your investments, and lifecycle funds that help reduce risk as you age.

Why? Because many investment professionals believe that saving 10 percent is the minimum you need to save to ensure a comfortable retirement. Chances are you'll need to increase the amount you are currently saving. Federal civilian employees automatically deposit three percent of their salary into the TSP (the contribution election can later be stopped, reduced or increased), which is often the norm for many civilian workers, but well short of what is likely needed down the retirement road.

4. Read one book on personal finance. Pick a book that speaks to where you are in your life – for instance, if you're in your 20s and just starting out, read a book geared to millennials just beginning to save and invest.

Why? Because we all have to start somewhere when it comes to learning about a new subject. Books about personal finance tend to touch on an array of valuable financial areas, from investing to life insurance, and each area is worth learning about. Chances are you'll find the book far more interesting, and more understandable, than you thought it would be.

Need some pointers on how to get started? Visit <https://www.saveandinvest.org/military> for information geared toward the military.



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# Opp hosts 57th Rattlesnake Rodeo

City of Opp  
Press Release

The 57th annual Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo is scheduled for March 11-12. The rodeo is a family-friendly event with arts and crafts, food vendors (including rattlesnake meat), children’s activities, live entertainment, and rattlesnake shows and races, according to organizers. Admission is \$10.

Gates open at 8 a.m. March 11 and events kick off with a 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. starting at Opp High School.

Opening ceremonies will take place beginning at noon. The World Championship Buck Dancing Contest will be held at 3 p.m. and a greasy pole climbing contest will be held at 5 p.m.

Martin McDaniel kicks off this year’s concert series March 11 at 6 p.m., followed by Chris Janson at 7 p.m.

McDaniel will warm up the stage again March 12 beginning at 3:30 p.m. and Confederate Railroad will take the stage at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 334-493-2122 or visit [www.rattlesnakerodeo.com](http://www.rattlesnakerodeo.com).



## WIREFLASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### ANDALUSIA

**ONGOING** — Andalusia Public Library offers free practice tests. Patrons can choose from more than 300 online tests based on official exams such as the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, firefighter, police officer, paramedic, U.S. citizenship and many more. Patrons may select to take a test and receive immediate scoring. Test results are stored in personalized individual accounts, accessible only to patrons. Call 222-6612 for more information.

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

### DALEVILLE

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

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

### DOTHAN

**NOW-MARCH 31** — The Wiregrass Museum of Art will open its 2017 Youth Art Month exhibition on March 1. The month-long observance includes a juried exhibition of art by K-12 students from the Wiregrass area, as well as Out of the (Art) Box, WMA's own installation competition for high school groups. An opening reception for the exhibition will be held March 1 from 5-7 p.m. It is open to the public and will include the announcement of several awards.

WMA's galleries are open to the public Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private tours and activities can be arranged by appointment on Mondays and Tuesdays. General admission is free. For more information, call 334-794-3871, Ext. 27.

**MARCH 14-18** — Southeast Alabama Community Theatre presents “9 to 5 The Musical,” with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton. The show is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie, set in the late 1970s. Tickets will go on sale Feb. 27 online at [www.SEACT.com](http://www.SEACT.com), [www.DothanCivicCenter.org](http://www.DothanCivicCenter.org), or by contacting the Dothan Civic Center Box Office 334-615-3175. Tickets are \$25 for

adults and \$23 for students, seniors 65 and older, military with ID – limit of two. The Dothan Opera House lobby opens at 6 p.m. with tickets on sale if the performance is not sold out. Reserved seating begins at 6:30 p.m.

### ENTERPRISE

**MARCH 9** — The Coffee County Arts Alliance will host “MJ Live - A Michael Jackson Tribute Concert” at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. Direct from Las Vegas, this show features the energy, excitement, spectacle and pure joy of legendary superstar Michael Jackson and his music as portrayed by Jalles Franca, according to organizers. People will be able to hear favorites such as “Beat It,” “The Girl Is Mine,” “Billy Jean,” “Thriller,” “and more. Tickets purchased in advance cost \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. The day of the event, tickets will cost \$30 for adults and \$23 for students. Tickets are available at MWR Central and various locations throughout the Wiregrass. For more information, call 334-406-2787 or visit [www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com](http://www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com).

**ONGOING** — The Enterprise baseball team is starting a league and is in need of players. High school- and college-aged people are eligible to play. Tryouts will be held every weekend until April. For more information, including times and locations of tryouts, call 334-347-1660.

### GENEVA

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

### MIDLAND CITY

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

### NEW BROCKTON

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

**ONGOING** — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school. Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

### OZARK

**MARCH 10** — St. Michael’s Episcopal Church will host Judicael Perroy, classical guitarist, for a free concert at 7 p.m. Following the concert, there will be a meet-the-artist reception in the church parish hall. The church is located at 427 Camilla Avenue.

**ONGOING** — AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at noon at the Lutheran Prince of Peace. For more information, call 618-513-1258.

