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SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS



Sgt. Timothy Davis, AER assistant campaign coordinator, Jo Close, AER assistant officer, and Matthew Close, civilian volunteer, paint Sgt. Ted E. Bear in his new sergeant clone trooper uniform Friday to raise awareness of the AER campaign.



Fort Rucker and USAACE senior leaders pledge their contributions during the 2017 AER campaign kickoff ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum March 1.

Post kicks off AER campaign

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers helping Soldiers has been the driving force behind Army Emergency Relief for the past 75 years of the program providing America's warriors a place to turn to when faced with financial crisis. The 2017 Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign kicked off with a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum March 1 with the theme "A Legacy of Caring," which is something that is vital when taking care of Soldiers, said Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander and 2017 AER campaign chairperson. "AER is not an Army-funded program," she said during the kickoff. "It is unique in that it is a non-profit organization that centers around Soldiers helping Soldiers. "Many of us here and many leaders in the room know how vital this program is to our Soldiers because many of our Soldiers will experience financial hardships, and [AER] provides a way of relief for our Soldiers," continued the garrison commander. "Let's continue that legacy of caring for our own as we have done for 75

years." Miller said the goal for this year's campaign is to not only ensure that 100 percent of the Soldiers on post receive meaningful contact, but to ensure that each of the Soldiers understand the AER mission, so they know what it does to support them and their fellow Soldiers in times of need. "If we are successful at reaching out to all of our Soldiers within the Fort Rucker community, this great program will continue to thrive and have meaningful impact for our Soldiers here at Fort Rucker," she said. AER exists to help Soldiers, family members and retirees in times of financial need by providing several types of financial aid, including no-interest loans, financial grants and scholarships. The ability for Soldiers to take care of their own Soldiers is fundamental to what the Army stands for, said Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general. "That's what we do for each other – we

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LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Museum offers portal into Army Aviation history

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Nearly 100,000 visitors walk through the doors of the U.S. Army Aviation Museum annually to get a glimpse at the history of Army Aviation. But as much as patrons are able to see what the history of Army Aviation holds, there is just that much more that they aren't able to gaze upon due to space limitations. "Currently, in the existing museum, we are limited by space, so we have to have displayed what was actually in the Army's operational inventory," said Bob Mitchell, U.S. Army Aviation Museum curator. "When grandpa brings his kids and grandkids in here to show them the helicopter he flew, we have to have it in here, which means that there is a lot of stuff that we have that we can't really put [on display]." Currently there are about five storage facilities that house a slew of prototype aircraft and equipment, as well as many aircraft that are slated for restoration in the future to be exhibited on the museum floor, and although the current museum has about 120,000 square feet of floor space, it's not enough to be able to display everything that is housed in the museum's storage units, said Mitchell. Most recently the museum added the Boeing-Sikorsky RAH-66 Comanche helicopter, an aircraft that never quite made it into the Army's operational inventory. Although the Comanche is currently the museum's biggest draw, the display is only temporary until it's able to replace it with an AH-64 Apache, which according to Mitchell is still in the process of being assembled. In addition to the Comanche, there are about 50 aircraft on display in the public galleries at any one time, but the museum maintains a collection of over 160 airplanes, helicopters and other vertical flight aircraft, according to the museum's website, www.armyaviationmuseum.org. "Fort Rucker's museum is the showcase for Army Aviation," Mitchell said. "When non-military personnel and veterans come to Fort Rucker, they generally come to see the museum. It's basically Army Aviation's house, so we want to make sure the visitors have a pleasurable visit, (and that) they understand the mission of Army Aviation and its rich heritage. "Most people who interact with Fort Rucker and the museum will walk away with the opinion of the Army based on the museum," he added. "It is very important we conduct ourselves in a professional manner, the exhibits are correct and people leave here understanding Army Aviation." The museum is currently working to place its displays in chronological order to provide visitors a visual walk through



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

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ARMY GRAPHIC

Workshop dissects hiring process

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

Job seekers interested in federal government employment can gain an edge in the hiring process by attending an upcoming Army Community Service workshop. How can a workshop better equip federal job seekers? "The answer lies in the 'Ten Step' method popularized by Kathryn Troutman, renowned expert on the federal hiring process," Mike Kozlowski, ACS employment readiness manager, said. "Troutman and her team teach this method to staff representing a wide variety of federal agencies, and her tips and techniques have the support of (civilian personnel advisory center) staffing specialists worldwide. According to Kozlowski, by following her method workshop attendees will: • Be better able to understand the process by which hiring officials and staffing specialists go through to list and fill federal positions;

- Be better able to identify jobs based on their specific experiences and qualifications;
 - Know the critical importance of including accomplishment statements on their federal résumés;
 - Be able to craft impactful USAJOBS.gov outline-based federal résumés, which bring out their KSAs – Knowledge, Skills and Abilities – in a more effective way than before; and
 - Understand the import of the follow-up when tracking the progress of their application packets.
- The workshop, open to active duty Soldiers, their spouses and family members, retirees, and current civil service and non-appropriated fund employees, takes place March 23 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. For more information or to register, call 255-2594 or visit www.eventbrite.com. Participants are advised to arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. to sign in for the workshop.

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PERSPECTIVE

Post chaplains conduct partnership ministry training

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy K. Bedsole Sr.
Deputy Garrison Chaplain

Feb. 24 saw the Fort Rucker Chaplains meeting with local religious leaders to train on providing ministry to military families. Eighteen ministers representing local congregations met to receive the training on current issues shaping ministry to military families. The work supports the effort to build readiness and resiliency into the Army Aviation community through the Army's Enduring Personal Readiness and Resiliency operations order.

The order directs commanders and leaders to utilize resources within the local on-post and off-post community to promote a healthy "environment of trust." An example of the resources listed in the operation is "faith-based organizations" who support Soldiers, Army civilians and families.

That is what the chaplains of Fort Rucker did in inviting these ministers whose congregations are often filled with military members from Fort Rucker, the U.S. Army Reserve and the Alabama National Guard.

Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Entrekin provided a short overview of how Soldiers are affected by what is called moral injury. After defining moral injury, he covered how to recognize it among Soldiers returning from deployments and may now attend local churches.

Chaplain Entrekin stated moral injury often results in isolation after trust is lost in moral authority. To restore this trust after the injury, pastors may serve as "facilitators of moral repair" through their use of religious rituals.

Chaplain (Maj.) James Pennington, the family life chaplain,



ARMY PHOTOS

Religious leaders from the Wiregrass area gathered with Fort Rucker chaplains for training on providing ministry to military families Feb. 24.

offered a review of the 2016 Blue Star Family Lifestyle Survey, and used its findings as a launching point to discuss current issues affecting military families. This survey, representing 8,300 respondents including military spouses, active duty member, veterans and their immediate family members, identifies top military issues facing military families.

For each issue Pennington presented recommendations to effectively address those issues. For example, one of the findings states that 72 percent of military spouses "feel the current OPTEMPO exerts an unacceptable level of stress on a healthy work/family life."

Pennington provided the religious leaders recommendations, such as workshops on enhancing a healthy work-life balance, or adopting deployed Soldiers, and intentionally reaching out to the families of deployed Soldiers.

I spoke about the need to understand religious accommodations as part of building strength in the

military. Soldiers who freely exercise their faith serve as an example to other countries on addressing religious differences, provide for expression of faith, and do so without violence or discrimination.

Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, states "The Army places a high value on the rights of its Soldiers to observe tenets of their respective religions," and in doing so increases the sense of cohesion, morale and good order. All of these attributes contribute to readiness and resiliency and build strength in our communities.

One of the attendees, Reverend John Granger, is the director of missions for the Coffee Baptist Association, which supports over 49 churches – many of them filled with military congregants. He expressed his appreciation in "making contacts with other leaders in the military community," and he greatly appreciated the help with the issues affecting military members today. He stated that in one



Chaplain (Maj.) James Pennington, Fort Rucker family life chaplain, teaches on current issues among military families.

mission church he pastors, "around one-fourth of the people are military or veterans," and they deal with the issues talked about at the training.

He said he appreciates the friendship he has with chaplains and the connections he has enjoyed with Fort Rucker over the last 25 years.

Chaplain (Col.) Dean Bonura,

U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and garrison chaplain, welcomed the group to Fort Rucker and stated his intent to continue the relationship with local religious groups as a way of fortifying the spiritual fitness of our Soldiers, civilians and Family members in order to support readiness and resiliency.

Rotor Wash

“The 2017 Army Emergency Relief campaign season kicked off Friday. Why is it important to provide programs and assistance to Soldiers and families in need?”



W01 Richard Singleton,
1st Bn., 145th
Avn. Regt.

"Soldiers are always going to need assistance, so what better way than Soldiers helping other Soldiers out?"



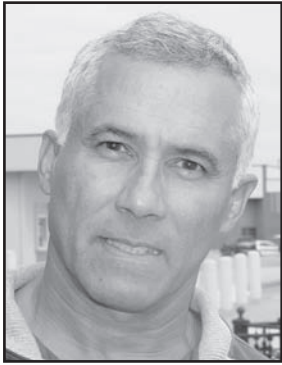
Yolanda Sistrunk,
military spouse

"I think it's important because they go out of their way to protect us, so they need that kind of support."



Spc. Chris Geer,
1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

"Anyone can fall on hard times, so it's just nice to have."



Alberto Ventura,
retired military

"If you're deployed somewhere and away from your family, and you need to get there fast ... and you don't have the assets you can get the financial means of getting there."



Johnnetta Baskins,
retired military

"Life is unpredictable and issues can come up and Soldiers may need financial assistance. I benefitted from AER and I continue to benefit because they gave my son a scholarship."

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INHERENT RESOLVE COMMANDER:

Iraqi security forces retake Mosul airport

By Terri Moon Cronk
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Iraqi security forces have taken back Mosul International Airport in Iraq after a couple days of difficult fighting to liberate western Mosul from the control of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, the commander of Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve said March 1.

Speaking to Pentagon reporters via teleconference from Baghdad, Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend said Iraqi forces attacked the city’s west side northward along the Tigris River, where they captured high ground, enabling them to move quickly to the airport.

MOVING TO MOSUL’S OUTSKIRTS

“Now, they’ve begun breaching into the outskirts of the city, with the Iraqi counterterrorism service, federal police and army moving along three axes of advance that clear the enemy from neighborhoods inside the city, but also enveloping the city to the west,” the general said, adding that presenting multiple dilemmas to the enemy proved to be effective.