### PINCKARD

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

### SAMSON

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

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

### TROY

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

### WIREFLASS AREA

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

**ONGOING** — The Marine Corps League, Wiregrass Det. 752, welcomes all Marines, Navy corpsmen and chaplains, and their families, to its monthly meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Attendees are welcome to arrive early for food

## Beyond Briefs

### Orange Beach Festival of Art

The Orange Beach Festival of Art is scheduled for March 11-12 at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach. The free festival is two days of fine arts featuring visual, musical, performance and culinary arts, according to organizers. The event will feature more than 100 fine artists showcasing their award-winning art in a variety of mediums, including clay, glass, oils, watercolor, jewelry, wood, photography and more. The Kids Art Alley presents high quality hands-on art projects for children of all ages.

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

### Lighthouse climb

Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse

The St. George Lighthouse will host a full moon climb to the top of the lighthouse to watch the sun set and the rise of the full moon March 12 from 7:30-9 p.m. The climb includes light hors d’oeuvres and sparkling cider to toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The lighthouse is located at 2B East Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Florida. For more information, call 850-927-7745 or visit [www.stgeorgelight.org/](http://www.stgeorgelight.org/).

### Mobile Chocolate Festival

The Mobile Chocolate Festival is scheduled for March 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Grounds, located at 1035 Cody Road North. The event will feature vendors offering chocolate-related products for sampling and purchasing, a children’s area and more.

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

### Alabama Horse Fair

Montgomery’s Garrett Coliseum will host the Alabama Horse Fair from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 4 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 5. The equine event will feature breed barns, breed parades, how-to clinics, a drill team competition, vendors, a model horse show, an obstacle challenge competition, an ask-the-vet booth, a dressage performance and demo, presentations and clinics with top headline clinicians in the equine industry, an ask-the-farrier booth, horse education booths, entertainment, food, music and more. Admissions is \$15 March 4 and \$10 March 5.

For more information, visit <http://alabama-horsecouncil.org/wp/>.

### Zoo Weekend

The Montgomery Zoo will host its Zoo Weekend March 11-12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature live entertainment, games, rides, bouncy houses, big slides, inflatables, pony and camel rides, petting zoo,

karate demos, Montgomery Police K-9 presentation, live animal presentations, concessions and animals from around the world. Admissions will be \$15 for adults, \$11 for children ages 3-12 years old, and free admission for toddlers 2 and younger, and Montgomery Zoo members. Special discounted admission for the Mann Museum will be \$3 for all ages.

For more information, call 334-240-4900 or visit [montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/zooweekend](http://montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/zooweekend).

### Montgomery Half Marathon and 5K

The Montgomery Half Marathon and 5k is scheduled for March 11 from 7 a.m. to noon. Packet pickup will take place March 10 from noon to 6 p.m. at Riverwalk Stadium. Both courses are USA Track and Field certified. People must register in advance – there is no race-day registration. Registration is \$35 for the 5k and \$45 for the half – military and first responders receive a \$5 discount. People can register at <https://isignup.com/en/event/70/The-Montgomery-Half-Marathon-Presented-by-Baptist-Health-and-Hyundai-Motor-Manufacturing-Alabama>.

For more information, call 334-356-7271 or visit [themontgomeryhalf.com/](http://themontgomeryhalf.com/).

### ‘Sherlock Holmes’

Montgomery’s Alabama Shakespeare Festival will present a new adaptation of the “Sherlock Holmes” story by Geoffrey

Sherman March 9-May 13. It is billed by organizers as a gripping tale of the world’s most famous detective that features amazing twists and turns, accompanied by a healthy dose of comedy. The production is recommended for ages 9 and up. For show times and tickets, visit <http://tickets.asf.net/single/PSDetail.aspx?psn=11300>. Ticket prices vary based on play, date and availability of seating.

For more information, call 334-271-5353 or visit [asf.net/project/sherlock-holmes/](http://asf.net/project/sherlock-holmes/).

### Calera & Shelby Railroad

The Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum in Calera offers people the chance to take a trip back in time as they board vintage railroad coaches restored to their former glory on Saturdays from March 18 to Sept. 30, according to museum officials. The Calera & Shelby Railroad runs on a portion of the former L&N Alabama Mineral Railroad established in 1891. People will be able to ride behind a first-generation diesel-electric locomotive as they travel through the scenic forests of Shelby County. People can also upgrade to a caboose or locomotive ticket to get an up-close look at railroad operations. The Calera & Shelby train ride lasts about an hour and people are asked to arrive one hour prior to departure.

For more information, including ticket costs, visit <https://www.hodrrm.org/default.cfm>.





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# AAFES to open online shopping to veterans

AAFES  
Press Release

DALLAS – After four years of coordination with the Departments of Defense, Army and Air Force as well as several other federal agencies, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will welcome home approximately 15 million veterans Nov. 11.

“AAFES is honored to offer this well-deserved benefit to those who raised their right hands, took the oath and served our Nation with honor,” said Tom Shull, AAFES director. “There are many generations of service members who have not been properly recognized for their sacrifices. The Veterans Online Shopping Benefit acknowledges their service and welcomes them home.”

Extending online shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans will directly improve family and support programs for Soldiers, Airmen and their families. Consistent with each exchange’s dividend policy, increased earnings as a result of VOSB is expected to generate tens of millions of dollars in increased

annual dividends to quality-of-life programs for the military community including contingency operations, Army child development centers, youth services and fitness centers, Air Force outdoor recreation, combat uniforms, overseas school lunches and more.

VOSB also strengthens AAFES’ online business to better serve current shoppers. Including honorably discharged veterans will conservatively double exchanges’ online presence, improving the experience for all shoppers.

From technology upgrades to associate training to inventory planning, AAFES has been working on implementation of VOSB since it was first proposed in 2013. As a result, most of the required business capabilities are already in place, and AAFES will be ready for a smooth rollout on Veterans Day.

“AAFES, along with its sister exchanges, is ensuring America’s veterans are honored for their service and recognized as Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors for life,” said Shull. “We look forward to welcoming our veterans home this Veterans Day and every day thereafter.”

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

**Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109**  
8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

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

**Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036**  
9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints  
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)  
11 p.m. Eckankar Study (4th Sunday)  
**Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939**  
10:15 a.m. CCD (except during summer months)

### BIBLE STUDIES

**TUESDAYS**  
**Crossroads Discipleship Study**  
(Meal/Bible Study)  
Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

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

**Adult Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**Kingdom Kidz & Youth Group Bible Study**  
Spiritual Life Center, 5:30 p.m.

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

**THURSDAYS**  
**WOCC Bible Study (1st/3rd Thursday)**  
Swartworth Hall, Bldg. 5302, 1130 a.m.

**Praise and Worship Meal/Bible Study**  
Wings Chapel, 5:30 p.m.

**SATURDAYS**  
**Protestant Men of the Chapel (1st Saturday)**  
Larry’s Restaurant, Daleville, 8 a.m.

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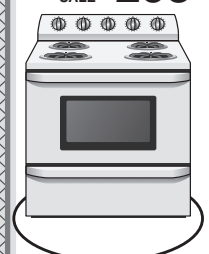
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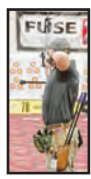


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# BRING HOME THE BACON

*Fort Rucker hunting program offers special incentives to participants*

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

Hunters are invited to take advantage of the Fort Rucker Hunting Incentive Program and hunt for free while also helping to control the animal population.

The program, which began in 2015, was introduced to reduce the number of coyotes and feral pigs on post. According to John Clancy, Outdoor Recreation manager, the program will continue this year with special incentives.

"We are offering a free post permit for anyone that harvests 10 hogs or three coyotes," he said. "Also, May 1 through Aug. 31, we are going to offer a doe tag to the first five hunters that harvest 20 hogs or five coyotes. This is an incentive because you are not allowed to harvest any does on the installation.

"We are also going to have a completion incentive between units (teams of six)," he added. "We will present the Commander's Cup (which rotates between units) to the unit that harvests the most hogs and coyotes between May 1 and Aug. 31. We will also have a least one hog hunt tournament and the winner of the will win a quality door prize."

Anyone can hunt on post with the proper permits and documentation, according to Clancy.

"They will need to present a [government-issued] photo ID, the [gate] pass that the installation issues and proof of insurance," he said. "Their weapons must be registered with the provost marshal's office before they can bring them on the installation."

Hunters must report to the Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation Service Center located at Lake Tholocco, Bldg. 24235, to register and receive important information on hunting on post. Clancy added that hunters will receive a map indicating the areas where game may be hunted, as well as areas that are off limits.

Training areas will be open to hunters unless otherwise specified and some areas may not allow the use of certain weapons.

"You are allowed to use any weapon that the State of Alabama allows for the type of game you are hunting," Clancy said. "Fort Rucker does have some stipulations on what types [of weapons are allowed] depending on the location of the training area. One example would be that all lettered areas including '19 E' are 'bow only' areas."

According to Clancy, bow deer season



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

**John Clancy, ODR manager, gives a view of the hydraulic wheelchair lift on the new wounded warrior trailer available to wounded warriors and disabled veterans at no cost.**

runs from Oct. 15 through Feb. 10, gun deer season runs from the third weekend in November through Feb. 10 and turkey season runs March 15 through April 30. Hogs may be hunted all year long with the exception of turkey season.

"There are a lot of other seasons, such as dove, quail, duck, etc.," he said. "The first three I listed are the primary seasons hunters are interested in. (People can) reference the Alabama Hunting and Fishing Digest for more information."

Annual fundraising hunts have allowed ODR to accrue a variety of wounded warrior-specific equipment to aid disabled veterans during their hunts.

"We now have a track chair; handicap-accessible, hydraulic-elevated shooting houses; a handicap-accessible shooting house already in a training area ready for use; and, if they are not local, we have a travel trailer that is fully handicap-accessible for them to stay in," Clancy said. "All of the equipment we have for them to use will not cost them anything."