“This enemy’s been preparing for this battle for some time, and they’ve done an extensive amount of work to dig and build barriers to complicate the Iraqi advance,” Townsend said. “We’ve seen them use ... tunnels, shipping containers and vehicles in the streets to slow the [Iraqi forces] down, and they’ve rigged many of these barriers with explosives.”



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ALEX MANNE

An Iraqi counterterrorism service convoy moves from Baghdad toward Mosul, Iraq, as part of the effort to liberate the city from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria Feb. 23.

The U.S.-led coalition strikes those barriers with precision fire to help the Iraqis advance, Townsend said. “We’ll also continue to remove leadership figures from the battlefield, attack their command-and-control and logistics nodes, enemy weapons caches and fighting positions. Our coalition of advisors [is] also with the Iraqi command elements. Their support accelerates the Iraqi advance even more.”

A BLOW TO ISIS

ISIS has been dealt another significant blow in Syria, where Syrian Democratic Forces have liberated Bab, the last significant

ISIS-controlled population center in the Aleppo district, Townsend said, noting that freeing Bab closed the door to ISIS’ supply line of new fighters and its ability to export terrorists around the world.

“The coalition supported Turkey and their partner-force efforts in al-Bab with more than 50 airstrikes, taking fighters off the battlefield, destroying [vehicle-borne homemade bombs], mortar and artillery pieces and denying the enemy use of dozens of vehicles, buildings, excavation equipment and weapons caches,” he said. The liberation of Bab also means Turkey now has secured its border

from ISIS, the general noted.

The United States, Turkey and coalition partners also are working together to support stabilization and local civilian governance in the Syrian town of Manbij, Townsend noted. “The coalition is committed to the security of Turkey and will continue to work in close coordination with partner forces and allies to deliver a lasting defeat to ISIS, which remains the greatest terrorist threat to the region and the world,” he added.

FREEING RAQQA EXPECTED TO CRIPPLE ISIS

The coalition continues plan-

ning for the eventual liberation of Raqqa, ISIS’ self-proclaimed capital, Townsend told reporters. “We are confident that the [Syrian Democratic Forces] that are isolating Raqqa will continue their recent successful clearance operations and set the stage for the liberation of the city. This would be a major setback for the enemy,” Townsend said.

Friendly forces have cleared more than 6,000 square kilometers of territory – or nearly 2,317 square miles – in the countryside of Raqqa since the operation began Nov. 5, he added.

“We’ve continued discussing how Turkey and their partner forces might contribute to the liberation of the city,” Townsend acknowledged. “The liberation of Raqqa will bring an end to the enemy’s mythology that they were ever more than a brutal, murderous terrorist group. And then, we will continue working with our partners to deal them a lasting defeat,” he said.

Coalition efforts by, with and through partners in Iraq and Syria have made significant progress, the general said.

“I continue to be encouraged by the bravery and commitment of our partner forces that have fought hard and made many sacrifices in their efforts to liberate their land,” Townsend said. “Their efforts protect the people of Iraq, Syria, the region and the world from a threat that needs to be eliminated for the good of all.”

DOD officials discuss future vertical lift ‘family of systems’

By Karen Parrish
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The future of rotary-wing or vertical lift aircraft across the services is the focus of a Defense Department initiative that seeks to improve the speed, range, refueling and interoperability capabilities across the military services, U.S. Special Operations Command and the Coast Guard, and was the subject of a discussion March 1 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies here.

Jose Gonzalez is acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for tactical warfare systems. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. H. Stacy Clardy is J8 deputy director for force management, application and support on the Joint Staff. Both took part in the CSIS panel.

Andrew Philip Hunter, director of the center’s Defense Industrial Initiatives Group and senior fellow of the International Security Program, moderated the session.

DESIGNING A ‘FAMILY’ OF SYSTEMS

“We recognized, early on, that this was going to be ... a family of capabilities,” Gonzalez said.

The family might include multiple-role aircraft, joint aircraft and service-specific models, he added.

Critical to the effort, he said, is identifying the missions and capabilities each service needs, as well as cross-service uses for vertical lift.

The Army, Marine Corps and SOCOM

are “driving and leading an analysis of alternatives,” Gonzalez added.

While the United States has world-class vertical lift capabilities today, many of the aircraft in the inventory have reached their performance and design limits, he said.

“Life-cycle costs have become unsustainable,” Gonzalez said. “And we’re too slow, and it’s too expensive to upgrade those systems.”

The message Gonzalez said he wants to deliver is “In vertical lift, in this community, we’re lucky if we get a chance every 50 years to do this, to upgrade the capability.”

Most of the rotary-wing aircraft now in use date back to 1970s design, he noted, so the ongoing “future family” effort is a case of needing to “do it and get it right.”

That comes down to four factors, he said: a deliberate, disciplined, patient and collaborative approach.

“We could rush, but we’re not going to rush,” Gonzalez said. “We’re going to get one shot at doing this and we want to get it right.”

RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES

Gonzalez said changing threats and priorities, along with available resources, will affect plans as the project advances.

“The opportunities are in using vertical lift to do things that we haven’t even really thought about doing with them,” he said. “The opportunity there is, as we do this analysis, is to see what is the art of the possible. How can we use these aircraft in new and novel ways?”

Clardy said of the many large programs



PHOTO BY MARINE CORPS LANCE CPL. BRANDON MALDONADO

MV-22 Ospreys approach a landing zone during a training exercise conducted in Djibouti, Jan. 10. Ospreys have the ability to transport Marines and Sailors quickly to the battlefield due to their ability to tilt their rotors horizontally and fly like an airplane.

he’s involved with across the services, “I don’t see any that are structured the way this one is. I’m very impressed by the people who are involved directly, whether it be industry, within the Joint Staff, certainly within [the Office of the Secretary of Defense], and their interest in making this successful.”

Clardy said he believes there’s “a potential for a revolution, a revolutionary way in which we employ vertical lift with this. I ... could not define that right now, but with

this type of potential for a technology leap, potentially then you have the option ... to make a change in how we look at vertical lift, and how it’s employed with the ground force.”

One challenge, Clardy said, is to sustain effort and energy in pursuing the future family of vertical lift systems.

“I see a lot of stick-to-it-iveness with this [project.]” he said. “We will have challenges and ... friction. We just have to be willing to overcome that friction.”

News Briefs

Gate closure

The Enterprise Gate will be closed March 21-22 from about 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. while repairs are made on the roadway at the barrier system.

Education center Spring Fling

The Fort Rucker Army Education Center will host its Spring Fling Ed Fair Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside in front of the A Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, 5419 Raider Street, across from Sgt. Ted. E. Bear. Representatives from the various colleges available through the center will be on hand, along with education counselors and Veterans Affairs representatives. The event will also feature free food. The event is open to military and family members. For more information, call 255-2378.

Change of command

The 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment will host a change of command ceremony Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Howze Field.

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. Wednesday. 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.

Pay office closure

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

SHARP car wash

The Fort Rucker Installation Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Team and U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College Warrant Officer Candidate School Class 17-10 will host a SHARP Awareness Car Wash April 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. People will be treated to a free car wash as they meet the SHARP Team and receive information on preventing and increasing awareness of sexual assault and harassment. For more information, call 255-2382.

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.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is accepting applications for its 2017-2018 scholarship program at www.aerhq.org. Scholarship opportunities are available for spouses and children registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree or certificate at an accredited college or university. Additional eligibility criteria can be found on the above website. Within a 50 mile radius of Fort Rucker, 71 recipients received scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Seventeen spouses received a total of \$27,500.00 – average of \$1617.65 – and 54 children received a total of \$120,600 – average of \$2233.33. The deadline is May 1. For more information, call 255-2341.

Weight control

The Lyster Army Health Clinic Fit for Performance Weight Control Program consists of six

sessions taken over a six- to 12-week period. The program is available to all active-duty military, retirees and family members. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 255-7986.

Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close Wednesday at noon for training.

Lyster update

People are welcome to check out the Lyster Army Health Clinic Facebook Page for the Healthy Tip of the Day and important clinic information, such as class dates and times. The Lyster Twitter feed is at @LysterAHC.

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.



PHOTOS BY EDRIC THOMPSON

The CERDEC Flight Activity's unique skillset and expertise are regularly leveraged to develop quick-reaction capabilities on Army aircraft and to provide unique post-production modifications for most of the Army's UH-60 and HH-60 Black Hawk fleet.

ADVANCEMENTS

Army poised to advance cross-domain capabilities with state-of-the-art hangar

By Edric V. Thompson
U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center Public Affairs

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – The U.S. Army celebrated a ribbon cutting for a new research and development aircraft hangar at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, Feb. 10.

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center moved its Flight Activity from a 74-year-old WWII hangar into a modern facility.

Elected officials, appointees, former employees and senior leaders from across Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and the Army Science and Technology community were on hand to celebrate the ribbon cutting.

“We must analyze capability gaps and implement solutions faster than our adversaries,” said Henry J. Muller, CERDEC director. “This multimillion-dollar facility is an Army strategic investment that will significantly enhance CERDEC’s ability to continue key cross-domain Aviation research and experimentation in areas that are so essential to the nation’s defense: intelligence, cyber, electronic warfare, communications and mission command.”

Managed by the CERDEC Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate, the CFA provides a unique Aviation platform sensor development and integration capability to government agencies, academic institutions or industry partners with valid Department of Defense missions, according to Charles V. Maraldo, CFA director.

This includes end-to-end Aviation support for emerging airborne electronics systems, quick-reaction capabilities to units, post-production aircraft modifications and support to programs of record, he explained.

“We support programs of record from early in the product lifecycle – by maturing potential new technology – all the way to the sustainment phase by evaluating and integrating sustainment or pre-planned product improvement upgrades,” Maraldo said. “We also provide independent airborne test platforms that will allow them to assess candidate capabilities in an environment free of corporate influence.”

The new hangar, which can accommodate C-130-sized aircraft, houses the CFA’s fleet of fixed and rotor wing aircraft, including UH-60M Black Hawks, RC-12s and UV-18 Twin Otters.

With more than 100,000 square feet, it features fully climate-controlled high and low-bay aircraft hangars, and includes an aircraft-component and avionics maintenance shop, administrative facilities, a fixed wing taxiway and a rotor wing landing pad.