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*(Dates subject to change without notification. Please check <https://rucker.armymwr.com> for up-to-date event information.)*

**Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt:** Begins March 10  
**Youth turkey hunt:** March 11  
**Spring turkey/coyote hunt -Warrior Classic:** April 6-8  
**Youth fishing tournament:** April 15  
**Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament:** April 18  
**Thunder on Tholocco Boat Race:** April 22  
**Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt:** April 30  
**Hog hunt:** Aug. 17 to Sept. 21  
**Hunting incentive program:** ends Aug. 31  
**ATV trail ride:** Sept. 23  
**Big Buck Contest:** begins Oct. 14  
**Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt:** Oct. 4-7  
**Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament:** Oct. 7  
**Dove shoot:** Oct. 21-22  
**Youth deer hunt:** Nov. 11

# ROLLOUT

*Military Health Systems officials discuss GENESIS*

**Military Health Systems**  
*Communications Office*  
*Staff Report*

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Department of Defense's new electronic health record, MHS GENESIS, was initially deployed Feb. 7. MHS GENESIS is a single, integrated medical and dental electronic health record that will fully deploy at all military hospitals and clinics by 2022.

"MHS GENESIS will transform the delivery of healthcare and advance data sharing through a modernized electronic health record for service members, veterans and their families," said Stacy Cummings, the program executive officer for the Program Executive Office, Defense Healthcare Management Systems.

Cummings spoke at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society 2017 conference in Orlando Feb. 21. The conference brings together about 40,000 health care IT professionals, clinicians, executives, and vendors from around the world. She was joined on stage by Dr. Paul Cordts, the electronic health record functional champion for the Military Health System, and Air Force Col. Richard Terry, acting MHS chief information officer.

Cummings said the rollout of MHS GENESIS is going as expected, and soon will give the entire MHS a modern, secure and connected system that replaces legacy



MHS PHOTO

**Dr. Paul Cordts (right), the MHS's electronic health record functional champion spoke at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society 2017 conference in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 21. Cordts was joined on stage by Stacy Cummings (center), program executive officer, Program Executive Office, Defense Healthcare Management Systems and Air Force Col. Richard Terry (left), acting MHS chief information officer.**

health care information systems.

"We deployed at Fairchild (Air Force Base, Washington) two weeks ago. We're very excited about that deployment — the success we're having there and the lessons learned — we're going to take [those lessons] from Fairchild and use them as we deploy to our next IOC [initial operating capability] sites and then again as we deploy nationwide and then worldwide," said Cummings. "We are following a path of going from our smallest to our largest deployment, so we can again take the lessons learned from each deployment so we can make the next deployment even more successful, efficient, and streamlined."

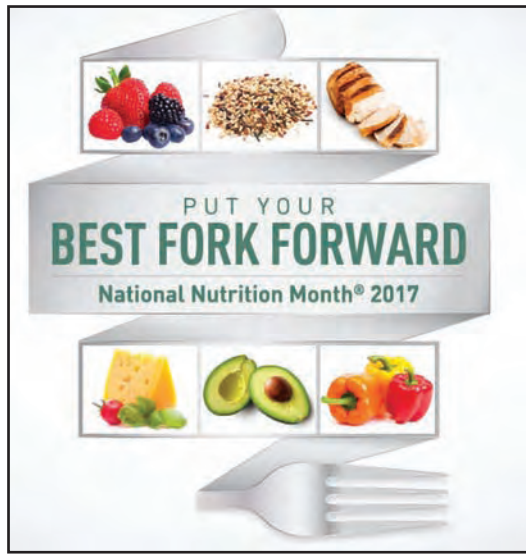
Cordts pointed out this will be the first major upgrade to health docu-

mentation for the MHS in more than a decade and included stakeholders from all of the services. He sees MHS GENESIS as more than a change in documentation; it is a transformation of how the MHS does business as a whole.

Cordts said MHS GENESIS will allow the MHS to collapse more than 50 legacy systems into one. "We're looking very carefully at these clinical business systems, trying to understand what data exchanges, systems, or interfaces we need to take care of individual patients sitting in front of us."

Terry said MHS GENESIS was not created in a vacuum. More than 800 subject matter experts, from

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COURTESY GRAPHIC

## 'Put Your Best Fork Forward' during National Nutrition Month

By **Jenny Stripling**  
*Lyster Public Affairs Office*

February generally summons images of chocolate and candy. After some indulgence, it may be a good time to think ahead to March.

As part of March's National Nutrition Month, Lyster Army Health Clinic will offer several opportunities for nutrition education and information events aimed at promoting the importance of informed food choices and developing healthy eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Put Your Best Fork Forward," encouraging everyone to make small,

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# DOWN TIME

**OUR STORY SO FAR...**

FLASH AND DALE ARE HELD PRISONER BY KING WARTOG...

...A DICTATOR WHO USES MIND CONTROL TO ENSURE HIS ABSOLUTE RULE.

HAVING SPURNED HIS ADVANCES, DALE IS SUBJECT TO A DEMONSTRATION OF WARTOG'S POWER.

AS DALE WATCHES, WARTOG PITS FLASH AGAINST ANOTHER OF HIS PRISONERS...

...PRINCE THUN!