“An aircraft by itself is a complex system of electronics, aerodynamic surfaces and mechanical systems that all must work together,” Maraldo said. “Integrating and testing new communications, electronic warfare, cyber or signal intelligence capabilities requires that all of those components continue to work safely together while not degrading the safety of the host platform. This new hangar will allow us to provide Aviation integration and experimentation support more efficiently and safely than ever before.

“The increased capabilities will enable our staff of engineers, integrators, fabricators and pilots to support all aspects of airborne experimentation under one roof: concept, engineering, design, fabrication, integration, flight testing and analysis,” he said.

The hangar’s military value “was clear” when it was specifically requested by the Army in a 2013 budget that was slashed by more than \$1 billion dollars, noted U.S. Representative Chris Smith of the N.J. Fourth Congressional District. Smith helped secure funding for the hangar in the Future Years Defense Plan.

“The CERDEC Flight Activity is a vital tenant at the base and for our local community,” Smith said. “It is a prime example of a mission that has grown and can continue to grow as a result of a coordinated and concerted effort to highlight the talented workforce and other assets – including this new \$50 million investment by the Army that we have here.

“The work done in this hangar supports Aviation research and development that is critical to continue advancing our C4ISR [Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance] technologies and the quick-reaction capabilities that ensure our men and women in the field have the tools necessary to successfully



A staff of more than 175 professionals supports the CERDEC Flight Activity's mission.

complete their mission – and return home safely,” Smith said.

The ceremonial groundbreaking for the hangar took place April 11, 2014. Almost three years later, the completion of the multi-million dollar facility is a reflection of a commitment between partners, said Col. David Caldwell, Commander of the New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“Together, we have built a facility to keep our military at the cutting edge, enabling our armed services to continue to successfully perform its mission. It is safe for workers, energy efficient and... [will] save the taxpayers considerable money,” Caldwell said.

“[This new facility] has ensured that we will continue to create opportunities that enhance the operational readiness of our military and Warfighter,” he added. “We at USACE are proud to have had a hand in it.”

The new hangar will also enhance critical Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst missions, making the joint base a unique military asset to the United States armed forces, said U.S. Representative Tom MacArthur of the N.J. third Congressional District.

“I have long believed that a strong America is our best hope for a safer world,” MacArthur said. “Today’s evolving global threats have changed the way we view our defense capabilities. It’s our duty to provide the tools our warfighters need to protect the freedom of American citizens. CERDEC will help provide this. We must keep supporting their work because it’s helping Soldiers execute their missions and come home safely.”

Sitting among the varied topography of the N.J. Pine Barrens and coastal region, the 20-mile-wide joint base is accessible to industry and government laboratories on the east coast and offers the varied topography, radio frequency spectrum and restricted airspace needed for aerial experimentation in communications, signals intelligence, EW and RADAR.

Strategically co-located on the nation’s only tri-service base, CERDEC’s Flight Activity and Ground Activity are leveraging these resources to deploy ground assets within range of aircraft flight tracks to help the Army explore and advance innovative, multi-domain capabilities.

“Our flying laboratories at the Flight Activity and our field laboratories at the Ground Activity complement each other beautifully and are an extension of our engineering environment back at Aberdeen Proving Ground,” Muller said. “When interaction is necessary between ground and aerial layers, we can do so without relocating assets from elsewhere in the country.”

“They allow us to bring together lab-based and field-based risk reduction, which helps us prove what is in the art of the possible for the Army as it looks to enable capabilities that support multi-domain battle across air, land, sea and cyber,” Muller said.

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to leverage when determining what does and, more importantly, does not work, said Gary W. Blohm, CERDEC I2WD director.

“As we develop and assess technologies in labs across CERDEC, we can also bring them into the Flight Activity to understand integration challenges early and upfront,” he said. “This allows leadership to understand how technologies will work on the platform, how we can best integrate them, and how can we deliver them in an efficient way that will dominate the electromagnetic spectrum, command the operation and enable decisive effects

The need to conduct airborne electronic systems experiments dates back to the early days of Aviation when Fort Monmouth conducted the first test of air-to-ground communications in 1918. In 1963, that mission moved into the then 20-year-old Hangar 5 at Lakehurst Naval Air Station and remained there until now.

Generations of former Flight Activity employees who worked in Hangar 5 attended the ceremony and traded stories as they reminisced along an exhibit of news clips chronicling the CFA’s history.

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AER

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care for each other,” he said during the ceremony. “I think it is an incredible thing that we have Soldiers who have the capability to care for other Soldiers in financial need.”

Since 2001, AER has provided more than \$965 million to help those in need, and there were 194 Soldiers, retirees and family members from Fort Rucker who received more than \$322,000 in financial aid and grants, according to the commanding general.

Additionally, last year AER awarded more than \$8 million in scholarships to over 4,000 spouses and children – 71 came from the Wiregrass area, receiving a total of \$148,000 in scholarships.

That level of caring and ability to give back to Soldiers and families is the reason why AER got its start back in 1942 when Irving Berlin, famed composer and lyricist who served in the Army during World War I, wrote the Broadway musical, “This is the Army,” said Gayler.

“After having already served in World

War I, Berlin saw a need, and after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he visited with the then chief of staff of the Army to discuss the musical to highlight and bring awareness to the Soldiers, and that was the birth of [the musical], which featured an all-Soldier cast,” he said. “It was a means of connecting the Army to the American citizen, and to get support for the Soldier during World War II and their families. It brought in revenue to help care for those Soldiers and their families during their time of need.”

After 75 years, that legacy of caring continues today, and Fort Rucker and USAACE senior leaders joined in the effort to bring awareness and ensure that legacy endures.

“I ask that all of you be ambassadors for this program,” said the commanding general. “There is nothing more powerful than a chain of command being able to solve a Soldiers problem on the spot. That will connect them to you, to the military, to this institution of values and a sense of giving that you cannot get easily anywhere else.”

Museum

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

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

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

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

Workshop

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Kozlowski said attendees need only bring a thirst for knowledge.

“There is nothing that workshop attendees need to bring to this workshop,” he said. “All materials will be provided to them at the start of the workshop, including folios, pens and a free copy of Kathryn Troutman’s book ‘Ten Steps to a Federal Job®, 7th Edition.’

“As a matter of fact, I encourage all participants not to bring their résumés,” he added. “The information I’ll be presenting will possibly be a ‘paradigm shift’ for them, i.e., the way they thought a federal résumé should look will, in many instances not be what gets them referred for the job they really want.”

The workshop will help federal job seekers understand how the federal process compares to seeking employment in the private sector, he said.

“The federal hiring process has several similarities to those found in the private sector,” Kozlowski said. “For example, one still must be able to conduct targeted job campaigns (as opposed to hunts, since nobody really enjoys job hunting) in the occupational fields for which they have career suitability, based on work experiences, qualifications and credentialing.

“Both processes require the creation of résumés which effectively capture an individual’s work experiences, qualifications and credentialing,” he added. “Both processes also require follow-up with their targeted employers.”

However, Kozlowski continued, an individual’s federal job campaign contains several distinctions from its private-sector counterpart.

“For example, you should not limit your search to positions found in the Department of Defense,” he said. “There are several federal agencies and programs whose missions may be a better fit for your qualifications and credentials, many of which are not located at Fort Rucker.

The workshop will also give attendees

of the history of Army Aviation.

tips on building a résumé for federal employment applications, which Kozlowski said differs from private-sector résumés.

“The federal résumé is a different kind of cat,” he said. “The format is more along the lines of a hybrid style, combining the traditional reverse chronological style with a functional format. It’s also quite a bit longer than its private sector counterpart.

“Some federal résumés can be as long as 19 pages, although the optimum length should be limited to three to five pages,” he added. “There are a host of other key differences I could cite, and I plan to bring them out during the course of the workshop proper.”

At the conclusion of the workshop, according to Kozlowski, participants should be able to better understand the federal hiring process.

“Following the ‘Ten Step’ method provides a framework for this understanding,” he said. “Attendees at the last workshop have commented to me that they now understand the process as being more than routinely applying for a job on USA-JOBS.gov; that there are so many items they have previously overlooked that they now incorporate into their federal job applications. Many have told me that they are now getting referred to hiring officials for federal positions – a step in the process which has evaded them until now.”

Pre-registration is required due to space and materials limitations. The workshop is limited to the first 60 registrants. The registration deadline is the close of business March 20.

Jobseekers can also attend an employment readiness class March 16 or 30 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Bldg. 5700. Attendees will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:40 a.m. prior to moving to the workshop room. Attendees will learn successful job campaign essentials such as crafting a strong private-sector résumé, prepping for interviews and various other tips.

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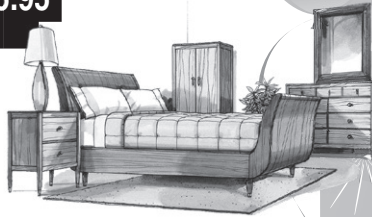
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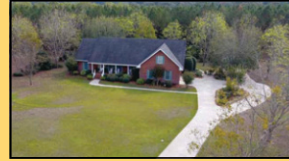
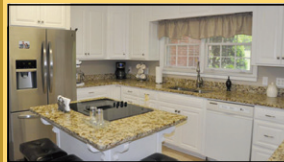
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An AH-64 Apache is unloaded from a C-5M Galaxy airplane at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Feb. 22.

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AH-64 Apaches arrive in Germany

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

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Four of the Army’s most lethal attack helicopters arrived at Ramstein Air Base Feb. 22 in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The Apaches were transported here from their home in Fort Bliss, Texas, in the bellies of two U.S. Air Force C-5M Galaxy aircraft.

“We must be able to rapidly deploy a unit at a moment’s notice to deter any potential aggressions in today’s ever-changing environment,” said Brig. Gen. Phillip S. Jolly, U.S. Army Europe’s deputy commanding general for mobilization and reserve affairs.

After transport, it takes just a short amount of time to get the helicopters mission-capable again, according to CW2 Courtney Roundtree, the production control officer for 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment.

“From the time the helicopters are downloaded from the aircraft to the time they take flight is anywhere between 24 to 48 hours,” Roundtree said. “We first have to make sure that the aircraft’s blades are airworthy and that the operations systems

are running properly.”

Once the crews receive the green light, they will fly the helicopters to their headquarters in Illesheim. In the coming weeks, more helicopters and Aviation assets will arrive through three seaports and two airports located throughout the region.