LOOKS LIKE THE GUARDS LEFT ME A WEAPON... BUT HOW CAN I DEFEND MYSELF...

CHING!

...SHORT OF KILLING ONE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS?

MEANWHILE, ON THE BALCONY ABOVE, DALE FRANTICALLY ATTEMPTS TO INTERCEDE...

WARTOG, PLEASE... MAKE THEM STOP!

I'M YOURS IF YOU JUST MAKE THEM STOP!

NOT MUCH OF AN OFFER...

...CONSIDERING... EVENTUALLY, I'LL CONTROL YOUR MIND AS WELL!

HA HA HA HA

NEXT: SHATTERED!

**FLASH GORDON**

2-26 BY JIM KEEFE

THIS MIND CONTROLLED BY WARTOG, PRINCE THUN ATTACKS FLASH WITH THE UNLEASHED FURY OF A HURRICANE!

**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps

YOU NEED SOME GOOD SHIRTS. TO THE NORMAL WORLD GOOD SHIRTS DON'T HAVE TOUR DATES ON THEM.

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

# TRIVIA

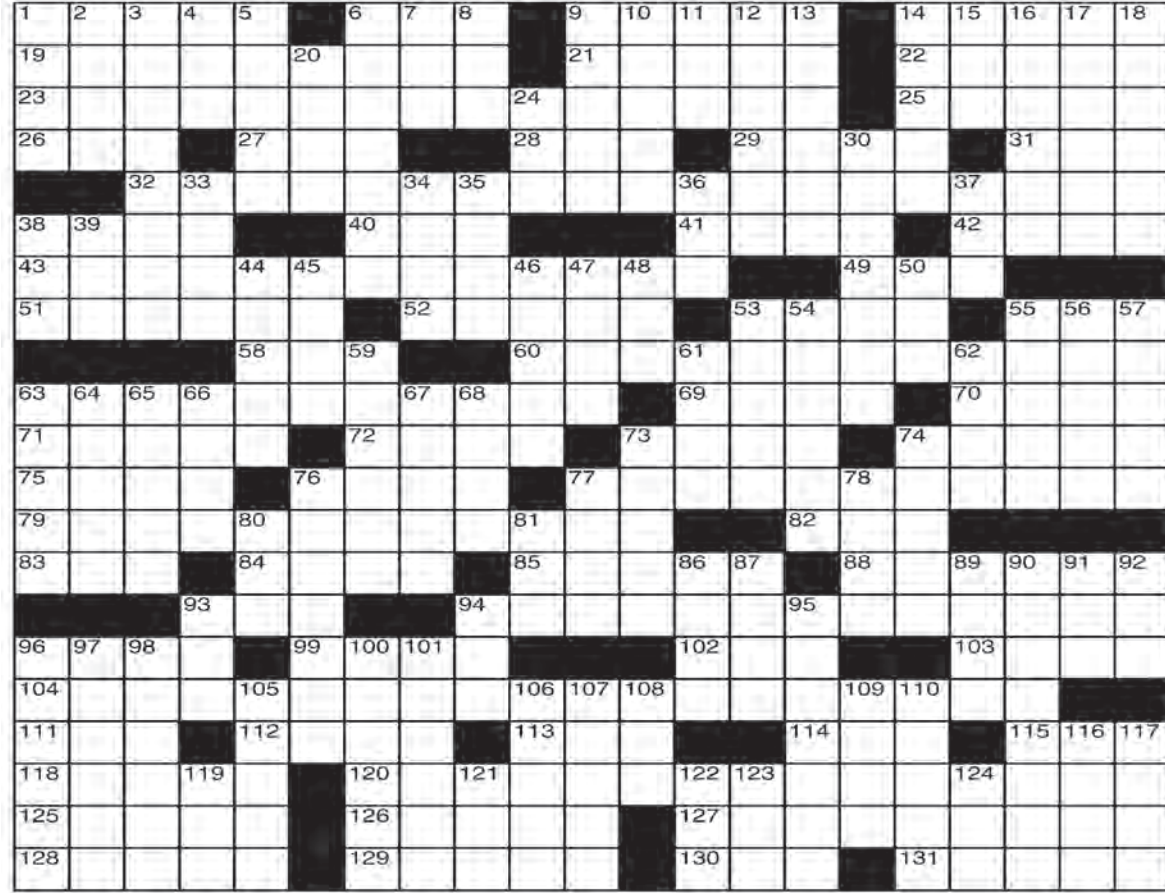
1. **FOOD & DRINK:** Which plant sometimes is known as "pieplant" because its edible stalks often are used in desserts?
2. **LITERATURE:** Which of Shakespeare's plays features a character named Viola?
3. **MOVIES:** Which movie featured the theme song "You've Got a Friend in Me"?
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who served as vice president of the U.S. for 82 days before becoming president?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** What two countries are connected by the Khyber Pass?
6. **MUSIC:** What bridge did Billie Joe jump off in Bobbie Gentry's song "Ode to Billie Joe"?
7. **ANATOMY:** Where would the parietal bones be found in the human body?
8. **RELIGION:** What is the second book of the Old Testament?
9. **GEOLOGY:** What kind of natural stone is known as Carrara?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the official language of Brazil?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

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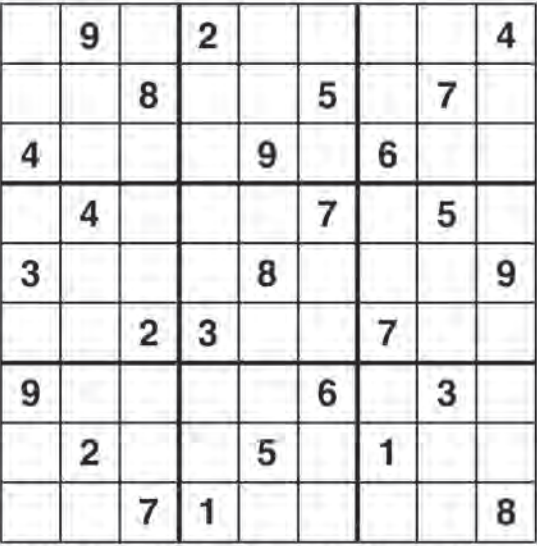
- ACROSS**
- 1 Earth Day's month
- 6 Maned antelope
- 9 Large gulf
- 14 Tons
- 19 Excludes
- 21 Dribble
- 22 Sign off on
- 23 1940 thriller drama; 1942 romantic drama
- 25 Four-stringer
- 26 Hop — thumb
- 27 Horse morsel
- 28 Enjoy dinner
- 29 Really digging
- 31 Homer, e.g.
- 32 1982 horror; 1939 western
- 38 One with adoring fans
- 40 Moray, e.g.
- 41 Film's Mrs. Victor Laszlo
- 42 Expends
- 43 1996 neo-noir crime drama; 1990 crime drama
- 49 Titled man
- 51 Wedding day destinations
- 52 Fiendish look
- 53 D-Day city in France
- 55 Takes too much, briefly
- 58 Pie-mode link
- 60 1979 comedy-drama; 1982 musical
- 63 2007 comedy-drama; 1946 spy thriller
- 69 Many rented homes; Abbr.
- 70 Zenith
- 71 Make — of (got down)
- 72 "This guy walks into ..."
- 73 Irene of "Fame" fame
- 74 Bone, to Fido
- 75 "—" in an analogy
- 76 Braggarts' displays
- 77 2005 historical drama; 2002 musical
- 79 2000 neo-noir thriller; 1982 comedy-drama
- 82 Certain sow
- 83 Poetic "prior to"
- 84 See 85-Across
- 85 With 84-Across, diver's gas cylinder
- 88 "But — I know?"
- 93 21st Greek letter
- 94 1980 spoof comedy; 1976 satirical drama
- 96 "Waterloo" quartet
- 99 Chop cut
- 102 Gold, in León
- 103 Major rtes.
- 104 1931 horror; 2010 sci-fi thriller
- 111 Get spoiled
- 112 Cookie with creme
- 113 La.-to-Mich. dir.
- 114 Vast stretch
- 115 — pitch
- 118 Break in, e.g.
- 120 1963 historical drama; 1950 period drama
- 125 Locale
- 126 "Skylark" singer
- 127 Alaskan port
- 128 Civic's make
- 129 Aired again
- 130 Norma — (film heroine)
- 131 Pea piercers
- DOWN**
- 1 Word form for "height"
- 2 Haiku, e.g.
- 3 Deep red wine
- 4 Serpent tail?
- 5 USMC rank
- 6 Having a bit of a beard
- 7 13th Greek letters
- 8 Hagen with three Tonys
- 9 Old politico Stevenson
- 10 Spoiled kids
- 11 O'er there
- 12 Gregarious
- 13 Argots
- 14 Chaos
- 15 Biblical priest
- 16 Luau hellos
- 17 NYPD part
- 18 Mown strips
- 20 Ella's singing
- 24 Cell insect
- 30 China buys
- 33 Gymnast Korbut
- 34 Boul arbiters
- 35 Valley
- 36 "— a pity ..."
- 37 Your and my
- 38 "— tree falls ..."
- 39 NFL's Cowboys, on scoreboards
- 44 Speak grandly
- 45 Fjord city
- 46 Loris' cousin
- 47 Meadows
- 48 Prince Valiant's son
- 50 — bit (soon)
- 53 Italian island
- 54 Affix
- 55 — year (annually)
- 56 Yankee Joe, informally
- 57 Ensure
- 59 Spanish region
- 61 Cole — (shoe brand)
- 62 Antidrug cop
- 63 Actress Pressly
- 64 Indy great Al
- 65 Phrase of denial
- 66 Siouan tribe
- 67 Former Apple laptop artist Peter
- 68 Brewery kiln
- 73 Prepare for playing, as a tape
- 74 With 119-Down, position Mike Ditka played
- 76 Online store
- 77 Tiny: Prefix
- 78 Gordie of hockey
- 80 Highest degree
- 81 Fed. stipend program
- 86 Alliance
- 87 River of Bern
- 89 "Horton Hears —"
- 90 City native
- 91 Not moist
- 92 Signs off on
- 93 Stove item
- 94 Kitchen pest
- 95 Zero relaxation
- 96 Over again
- 97 Mustang
- 98 — down the hatches
- 100 Like a small garage
- 101 Tristan's lady
- 105 Split country
- 106 — Gay (WWII B-29)
- 107 Way to sign a contract
- 108 Tchr.'s gp.
- 109 Reggae artist Peter
- 110 — water (up the creek)
- 116 Theater box
- 117 Single bills
- 119 See 74-Down
- 121 Musket tip?
- 122 Black goo
- 123 Biochem strand
- 124 "Either you do it — will"