Over the next nine months, the 1-501st Avn., Regt., will augment the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Drum, New York, in support of OAR missions.

Missions will include medical transport, exercise support and Aviation operations throughout Europe, particularly in Romania, Latvia and Poland.

“Today’s operations demonstrated the strength of our military forces,” Jolly said. “We have the world’s greatest forces enabling U.S. Army Europe to do their mission, which is to assure security to our European allies and friends.”

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Eight UH-60 Black Hawks and more than 70 other pieces of equipment from the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, based at Fort Drum, N.Y., arrive at the Port of Thessaloniki, Greece, Feb. 25 as part of a rotational force supporting Operation Atlantic Resolve.

UH-60 Black Hawks arrive in Greece

By Spc. Kelsey Little
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

THESSALONIKI, Greece — Eight UH-60 Black Hawks and more than 70 other pieces of equipment arrived at the Port of Thessaloniki Feb. 25 as part of the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade’s nine month rotational deployment in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

OAR was designed to reassure European allies in light of Russia’s invasion in Ukraine. The helicopters arriving in Greece are part of a European theater rotation that includes armor and air assets

that began arriving in January. The troops will train with the United States’ allies and partners, as well as respond to crises, should it be required. This is the first full Aviation regionally allocated force to OAR and U.S. Army Europe.

“This is a great opportunity for interactions between Greek and American Soldiers in order to develop capacity, share lessons and hone expertise,” said U.S. Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey Pyatt, who visited the port to observe and talk

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ON A SEA CRUISE



PHOTO BY NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS CHRIS WILLIAMSON

Navy Boatswain’s Mate 3rd Class Orlando Spencer signals to an Army UH-60 Black Hawk, assigned to the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, as it takes off from the flight deck of the amphibious transport dock ship USS Green Bay (LPD 20) in the Gulf of Thailand Feb. 22 during Exercise Cobra Gold 2017. Cobra Gold is the largest Theater Security Cooperation exercise in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and is an integral part of the U.S. commitment to strengthen engagement in the region.

3rd CAB trains with 2nd Inf. BCT

By Sgt. Kellen Stuart
3rd Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

FORT STEWART, Ga. — A squad waits in cover as the aircraft approaches and lands. Once the aircraft crew chief gives the signal, the squad makes a beeline to the aircraft and upon entering the squad leader counts the members of the squad. Everyone is accounted for and they continue their mission.

Training is an important aspect of readiness – familiarization of tactics and procedures when entering and exiting an aircraft makes for a smoother transportation of troops for pilots and crew of the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Squads throughout 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team trained

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PHOTO BY SGT. KELLEN STUART

UH-60 Black Hawk pilots and crew of the 2-3rd Avn. Regt. conduct an air assault into a training area on Fort Stewart, Ga., Feb 24.

FLYING HIGHER, FASTER

Aviator became 1st Soldier to earn astronaut wings

By Sharon Watkins Lang
U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/
Army Forces Strategic Command
Command Historian

WASHINGTON — March 2, 1984, then-Col. Robert L. Stewart, the first Army astronaut, received his astronaut wings.

The ceremony, conducted at Fort Meyer, Virginia, the site of the first military airplane test flights in 1909, saw then-Gen. John A. Wickham, Jr., Army chief of staff, present Stewart with his wings. In the same ceremony, then-Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. decorated Stewart with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Developed in May 1983 by The Institute of Heraldry, the Army Astronaut device has the same basic design as Army Aviation (Aviator, flight surgeon, crewmember, etc.). To represent the astronaut’s theater of operations, however, the

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Retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Stewart was the first Army Astronaut and also one of the first two people to fly in space with the manned maneuvering unit.

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Black Hawks

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with U.S. and Greek military leaders and the Soldiers of the 10th CAB.

U.S. military units are working with NATO allies and partners in Poland, the Baltic states, Bulgaria, Romania and Germany for rotational deployments focusing on training, exercises and maintenance.

“This is the most successful alliance in the history of the world,” said Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, USAREUR commander. “The port of Thessaloniki is a gateway into Europe and Atlantic armies could not prosper without our allies.”

USAREUR’s preparation for an increased presence across the European theater contributes to and strengthens the alliance’s deterrence and defense. The forward presence of U.S. troops is essential to assure allies, deter adversaries and be postured to act in a timely manner if deterrence fails.

“Deterrence is about the agility of the United States Army. These helicopters came from Fort Drum, New York, and just hours after the aircraft are coming off of the ship they are going to fly away from



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Specs. Emily McLead, right, and Robert Elliott, 10th CAB, assemble a UH-60 Black Hawk after it was unloaded from a ship.

here and in about three days they are going to conduct an air assault operation in Romania,” Hodges said. “In such a short amount of time, that kind of agility is central to what we do.”

The 10th CAB is arriving at three seaports and three airports throughout February and early March. This facilitation of movement has been assisted by multiple agencies ranging from military logistics

units to civilian counterparts and, in this instance, Greek Allies.

“This operation is the first time in recent years that the U.S. Army has used the port of Thessaloniki,” said Lt. Col. Jason Alvis, 839th Transportation Battalion commander.

The port was a primary Kosovo Force cargo entry point from 1999-2001 when NATO allies processed more than 557 ships.

Greek military aviators and key leaders welcomed their military allies and said they were looking forward to working together more often. During the assembly of helicopters, American crew chiefs and pilots invited their Greek counterparts to engage in the action, and medics from both countries exchanged knowledge of tactics, techniques and procedures.

“This is great opportunity to enhance our cooperation,” said Lt. Gen. Alkiviadis Stefanis, Greek army chief of staff. “The Greek position offers stability, and we also offer the alliance and the professionalism of our Soldiers. We are very proud to have you here and we are looking forward to enhancing our cooperation.”

3rd CAB

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on cold and hot loading into 3rd CAB CH-47 Chinooks and UH-60 Black Hawks Feb. 23-24 at Fort Stewart.

“Cold load training is static, which helps Soldiers become familiar with the aircraft without the stress of noise or adrenaline from a mission,” said CW3 Richard Deaton, a pilot with B Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. “Utilizing the crawl, walk, run phases of training builds confidence in the Soldiers’ ability to conduct an air assault.”

Safety is also a factor in the crawl phase of training, Deaton explained. Trainers give an overview of the safety considerations, which emphasizes the importance of staying clear of the rotating blades on the aircraft, as well as weapon safety of the individual’s weapon and door gunners’ weapon.

Practicing cold loading into the aircraft and providing security af-



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CH-47 Chinook pilots and crews of 4-3rd Avn. Regt. conduct an air assault into a training area.

ter exiting ensures that Soldiers are proficient in the training and ready to engage an enemy, said Staff Sgt. Bradon Roberts, an infantry squad leader with A Co., 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd IBCT. Some of the newer infantrymen haven’t been on an aircraft before, so training with the

aircraft puts the tactics learned prior into perspective for them.

Additionally, the walk and run phases of training continue with hot loading into the aircraft, said Deaton. When hot loading, Soldiers have the added stress of the noise and mechanics of the aircraft, as well as the stress of

completing the mission.

Overall, the training was successful, said Sgt. 1st Class Vernon McNabb, UH-60 Black Hawk crew chief. When it was time to perform, Soldiers were able to flow right into the aircraft while conducting the appropriate safety checks.

“It is easier to train with the aircraft and having the hands-on experience of entering and exiting the Black Hawk instead of only talking about it,” said Pfc. Ryan Diacovo, an infantryman.

This training helps build the experience needed to train Soldiers in the future, added Diacovo.

Astronaut

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device incorporates a shooting star passing through an elliptical orbit superimposed over the shield.

The Army Astronaut device is awarded by the Army chief of staff to personnel who complete a minimum of one operational mission in space – 50 miles above Earth.

The Distinguished Flying Cross, meanwhile, was established by an Act of Congress on July 2, 1926. It is awarded to “any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself or herself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. The performance of the act of heroism must be evidenced by voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty.”

Stewart learned to fly as a senior in high school. He soloed after nine hours in the cockpit and went on to earn both a commercial license and an instructor’s license. After joining the Army in 1964, Stewart followed his love of Aviation, becoming a helicopter pilot.

He logged 1,035 hours of combat flight in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967, primarily with the 101st Aviation Battalion. After Vietnam, he became a helicopter instructor, and later, after graduating from the Navy’s test pilot school, an Army test pilot.

In a 1984 interview, Stewart observed, “I seem to adapt quite well to Aviation. And I thought that my career had peaked as an experimental test pilot.”

Speaking on his transition to Army astronaut, Stewart explained, “I flew everything from the Goodyear Blimp to the F-104 Starfighter. NASA just gave me the oppor-

tunity to fly higher and faster.”

This observation cannot be understated, for on this date Stewart was recognized not only for being the first Army astronaut, having flown aboard STS-41B Challenger, but also for his untethered flights with the manned maneuvering unit.

“Stewart floated through the space shuttle Challenger’s cargo bay and over to his jetpack – known in NASA terms as a manned maneuvering unit. He eased himself into it and swung the pack’s armrests into position. After a quick systems check, he released his tether and, using buttons and joysticks, slowly rocketed away from the bay. With his legs dangling free, Stewart left the safety of the shuttle, becoming a one-man spaceship, a human satellite, a living, breathing moon to planet Earth,” Historian Kevin Hymel wrote on the 25th anniversary in 2009.

Navy Capt. Bruce McCandless II and Stewart were the first and second astronauts to conduct these untethered space walks. Equipped with the 326-pound MMU, which shot jets of nitrogen from 24 thrusters to maneuver, the astronauts could operate freely in space.

During two days of test flights, McCandless and Stewart took turns flying with the jetpack away from the shuttle’s cargo bay, reaching distances of 100 meters (more than 300 feet). Together, they accrued five hours and 10 minutes of flying time on the MMUs.

When discussing the events later, Stewart declared, “[The experience] was wonderful. I was perfectly comfortable with Johannes Kepler’s laws [of planetary motion] that all things at the same altitude in orbit are going the same speed.”

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TOP TEAM

FRES robotics earns honors at state-level competition

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Although robotics can seem like fun and games to many people, the Fort Rucker Elementary School robotics team isn't playing around when it comes to their engineering feats.

The FRES Robo Panthers competed in the Alabama First Lego League State competition in Huntsville Saturday where they competed against 34 other robotics teams, and although they didn't take home gold, they were able to place second overall in the research category, as well as learn valuable lessons in teamwork, according to Brenda Forti, FRES gifted education teacher and robotics coach.

After qualifying in the First Lego League competition in Birmingham Jan. 28, the team earned the Core Values Award, which celebrates friendly competition and gracious professionalism, said Forti. The team then advanced to the state competition in Huntsville where it presented a research project on the honeybee, performed an original skit, tested their self-designed robot through a series of prescribed challenges and successfully completed a team-building challenge.

"This [competition] isn't just about programming and building," she said. "It has to do with researching and core values, which encompasses teamwork."

The robotics team consisted of nine fourth- and fifth-grade students: Sydney Lewis, fifth grader; Nahia Chaparro, fifth grader; Teairra Cheatham, fifth grader; Isaac Leon, fifth grader; Kara Druilhet, fifth grader; Harriet Chan, fifth grader; Landyn Marta, fourth grader; Jveon Taylor, fourth grader; and Nathaniel Kuhn, fourth grader.

Forti said it is her job, along with fellow robotics coach, Lisa Arthurs, to steer the children and teach them how to work well together. Students' teamwork tasks included researching together, working together to program their robots and coming up with plans to get their robots to complete the tasks that were provided.

For Druilhet, it was the teamwork that she felt she had the most to learn from.

"I think what we learned the most was teamwork, especially since we got the (Core Values Award), which is like the teamwork award," she said. "It really showed that we knew each other and how to work well together."

Although the team won what was essen-



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Members of the Fort Rucker Elementary School robotics team, Robo Panthers, try out their design and programming as they set their robot on a course during a club meeting at the school Tuesday.



Team members of the Fort Rucker Elementary School robotics team, Robo Panthers, pose with their trophies during a meeting of the robotics club Tuesday.

tially the teamwork award, Druilhet said it wasn't easy to learn to work as one – there were so many ideas presented by each of the team members.

"Sometimes you want (express) an idea, but you never get the chance to say it," she said. "We figured out a way to master that, though."

Druilhet said a fellow team member, Leon, came up with the idea of an idea circle.

"It's when someone starts talking and they say their idea, then it goes on to the next person," she said. "If the person doesn't have an idea to share, they can simply pass and it goes down the line until every team member has a chance to share an idea. That way everybody's idea is shared."

It was that level of teamwork that earned

the team the Core Values Award during the qualifier competition, but despite not having won the competitions, Chan said the most important part of the competition was that they had a good time.

"I think that having fun is more important than winning, because even though (we didn't win first place), we learned a lot about each other," she said.

Forti added that it was a lot about getting hands-on learning, and learning through trial and error, that had the biggest impact on the students.

"[These students] are not expert engineers and we are not expert engineers, so a lot of this was learning on the fly," she said. "At the beginning of the year, we go through a lot of information on how to program and what all the blocks do and things like that,



The Fort Rucker Elementary School robotics team, Robo Panthers, placed second for the research award at the state-level First Lego League Championship Tournament Saturday.

but they really teach each other. They determine what they're going to do as far as their robot and design, and they figure out what they need to do."

That level of dedication is what allowed the children to accomplish what they did, and Forti said it also took dedication on the parts of the parents, as well.

"We had really supportive parents," she said. "Everyone had to take their own children up to Birmingham and Huntsville and stay overnight. There was a lot of dedication from them."

ACS offers tools, tips to aid in job hunts

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

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

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

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

Employment readiness workshops will take place March 16 and March 30 from 9 a.m. until 11:30

a.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Patrons will meet at 8:40 a.m. for paperwork prior to the session. Participants will learn the essentials for conducting a successful job campaign. Advance registration is required.

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

Start with your résumé. Ask yourself the questions, "Would I hire myself if I were a hiring manager and read my résumé?" Tailor your résumé to the job in which you're interested, giving the reader the impression that you are a problem solver with innovative approaches to the industry sector. Pepper your work experiences (and significant accomplishments) with percentages, dollar figures, and statistical data. Describe the context and challenges you faced in the job, the actions you took to solve those challenges/opportunities and, lastly, the results you and the organization experienced from your creative solutions. Once again, quantify these accomplishments as much as possible.

The informational visit. Re-



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search companies and their job opportunities. Tailor your résumé and cover letter to the company you wish to visit and then make the informational visit. You don't have to call ahead, but it may help you get some dedicated time on that individual's schedule. Do not offer your résumé to the person until they ask for it. If you do you risk being perceived as a person with self-interest at heart. Get the business card and hand-write a thank you note.

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

"Some individuals are morning people, feeling fresh and ready to 'get at it' with vigor during the first part of the day," he said. "Others — because of their other obligations and commitments — find job hunting better suited to an afternoon schedule. Job hunting — if you're truly serious about it — needs to be a consistent part of your daily routine. One hour, four hours, eight hours — it doesn't matter how much time you devote to your hunt. Your

job hunt is driven by the intensity and determination you render to it — every day. It's the fire in your belly that drives success in anyone's job search. You should always adopt a methodical, consistent approach to your daily job hunt efforts — never go headlong into the hunt without preparation."

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

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

"I'm a big advocate of networking with other professionals, either on a face-to-face basis or via elec-

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

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

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

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

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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 today 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 March 3 and registration is limited to the first 20 families to sign up. People can pre-register by calling 255-3359 or 255-9647.

Monster Jam Day Trip

MWR Central will host a day trip to the Monster Jam Triple Threat Series Saturday 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.

Panda craft

The Center Library will host a panda craft session Tuesday 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.

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.

Home Buying Seminar

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a home buying seminar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday 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 Tuesday. Free child-



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Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host its Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament March 18 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry Fee is \$100 per two-person team – only 25 slots will be available. The Top 3 weigh-in totals will receive a cash prize. There will also be a cash prize for biggest fish. Participants must have an Alabama State Fishing License, Fort Rucker Post Fishing Permit and Fort Rucker Boater Safety Completion Card. The event is open to the public. People can register at ODR or MWR Central. For more information, call 255-4305 or 255-2997. Pictured is a scene from a previous tournament on Lake Tholocco.

care 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>.

Teen Gladiator

The Fort Rucker Youth Center is looking for youth to participate in its Teen Gladiator, a youth obstacle course challenge. Youth must arrive by 1 p.m. March 18 in order to lock in teams. Youth must be a child and youth services member to participate – ages 11-18 and grades six-12.

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

Spouse Leadership Academy

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

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.

Feeding Your Child - birth to age 5

The Army Community Service New Parent Support Program will host its free child nutrition program, Feeding Your Child, March 24 from 9-11 a.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The program is designed to help parents of children ages infant to 5 years. Registration deadline will be March 20. Child care will be provided.

For more information, call 255-9647.

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 activi-

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For registration or more details call the Fort Rucker PFC, (334)255-2296, Fortenberry-Colton PFC, (334)255-3794, or MWR Central, (334)255-2997. EFMP Friendly rucker.armymwr.com

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ties 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.

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.

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WARMING UP

WWII veteran co-wrote the book on cold-weather training

By David Vergun
Army News Service

BLACK RAPIDS TRAINING SITE, Alaska — From an early age, retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Henry “Hank” Dube loved skiing, a passion that would one day serve him well in the Army.

Dube grew up on a dairy farm in New Hampshire in the foothills of the White Mountains. As a child, he made his own skis out of barrel staves, tied to his boots with strips of inner tubes.

In 1936, 10-year-old Dube met the renowned Swiss skier and mountain climber Peter Gabriel, who taught Dube alpine skiing at the North Conway Ski School. It was one of the first ski schools in the country. Years later in the Army, their paths would cross again.

In early 1942, not long after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 15-year-old Dube enlisted in the Navy, lying about his age, eager for action. He was assigned as a gunner’s mate on a destroyer escort vessel.

He saw service near Guam and other areas of the Pacific, but was cashiered out of the Navy after his older sister sent a letter to the Navy stating that her brother was underage. “The war in the Pacific was heating up and my sister got scared and outed me,” he said.

In 1944, Dube was drafted into the Army and served in the Philippines as a medic during the final year of the war.

MOUNTAINEERING FOR THE ARMY

Gabriel was drafted in 1942 and ended up in the 10th Mountain Division. The Army soon realized Gabriel’s renowned mountaineering skills and that year sent him to the highest peak in North America — 20,310-foot Denali (also known as Mount McKinley) — to test out cold-weather gear.

A year later, Gabriel was involved in the fighting on Alaska’s Attu and Kiska Islands, where the Japanese army had established a foothold. The fighting took place on bitterly cold and snowy mountainous terrain, lasting a full year before the islands were retaken.

After the war, both Dube and Gabriel stayed on in the Army.

Gabriel and a couple of other Soldiers founded the Army’s Arctic School on what is now Fort Greely — about two hours south of Fairbanks — in 1950. Several years later, Gabriel led the school, which in 1963 was renamed the Northern Warfare Training Center at the Black Rapids Training Site — about 20 miles south of Fort Greely in the Alaska Range.

Meanwhile, Dube was assigned to post-war occupation duty at Camp McCauley in the Austrian Alps. He was the driver for Lt. Gen. William H. Arnold, commander of U.S. Forces Austria.

While stationed there, Dube met his future wife, Ann, a local Austrian from Salzburg, who provided babysitting services for Arnold’s children. Ann, now 88, said Arnold’s wife, Elizabeth, taught her to speak proper English, correcting her “GI slang” that she had picked up from working with U.S. service members.

Ann and Dube hit it off right away, Ann said, as they both had a passion for skiing. At the time, Ann was the better skier and Dube learned a few techniques from her. The two fell in love and were married in 1946.

In the 1950s, Dube was stationed at Camp Hale, Colorado, where he taught Soldiers how to ski.

In 1959, Dube arrived at the NWTC as an instructor. There, he taught Soldiers snowshoeing, skiing, mountain climbing and survival techniques.

At the same time, Gabriel was the training specialist at NWTC, leading the group



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Sgt. 1st Class Henry “Hank” Dube poses with his skis when he was stationed at Camp Hale, Colorado, in the 1950s. (Right) Dube arrives at Delta Junction’s IGA for a cup of coffee and a chat with fellow veterans, Feb. 16.



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Dube on an ahkio (sled) in the 1960s as an instructor at Northern Warfare Training Center, Alaska, chats with a student.

of instructors.

“He taught me everything,” Dube said, not just about skiing and mountaineering but about leadership.