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

**N H D E J M U**

**T E S A T N**

**E H I T F S I**

**A CEREAL CHALLENGE!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

**A WAGER!** Place 22 toothpicks on the table, forming eight squares (Fig. 1). Challenge friends to remove four of them so that you're left with only three equal squares.

**DOESN'T READ "JUNIOR WHIRL!"** Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

1. Slang for food.  
2. To cover over.  
3. A table game.  
4. What a goofball does.

1. City or town (informal).  
2. Good to eat.  
3. An outdoor game.  
4. A young horse.

**Junior Whirl**

by Charles Barry Townsend

**WHISKERED**

**THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!** You have three minutes to unlock the secrets of Word Power! Starting with the given word WHISKERED, at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters, at each level, spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with WHISKERED.

1. Had a beard.
2. Made a loud, frantic call.
3. Avoided doing his duty.
4. He bet everything he had on red.
5. He was irritated when he lost.
6. Type of dreadful warning.
7. Anger; wrath.
8. In reference to.
9. Compass direction (abbr.).

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTNOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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# BULL’S-EYE

## Soldier takes world title at ‘Super Bowl of archery’

By Lanessa Hill  
Installation Management Command  
Public Affairs

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Eventually, every Soldier has to perfect breath control and target alignment at some point in his or her Army career.

For Sgt. 1st Class Paul Miller, those techniques were crucial in proving his archery skills at the Vegas Shoot, the world’s largest and most prestigious indoor archery festival held in early February.

This year the festival in Las Vegas broke attendance records, with 3,480 archers from 45 different countries competing in the event.

The competition itself lasted three intense days, with each competitor firing 30 arrows apiece at a distance of 20 yards each day.

“On the surface, it sounds easy and, truthfully, it is,” said Miller, who is assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Maryland. “The hard part comes with the target.”

The infamous Vegas target face is scored sequentially with target rings valued at 10 through one, with a bull’s-eye ring for a tie breaker. Miller knew his shots would have to stay within the 10 ring during the competition for him to remain competitive in his class of 1,200 archers. To put that in perspective, the 10 ring is roughly the size of a 50 cent piece. (Smaller still is the bull’s-eye, which is the size of a penny.)

Throughout the three days of competition, Miller went outside the 10 ring just once, achieving a total score of 899 out of a perfect 900 to win the title in his category.

Growing up in Middletown, Maryland, Miller kept a bow in his home that his uncle had given him some time ago. While he was stationed at Fort Detrick, he found that his team leader was an avid bow hunter. When his leader asked if anyone would be interested in hunting deer as part of the installation’s deer management program, Miller figured he would pull out his dusty bow and give it a try. His first shots were horrible.

“It took everything just to hit the bale of hay,” Miller recalled.

But after just a few shots, Miller was hooked. In his first year, he managed to take down six deer using the bow. In recent years, he became heavily involved with an archery group called Tuscarora Archers, who taught him the correct way to shoot and introduced him to competitive archery. Today, he is a range captain with the group.

With the Tuscarora Archers, he began shooting in local archery competitions, which he used as a springboard to enter bigger and tougher competitions. His first competitive event was the Lancaster Archery Classic in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The event also marked his first exposure to competitors who make a living shooting a bow.

“It’s an awesome sport,” Miller said. “Everyone is so friendly and always giving each other pointers. The other thing is,

regardless of gender, disability or age, this sport can be done by everyone as long as they can pull the string.”

Miller still remembers watching a shooter during one competition who was legally blind. He was in awe of the shooter’s skill.

“This really is a sport for anyone,” Miller said. “Take Matt Stutzman, for example. He was born without arms, and is arguably one of the best archers in the world and does everything with his feet. He won silver in the 2012 Paralympic Games.”

While stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Miller managed to become a three-time Texas State Champion and a member of the 32nd Medical Brigade shooting team. In 2014, that team went on to the Army Small Arms Championship at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he finished in the top 10 percent in the Army.

Miller continues to progress in the sport and hopes to have his certification to instruct by fall 2017.

“I just like to shoot,” he said. “It’s my way to relax, and so far 2017 has been a good year for me.”

In 2017, he plans to compete in the Maryland State Championship and more local tournaments.