“If someone was doing something wrong, you could tell,” Dube continued. “He’d not say anything. He would just wag his finger at you and you knew he was not pleased.”

In 1969, Dube retired from the Army but stayed on at NWTC as an Army civilian to replace Gabriel as the new training specialist. He held that post until his second retirement in 1986.

Dube said it saddens him that today some students training at NWTC drop out. He said none of the students he ever instructed quit. “They would persevere come hell or high water.”

LEGACY CONTINUES

Gabriel wrote the book on cold weather training, said Steven Decker, the current NWTC training specialist. Dube added to that knowledge in NWTC’s “Cold Weather Operations Manual” of 1968, with revisions in 1972 and 1999.

While at NWTC, Dube and Ann lived on a small horse ranch near Delta Junction, a town near Fort Greely at the terminus of the Alaska Highway. After retiring in 1986, the couple remained at Delta

Junction.

Dube used to visit NWTC all the time and skied with the Soldiers there until he was 88, according to Decker.

He provided plenty of advice to them, drawing on his many years of experience, and he was deeply appreciated, Decker said.

Now 90, Dube still occasionally has coffee with Decker and some of his fellow Soldiers at the IGA convenience store in Delta Junction, a lunchtime hangout for veterans. The Soldiers from NWTC came en masse to the IGA to celebrate Dube’s 90th birthday recently.

“It’s nice to have a cup of coffee with Hank and just to know he was once in our shoes as an instructor,” said Staff Sgt. Matthew Doane, an instructor at NWTC. “He’s a great wealth of knowledge, and

shares his insights into training and equipment. He knows the history of cold-weather training.”

Vern Aiton, a former Marine and Vietnam War veteran, who has coffee with Dube nearly every day, said Dube has led an incredibly adventurous life, climbing Mount McKinley twice (now called Mount Denali) and summiting other tall mountains in the Alaska Range. He also rescued many mountain climbers throughout Alaska.

Asked why he and others chose to live in the middle of nowhere in the extreme cold, Aiton replied: “Just look on TV at all the crap going on. We’re away from it all. We all hunt and fish and like the outdoors.”

Dube said, “Alaska has freedom. It’s wide open. No one bothers you. I love it here.”

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Alabama Shakespeare Festival *Press Release*

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival will host its free Theatre in the Mind series on various Saturdays now through May 6 from noon to 1 p.m. The series is designed to help people gain new insights into ASF productions through the acclaimed Theatre in the Mind and Bard Talk lecture discussions. Designed around the plays ASF presents each season, people can participate in free pre-show discussions with authors, cast members, designers and directors. The discussions are hosted by Dr. Susan Willis, ASF’s resident dramaturge.

Schedule:

- March 11 – Sherlock Holmes
- March 25 –Dauphin Island
- April 22 – The Tempest
- May 6 – Rep Actor’s Discussion (after matinee) and Narrated Changeover.

Theatre in the Mind is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required – people may pick up their tickets at the box office counter just before each lecture. People do not need to be a ticket holder to that day’s performance to attend the lecture.

For more information, call 334-271-5353, or visit www.asf.net/Education/Theatre-in-the-Mind.aspx.



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

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, 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.

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

MARCH 23 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the senior center, located one block behind the old New Brockton Police station. Food and drink will be served followed by regular Chapter business. Veterans throughout the Wiregrass are invited to join the organization. For more information, call 334-718- 5707.

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.

WIREGRASS 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 and camaraderie. The next meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Dothan. For more information, call 718-4168 or 805-7335.

Beyond Briefs

Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo, 57th Annual

The 57 annual Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. 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.

For more information, call 334-493-2122 or visit www.rattlesnakerodeo.com.

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/>.

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>.

Lighthouse climb

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/.

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.

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://isignedup.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/.

‘Sherlock Holmes’

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

Painting by Army Soldier displayed in museum in Rome

By Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Liah Kitchen
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

WASHINGTON — Since he turned 18 just over a decade ago, Spc. Zee H. Leung has achieved four of his lifelong dreams.

First, his family finally immigrated to the United States from China in 2006 after a long process they kicked off when they filed the paperwork in 1998. Second, Leung became a citizen of the United States in 2012, six years after arriving in New York City.

Third, he became an American Soldier, joining the U.S. Army and shipping off to basic training just months after earning his college degree.

And fourth, as part of his official duties now as a multimedia illustrator for the Army, he has painted a picture that now hangs in a museum in Rome, Italy.

PROXIMITY BREEDS OPPORTUNITY

Leung works as a multimedia illustrator for the Army, and is assigned to the Army Multimedia and Visual Information Directorate at the Pentagon where he and his teammates provide graphic support to Headquarters Department of the Army.

In June, the executive officer with the Army Provost Marshal approached AMVID staffers with a proposal: Maj. Gen. Mark S. Inch's counterpart in the Italian military, Gen. Tullio Del Sette, would be visiting later in the year, and Inch wanted to present him with a painting. He hoped AMVID could make that happen.

As a graphic artist trained in painting and drawing, Leung was asked to produce the painting. He was, in essence, commissioned like a modern-day Michelangelo. Today, Leung waxes ecstatic about Italian art and the opportunity to paint something for the Italians.

"It was very high-profile and an honor to do this for them," he said. "I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to paint this painting that showcased the long history and achievements and cooperation between the U.S. military police and Italian military police."

FIVE MONTHS OF WORK

Even though he's a trained artist, the Army hadn't really drawn on his painting skills as much as it had his graphic arts skills. He spends more time producing work on a computer than he does on canvas, so he worried that his painting skills might have gotten rusty from disuse.

To make the painting happen, Leung also had to conduct a lot of research into both the U.S. Army military police and the Italian military police.

"I started my research right away," he said. "I used that five months very productively. I wouldn't say I was confident all of the time, but to be able to create this little piece of artwork, and use it at an international level to strengthen the relationship between our countries, was just a great honor."

The final work was presented to the Italians in November — about five months after he was asked to start it.

"General Inch was meeting with his counterparts," Leung remembered. "They were nice enough to let me unveil that painting myself. They put a cloth over it and I got to unveil it with the Italians. It was an exciting day for me to see my work recognized."

SYMBOLIC GUARDIANS

The painting features both Inch and Del Sette, as well as representations of the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division and Protective Services Battalion. Representing the Italians, he included Carabinieri police officers, as well as the Cuirassiers' Regiment, who serve in a role similar to the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard."

Also included in the painting is the U.S. Capitol and matching the U.S. Capitol is the Roman Coliseum, its presence symbolizing, according to Leung, "the glorious past the Italians have and also what their MP Corps is there to protect: the heritage, cultural heritage, the rich fantastic art they have."

The background of the painting features the colors of the Italian flag: green, white and red, and also features the two pistols that symbolize the U.S. Army's MP Corps, as well as the flaming grenade that symbolizes the Italian MP Corps.

Today, the painting hangs in the Carabinieri museum in Rome. "I love Italian art so much," Leung said. "It's really a great honor."



PHOTO BY ALY K. JOHNSON JR.

A painting that highlights the relationship between the U.S. Army military police corps and the Italian military police corps is shown here before it was presented in November 2016 at the Pentagon.

DISCIPLINE AND ART

Looking back on his grade school days in China, when his family first applied for permission to come to the United States, Leung said he was no stranger to that kind of strict discipline he would later encounter in the Army.

"The schools [in China], they always push you," he recalled. "I had like three sessions a day, every day, from morning until 9 o'clock at night. For me, it was very intense. But it was rewarding, because it gave me some discipline to push myself. I think it set me up for success in the long run."

At a young age, Leung was already pursuing an interest in art and when he reached high school, he concentrated on the fine arts, painting and sketching and drawing with different kinds of materials: watercolor, gouache and acrylics.

Leung knew early — from grade school — he would eventually come to the United States. His grandmother had paved the way, he said.

"My grandma was in the U.S. for a long time," Leung said. "She applied for my family to come here. We started the process back in 1998."

With visas in hand, Leung and his family finally came to the United States in 2006. Leung was about 18 or 19 years old at the time, he said.

Leung, however, was unable to resume his art education right away. Before he could pursue an education in the fine arts, he realized, he first would have to master English.

In the United States, he attended a community college in New York City to improve his language skills. After two years, he transferred to State University of New York at New Paltz to continue his art education.

In 2012, just as he was closing in on graduation and a degree, he underwent two dramatic life events — the first was becoming an American citizen. It was one of the proudest days of his life, he said.

"Because actually, when I was very young, very small, I was already dreaming about coming to the states. I had dreams about walking through the streets of New York before I came here."

The other was that he decided to join the Army.

"I was getting ready to graduate and I didn't know what to do next," he recalled. "But the Army was always something I wanted to do, because of the discipline."

MIXING IT UP

Immediately after graduating in May of 2012, Leung returned to New York City and paid a visit to the recruiting center in Brooklyn. The recruiter there told him about an opening for the 25M career field, which — compared to a career field like the infantry — is relatively small.

He swore into the Army at Fort Hamilton, New York, and they shipped him to basic training in July.

"I was really lucky to get into that spot," Leung said. "So I signed right up. That was exciting too. I finally get to do what I always wanted to do: a multimedia

illustrator, in the Army."

Leung recognized the contradiction between the creative freedom he wanted as an artist and the discipline that comes with serving in the Army, but he always knew he could make it work.

"I like creative freedom, no restraints. I want to be myself," he admitted. "But I also wanted to see if I could do this as a Soldier. As an art student who graduated with a bachelor of science fine arts degree, I thought I could make use of my creative skills and benefit the Army."

Leung's first assignment was not at the Pentagon, but rather at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served with B Company, 6th Military Information Support Battalion. Between his advanced individual training and Bragg, he also at-

tended airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After Fort Bragg, Leung came to the Pentagon to work at AMVID. He is now applying to work at the White House Communications Agency.

"Hopefully I'll get that," he said. "Hopefully I'll be doing greater works. [It's] really ... the highest position you can think of as a 25M, to work for the president. It's a very exciting assignment."

And when his Army career one day comes to a close, Leung said, he plans to use veteran educational benefits to get a master's in fine art at New York University or Columbia.

"I'm looking at a couple of art schools," he said.

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BOOTS TO SUITS

NCO transitions to the corporate world

By Marine Corps Lance Cpl.
Liah Kitchen
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Transitioning out of the military can be a difficult and stressful time for service members. Many go back to their hometowns to be with their families, while others find work in the area of their last duty station.

Planning for life after the military is one of the key elements in a smooth transition. For retired Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Junior Hamilton, this means exchanging his uniform for business attire.

“I decided to join the corporate sector because I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to get a degree [and] to use my mind to make money that is comparable to what I made as a Marine,” he said.

Hamilton joined the Marine Corps in 1997 and retired as a staff sergeant in 2017. During his time in the Marine Corps, he completed his bachelor’s degree in human resources and business management online.

During his transition, Hamilton came across the Hiring Our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program, a 12-week internship in which members work with local companies in the corporate sector four days out of the week, with the final day is set aside for one-on-one feedback and coaching.

UNIQUE PROGRAM

“We are a unique intern-to-hire program because we focus on the service members’ career objectives,” said Sara McNamera, the Corporate Fellowship Program’s director. “This program is highly valuable because it is focused on the individual and their end goals.”

To enter the program, service members complete an interview with the program manager, then sit down with potential employers to interview for a position. This



COURTESY PHOTO

Retired Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Junior Hamilton, a member of the Hiring Our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program, poses with members of the 7-Eleven team at the company’s corporate office in San Diego, Feb. 24.

allows both the employer and employee find the perfect match for the internship, McNamera said.

“My job is to find opportunities in the business community to match what the service member’s end goal is in the corporate sector,” she added. “They get real on-the-job training and experience of corporate culture.”

Hamilton interviewed and was accepted for a position at 7-Eleven as a field consultant. He was assigned to oversee operations at

about eight stores to ensure that each business ran smoothly.

“I chose 7-Eleven because of the research that I did — the company is really like a family,” Hamilton said. “I also saw that I could bring something meaningful to the organization.”

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

The leadership skills he learned as a Marine are highly sought-after skills in the corporate sector, Hamilton said.

“It doesn’t matter if you were an infantryman or an administrative specialist,” he said. “The corporate sector will hire you based on the leadership skills and traits you have acquired from our small-unit leadership experience.”

Over the 12-week internship, Hamilton gained on-the-job training, as well as valuable skills to transition into corporate culture.

“My end goal is to be a human resource manager,” Hamilton said. “I currently have a position

as a human resource specialist, but I have a five-year goal within the company: advance to become an HR manager.”

Hamilton has some advice for active-duty service members during their time in the military. “Every experience that you have in the Marine Corps, every certification that you can get, every training that you are able to do, do it,” he said. “Having those experiences will help you immensely in the civilian world.”

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

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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)
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CONTROL FREQS

1-11th Avn. Regt. team dominates in early season matchup

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker's intramural basketball season has made its way back to the installation and two teams took to the court to battle it out, with one displaying some early season dominance.

The 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment Control Freqs took on the D Company, 1-145th Avn. Regt. team in a game at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center Tuesday that had both teams on even footing for the first half, but Control Freqs dominated the second to win, 82-53.

"We had to turn up the defense tonight," said CW3 Theodore Rogers, Control Freqs coach. "We switched to a man-to-man (defensive scheme) and we pressed them, and that pretty much sealed the deal for us in the second half."

Both teams were off to a good start going into the game with Control Freqs taking possession to start to take an early lead, but D Co. managed to stay with them, despite falling behind by more than 10 points at times.

D Co. worked to tighten their defense through much of the first half and managed to sink multiple shots to close any scoring gap their opponents managed to achieve, and before they knew it, they were only trailing by one point going into the second quarter, 26-25.

The 1-11th continued to hold on to the lead, though, but couldn't seem to shake D Co. off their heels.

With five minutes remaining in the half, Control Freqs picked up their offense and showed off their superior shooting as they started to sink shot after shot to retake a 10-point lead, but their defense seemed to falter as the clock wound down in the half and D Co. came back to trail their opponents as the half ended 38-37.

D Co. took possession to start the second half, but they got off to a rough start

as the Control Freqs' defense tightened up to prevent them scoring to take the lead.

As the 1-11th forced a turnover, they took full advantage of possession and managed to get the first score of the half to hang on to their lead, but it didn't end there.

The Control Freqs exploded into the second half scoring shot after shot to retake another 10-point lead early in the half, forcing the 1-145th to fight hard to try to stay in the game.

Try as they might, D Co. couldn't manage to regain their footing as the Control Freqs dominated in the third quarter, up by more than 20 points.

The game at this point seemed very one sided as the 1-11th managed to get multiple steals, not giving the 1-145th a moment to breathe.

D Co. finally managed to score their first shot in the half more than 7 minutes in, but the damage was done and the 1-11th wasn't letting up.

Control Freqs continued their onslaught and by the fourth period both teams seemed to tire, but the 1-11th held a nearly 30-point lead with only minutes remaining.

D Co. wasn't going down without a fight, though, as they managed to go shot for shot in the last minutes of the game, but it was too little too late.

Despite their efforts, the 1-145th couldn't close the gap and Control Freqs took the win, 82-53.

With his team's dominating performance, Rogers believe that they have a good shot at the championship.

"We'll definitely be in the running for the championship," he said. "We've got to continue to improve and make a few adjustments on offense. We run a good motion offense but we want to tighten it up, and of course we want to improve on our defense. If we can do both of those things, we'll bring home the championship."



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Spc. Michael Morris, player for the Control Freqs, goes for a layup during a game against the 1st Bn, 145th Avn. Regt. team at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center Tuesday.

MOTIVATION

Heisman winner visits with troops at Fort Leonard Wood

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FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – "There's no shame in asking for help if you're struggling, the shame is if you don't get the help."

Retired National Football League running back and Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker shared this message with several hundred service members and the Fort Leonard Wood community during a visit to the installation Feb. 21-22.

Breaking free from his own shame related to mental illness, Walker recounted his personal story from his early days as a child, when he had speech issues and was bullied, to becoming one of the greatest college football players of all time to seeking professional help for dissociative identity disorder.

"I've played 15 years of pro ball, I've been on two Olympic teams – I've done everything you can do as an athlete," Walker said. "People don't understand that the best thing that ever happened to Herschel Walker was going to a behavioral health hospital."

Walker explained how his experience at the behavioral health hospital alleviated his shame in asking for help. He now gives this advice to those who are struggling and ask him for help.

"Unless you can come out front and tell people and talk to someone, you can't just keep it in the closet and think you're going to get better," he said. "If you come out, I can promise you, you're going to feel better, you're going to get better, but if you're going to hide it, that's too much weight you have to carry."

When he stopped lying to himself and others about his problems, Walker said he started feeling better.

"That's when I started seeing the light, when I accepted that I had a problem and that I had to get it taken care of," he said.



PHOTO BY SHATARA SEYMOUR

Herschel Walker provides a motivational speech to A Company, 701st Military Police Battalion Soldiers during a break from marksmanship training Feb. 21.



PHOTO BY DAWN M. ARDEN

Walker, right, grapples with a Marine from the Fort Leonard Wood Marine Corps Detachment during martial arts exposure and physical fitness experience Feb. 23.

Listening to Walker's story, one Marine in the audience said he could relate.

"Being in the Marine Corps and on three combat tours, I kind of know what he is feeling," said Marine Staff Sgt. Wade Mayhew, Marine Corps Detachment, Motor Transport Instruction Company.

Mayhew said Walker's "words of

wisdom" put him at ease.

"We definitely have the downs and the lows," said Mayhew, who grew up in Albany, Georgia, watching Walker play football. "What he taught me today put me in a different perspective as far as coping with it, and knowing that it is not unmanly

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PHOTO BY C. TODD LOPEZ

The Army Jungle Combat Boot, under development now.

New Army jungle wear gives trench foot the boot

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The standard issue combat boot most Soldiers wear today, the one most commonly worn in Iraq and Afghanistan, is great for sandy dunes, hot dry weather and asphalt.

But it's proven not so good in hot and wet environments. So, the Army has developed a new jungle boot that some Soldiers will see this year.

In September, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley directed the Army to come up with a plan to outfit two full brigade combat teams in Hawaii, part of the 25th Infantry Division, with a jungle boot. The Army had already been testing commercial jungle boots at the time – with mixed results – but didn't have a specialized jungle boot, so Program Executive Office Soldier, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, had to get a plan together to make it happen.

By October, the Army had made a request to industry to find out what was possible and, by December, contracts were awarded to two boot manufacturers in the United States to build a little more than 36,700 jungle-ready combat boots – enough to outfit both full IBCTs in Hawaii.

"This is important to the Army and important to Soldiers in a hot, high-humidity, high-moisture area," said Lt. Col. John Bryan, product manager for Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment, with PEO Soldier. "We are responding as quickly as we possibly can, with the best available, immediate capability, to get it on Soldiers' feet quickly, and then refine and improve as we go."

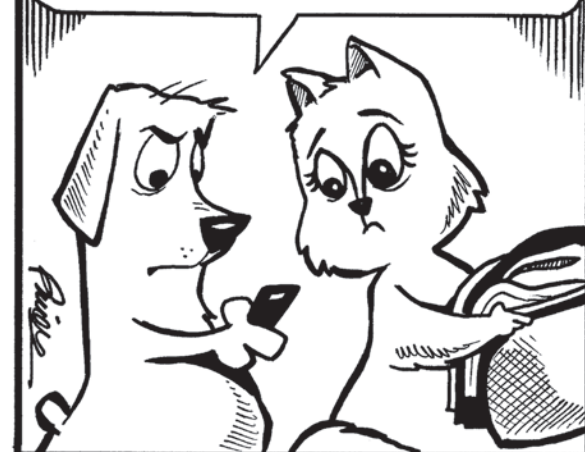
MIXING LEGACY WITH TECH

Right now, the new jungle boot the Army developed

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TRIVIA



Trivia

test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "Land of Enchantment"?
2. MEASUREMENTS: What does the Fitzpatrick scale measure?
3. MOVIES: Who starred as the kid in the original "Karate Kid"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the second-largest of the Hawaiian Islands?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is a knish?
6. THEATER: What famous play features a character named Sally Bowles?
7. ANATOMY: What are alveoli?
8. HISTORY: What were that last names of the 1930s crime duo known as Bonnie and Clyde?
9. LANGUAGE: What is the end of the famous proverb that begins, "People who live in glass houses ..."?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does Hitler's title — "Führer" — mean in German?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword [ADD CAMPAIGN](#)

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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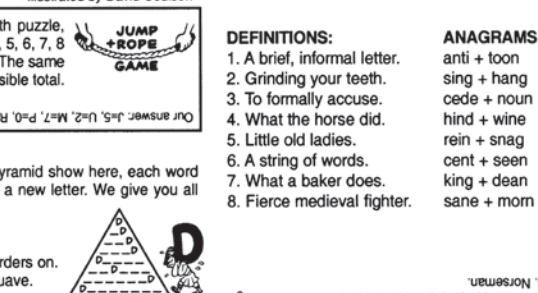
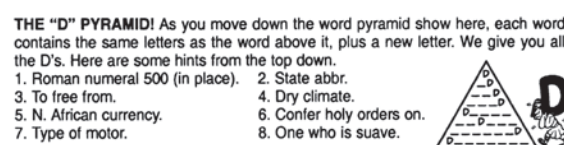
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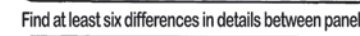
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6,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



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Motivation

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to talk and get help.”