Miller’s career highlights include:

- 2017 Champion World Archery Festival in Las Vegas;
- 2016 Maryland State Champion;
- Three-time Texas State Champion;
- Two-time NFAA Southern Section Champion; and



COURTESY PHOTO

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Miller, of Fort Detrick, Md., proves his archery skills at the Vegas Shoot, the world’s largest and most prestigious indoor archery festival, held in Las Vegas in early February. Miller shot 899 out of a perfect 900 to win the title in his category.

- Seventh place at the National Marked 3-D Championship in Redding, California.

## Rollout

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doctors to nurses to information technologists, participated in the creation process. That process was led by several guiding principles, including:

- Base decisions on what is best for the MHS as a whole – not a single individual area
- Design a patient-centric system focusing on quality,

safety and patient outcomes that meet readiness objectives

Configure an off-the-shelf electronic product and not build one from the ground up

Standardize clinical and business processes across the military services and the MHS

“With these principles in mind, MHS is consolidating the IT infrastructure so there’s one network, one data

center, and one configuration and strategy to make sure everyone is on the same page,” said Terry. “As the delivery platform is standardized MHS-wide, the medical community will see one secure and reliable network.”

“I think that we’re going to be amazed and impressed when we figure out all the decision support and analytic data that we’re going to get out of this modernization,” said Cummings.

## Nutrition

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healthy shifts in food choices when cooking at home – one forkful at a time. Whether people are planning meals to prepare at home or making selections when dining out, it’s crucial to develop a healthy eating style that you can maintain.

“Good nutrition means a lot of things to people and food choices should be based on your energy needs. We think it’s important to understand appropriate portion sizes but also making things taste good,” said Andrea Jones, Lyster’s chief

of nutrition services.

“Here at Lyster, we conduct classes for basic nutrition and exercise information for service members and families,” said Jones.

March 10 at 10 a.m., Lyster Nutrition Services will host its monthly healthy cooking demonstration. The recipe for March is Turkey Chili and staff members will be offering samples and recipe cards that people can take home and recreate for their families.

People will need to call 255-7986 to reserve a spot for the healthy cooking

demonstration, and they can also get information on all the classes nutrition services offers to find one that is right for their needs.

Lyster Nutrition Services will also set up information booths at least once per week throughout March at different locations on post. On site will be the InBody machine to provide people with their body composition statistics, along with hand-outs, giveaways and nutrition information.

- March 1-3 – Lyster Lifespace Area, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- March 8 main physical fitness center,

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- March 15 – post exchange, 9 a.m. to noon.
- March 22 – Fortenberry-Colton PFC, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- March 29 – commissary, 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, resources and tools on healthy eating, contact your local dietitian or health care provider or visit [www.Nutrition.gov](http://www.Nutrition.gov) and visit Lyster Army Health Clinic’s Facebook page and website for more information and tips for healthy eating throughout the entire year.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Deep sea fishing

MWR Central will host a private charter deep sea fishing trip in Destin, Florida Saturday. The private charter is a 45-foot walk-around boat that offers a six-hour fishing trip. The bus departs from Fort Rucker at 5 a.m. – although the time is subject to change depending on fishing conditions. The cost of the trip is \$175 per person, and includes transportation, bait, rod, reel, fishing license, fish cleaning and tip.

To register, call 255-2997 or 255-4305.

### Lifeguard recertification course

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host a lifeguard recertification course March 11-12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course is open to patrons ages 15 and up, and costs \$75. A prerequisite test on the first day must be passed to enter the course. People can register at the front desk of the Fort Rucker PFC. The cutoff for registration is three days prior to the course start date. Candidates who take the training program are also eligible for employment

with Fort Rucker MWR. All candidates who apply with aquatics after successful completion of the training program will have 50 percent of their training fees reimbursed to them at the end of the 2017 summer season – they must work through Labor Day.

For more information on how to apply, call 255-9162.

### Youth turkey hunt

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host a youth turkey hunt March 11 from 5-11 a.m. The hunt is open to the public for youth ages 7-15. Registration is \$15. A parent or escort of participating youth must have an Alabama State Hunting License and Hunter Education Completion Card. For more information, or to register, call 255-4305 or 255-2997.

### SKIES Swim Lessons

SKIES will offer swim lessons for youth now through May at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center indoor pool. Enrollment opens

on the 15th of each month. There must be three students enrolled to conduct and continue a class. Students must re-enroll each month. Classes are subject to change. Swim schedules are available. Private classes are designed for those that may need a one-on-one approach in instruction.

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.webtrac.mwr.army.mil](http://www.webtrac.mwr.army.mil) or call 255-1867.

### Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt

Outdoor recreation will host its Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt March 15 to April 30. The entry fee is \$25 and participants must have an Alabama State All Game License, Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and Hunter Education Completion Card. Alabama State Regulation and Fort Rucker Regulation 215-1 apply. The turkey must be harvested on Fort Rucker to qualify. People can register at ODR or MWR Central.

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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

## TRIVIA

#### Answers

1. Rhubarb
2. “Twelfth Night”
3. “Toy Story”
4. Harry Truman
5. Afghanistan and Pakistan
6. The Tallahatchie bridge
7. The skull
8. Exodus
9. Marble
10. Portuguese

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