Walker said the reason he shares his story with others is to provide emotional and motivational support, especially

to service members, veterans and military families.

“I have had the opportunity to travel to 140 military installations and share my story,” he said. “The reason the United States of America is the best country in the world is because we have the best military in the world. Whatever I can do to help you guys, this is what I owe to you.”

In addition to his talks, Walker also met with and observed Soldiers in training during his visit, which marked Walker’s second visit to Fort Leonard Wood – his first was in 2013.

Boot

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will be for Soldiers at the 25th ID in Hawaii – primarily because there are actually jungles in Hawaii that Soldiers there must contend with. The new boots look remarkably similar to the current boots Soldiers wear – they are the same color, for instance. And the boots, which Bryan said are called the Army Jungle Combat Boot, or JCB for short, sport a variety of features drawn from both the legacy M1966 Vietnam-era jungle boot and modern technology.

The M1966 Jungle Boot – which featured a green cotton fabric upper with a black leather toe that could be polished, had a solid rubber sole which Soldiers reportedly said had no shock-absorbing capability. The new boot uses a similar tread, or outsole, as the M1966 Panama style -- to shed mud, for instance, and provide great traction, but the added midsole is what makes it more comfortable and shock absorbing, said Albert Adams, who works at the Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center.

The outsole of the new boot is connected to the leather upper via “direct attach,” Adams said. That’s a process where a kind of liquid foam is poured between the rubber outsole and leather boot upper. It’s “a lot like an injection molding process.”

The foam layer between the rubber sole and the upper portion of the boot not only provides greater shock absorbing capability, but he said it also keeps out microbes in hot, wet environments that in the past have been shown to eat away at the glues that held older boots together.

So the new boots won’t separate at the soles, he said. “It provides a high level of durability, and it also adds cushioning.”

Also part of the new boot is a textile layer that prevents foreign items from puncturing through the sole of the boot and hurting a Soldier’s foot, Adam’s said. The M1966 boot accomplished that with a steel plate. The new boot has a ballistic fabric-like layer instead.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Morse, an instructor at the Jungle Operations Training Center in Hawaii, said the puncture resistance is welcome. He said punji sticks, familiar to Vietnam War veterans, are still a problem for Soldiers, for instance.

“They use these punji pits for hunting purposes,” he said. “In Brunei, you are liter-

ally in the middle of nowhere in this jungle, and there are natives that live in that area, and still hunt in that area, and it can be an issue.”

And in mangrove swamps, he said, “you can’t see anything. You don’t know what’s under your feet at all. There are a lot of sharp objects in there as well.”

The new JCB also features a heel with a lower height than the M1966 model, to prevent snags on things like vines in a jungle environment. That prevents tripping and twisted ankles. Among other things, the boot also has additional drainage holes to let water out if it becomes completely soaked, speed laces so that Soldiers can don and doff the boots more quickly, a redesigned upper to make the boots less tight when they are new, an insert that helps improve water drainage, and a lining that makes the boot breath better and dry faster than the old boot.

“You’re going to be stepping in mud up to your knees or higher, and going across rivers regularly,” Adams said. “So once the boot is soaked, we need it to be able to dry quickly as well.”

FEEDBACK FORMED FINAL DESIGN

Morse has already been wearing and evaluating early versions of the JCB and said he thinks the efforts made by the Army toward providing him with better footwear are spot on.

“The designs were conjured up in a lab somewhere, and they were brought out here, and the main focus was the field test with us,” Morse said. “A lot of us have worn these boots for a year now, different variants of the boots. And all the feedback that we’ve put into this, and given to the companies, they have come back and given us better products every single time.”

Morse said he hadn’t initially worn the new jungle boots that he had been asked to evaluate. On a trip to Brunei, he recalled, he went instead with what he was familiar with and what he trusted – a pair of boots he’d worn many times, the kind worn by Soldiers in the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

“I wore a pair of boots I’d had for a couple of years,” he said. “I wore them in Brunei and I had trench foot within a week. But then I thought – I have this brand new pair of test boots that they asked me to test – they are not broken in, but I’m going to give



PHOTO BY DAVID KAMM

The Army Jungle Combat Boot.

them a shot. I put them on. After 46 days soaking wet, non-stop, my feet were never completely dry. But I wore those boots and I never had a problem again.”

The Army didn’t design the new JCB in a vacuum. Instead, it worked with Soldiers like Morse to get the requirements and design just right – to meet the needs of Soldiers, said Capt. Daniel Ferenczy, the assistant product manager for Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment.

“We worked with Soldiers to come up with this boot. We take what Soldiers want and need, we boil that down to the salient characteristics, hand that over to our science and technology up at Natick – they work with us and industry, the manufacturing base, to come up with this product,” Ferenczy said. “This is a huge win, a great win story for the Army, because it was such a quick turnaround. Industry did a fantastic job. Our product engineers are also top of the line. And we had a ton of Soldier feedback – we really dealt very closely with what the Soldier needs to get where we are.”

In March, the Army will begin fielding the current iteration of the JCB to Soldiers in the first of two brigade combat teams in Hawaii. During that fielding, the boots will be available in sizes 7-12. In June, the Army will begin fielding the JCB to the second BCT – this time with a wider array of sizes available: sizes 3-16 in narrow, regular, wide and extra wide. They will also go back and take care of those Soldiers from the initial fielding who didn’t get boots due to their size not being available. A third field-

ing in September will ensure that all Soldiers from the second fielding have boots. Each Soldier will get two pairs of JCBs.

In all, for this initial fielding – meant to meet the requirement laid out last September by the Army’s chief of staff – more than 36,700 JCBs will be manufactured.

By December, the Army will return to Hawaii to ask Soldiers how those new boots are working out for them.

“Al Adams will lead a small group and go back to 25th ID, to conduct focus groups with the Soldiers who are wearing these boots and get their feedback – good and bad,” said Scott A. Fernald, an acquisition technician with PEO Soldier. “From there, the determination will be made if we had a product we are satisfied with, or if we need to go back and do some tweaking.”

AUTHORIZED FOR ALL

Fernald said that sometime between April and June of 2018, a final purchase description for the JCB will be developed – based on feedback from Soldiers who wore it. He said he expects that in fiscal year 201, an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract will be signed with multiple vendors to produce the final version of the JCB for the Army.

Bryan said the JCB, when it becomes widely available, will be wearable by all Soldiers who want to wear it – even if they don’t work in a jungle.

“From the get-go, we have worked with the G-1 ... to make sure we all understood the Army wear standards for boots,” he said. “One of the pieces of feedback we have gotten from Soldiers before they wear them, is they look a lot like our current boots. That’s by design. These will be authorized to wear.”

While the JCB will be authorized for wear by any Soldier, Bryan made it clear that there will only be some Soldiers in some units who have the JCB issued to them. And right now, those decisions have not been made. For Soldiers who are not issued the JCB, if they want to wear it they will need to find it and purchase it on their own.

“We are not directing commercial industry to sell them,” Bryan said. “But if they build to the specification we’ve given them for our contract, they can sell them commercially and Soldiers are authorized to wear them.”

FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth turkey hunt

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host a youth turkey hunt Saturday 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 or call 255-1867.

Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt

Outdoor recreation will host its Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt Wednesday through 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.

For more information, call 255-4305 or 255-2997.

Shamrock Shuffle

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host the annual Shamrock Shuffle 5k/10k Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run March 18 – now with new walker division. Registration on the day of the event will take place from 7:30-8:45 a.m. The 5k run/walk and 10K will start at 9 a.m. at the Fort Rucker PFC on Andrews Avenue. The fun run will be free, be open to children 12 and under, and will begin after the run is completed. Each fun run participant will receive a medal. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the event at either of the PFCs or MWR Central. Refreshments will be provided.

For registration or more information, call 255-2296, 255-3794, or 255-2997.

Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host its Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament March 18 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry Fee is \$100 per two-person team – only 25 slots will be available. The Top 3 weigh-in totals will receive a cash prize. There will also be a cash prize for biggest fish.

Participants must have an Alabama State Fishing License, Fort Rucker Post Fishing Permit and Fort Rucker Boater Safety Completion Card. The event is open to the public. People can register at ODR or MWR Central.

For more information, call 255-4305 or 255-2997.

Intramural Softball Coaches Meeting

Intramural softball coaches meetings are scheduled for March 23 at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center conference room. Units interested in entering a team should send a representative to one of the meetings.

For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-9567.

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.

Ribbon Run

The Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center will host the Ribbon Run/Walk 5K and 1-mile Fun Run April 1. The 5K begins at 9 a.m. and the fun run starts afterwards. This run will support domestic violence, sexual harassment/assault response and prevention, and child abuse awareness. Pre-registration fee is \$20 from March 31 until race day. Race-day entry fee is \$25. The no T-shirt option fee is \$15. Teams of eight people pay \$120 (\$15 per team member), each additional person pays normal registration fee. Only eight medals per team. Top 3 teams will be awarded streamers. All pre-registered competitors will receive a T-shirt. On race day, all teams pay \$160 (\$20 per team member). Competitors will receive T-shirts while supplies last. Fun run registration is free to all children 12 and under – each child will receive a medal. T-shirts cost \$10.

For more information, call 255-3794.

Super Crossword

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Weekly SUDOKU

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TRIVIA

Answers

1. New Mexico
2. Skin's sensitivity to ultraviolet light
3. Ralph Macchio
4. Maui
5. A pastry filled with meat, cheese or potatoes
6. "Cabaret"
7. Air sacs in the lungs
8. Parker and Barrow
9. "... should not throw stones."
10. Leader

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