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## 1-145th welcomes new commander

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

As Soldiers stood in formation, the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment welcomed a new commander while bidding farewell to the outgoing leader.

Lt. Col. Kent M. MacGregor assumed command from Col. Joseph J. Hodgson as the unit colors passed from Hodgson, to Col. Woodard B. Hopkins III, 1st Aviation Brigade commander, to MacGregor during a ceremony on Howze Field March 15.

Hopkins expressed his gratitude to the outgoing commander, as well as expressed his confidence in MacGregor's ability to lead the battalion.

"In Colonel Hodgson's place, we're gaining another truly capable leader in Lieutenant Colonel Kent MacGregor," said the brigade commander. "He has a fantastic reputation throughout the Branch, and I expect nothing but great things in his ability to lead, train and care for Soldiers.

MacGregor comes to Fort Rucker from his most recent assignment with the Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he served as an Aviation Branch assignment officer.

He began his military career in 1991 when he joined the Army as a telecommunications operator and turbine engine mechanic in the Army Reserves and the Army National Guard, and later



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

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received his commissioning in 1998 after graduating from Arizona State University with a degree in aeronautical technology and management.

He's served in numerous leadership positions, including as a platoon leader and troop commander with multiple division cavalry squadrons throughout the world from Fort Hood, Texas, to Korea, as well as held multiple staff assignments that took him from Camp Doha, Kuwait, to Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

"Welcome to the Old Warrior

and Golden Hawk families," Hopkins said to MacGregor during the ceremony. "I have the utmost confidence that you're the right leader to continue the significant history of this battalion, and I'm grateful that you're taking on this incredible opportunity.

"Please be confident and comfortable knowing that this important organization will be well led and successful as it honors the combat legacy of our ancient old warriors, and develops, trains and educates the future leaders

of the best Aviation leaders in the Army and the world," added Hodgson. "We're certain that you will love your time serving these incredible professionals and their families."

The 1-145th is the Aviation Branch's officer training battalion, and it conducts leader development and professional education for all Aviation Branch officers through four companies, which conduct the commissioned officer Aviation basic leader course, the captains career course, and all but two of the

Aviation warrant officer specialties through the Aviation warrant officer basic and advanced courses, according to Hopkins.

It's because of these responsibilities and the battalion's ability to train Aviation's future leaders that both Hopkins and Hodgson said the job is a monumental task to take on.

"[The history of this battalion] is the perfect example of what warrior's can achieve when their actions are squared by our Army's professional ethic and its framing values – especially when they are driven by a clear vision and the right training," said the outgoing commander. "This regiment's warfighting legacy reminds us why this battalion is here – to forge Army professionals and leaders, and prepare them for combat."

MacGregor said he's ready to take on the challenge.

"Summer and I are honored and excited to become a small part of this historic battalion, brigade and larger (U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence) team – thank you Colonel Hopkins for this opportunity," he said. "We're thrilled to join the Fort Rucker team and proud to have the opportunity to serve and lead the Old Warriors as we maintain the unwavering principles of developing the next generation of Aviation warfighters, and continuing to strive to enhance the way we educate our future Aviation and Army leaders."



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

CW4 Clifford Rakes, F Co., 1- 212th Avn. Regt., speaks with Cheryl Anderson, Liberty University representative, during the Fort Rucker Education Center Spring Fling March 15.

## Education providers highlight services

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The Fort Rucker Education Center held its annual Spring Fling event March 15 to give colleges and universities the chance to showcase what they can do for Soldiers and family members.

Soldiers and family members had the opportunity to speak with school representatives from across the country about their programs in order to assess what type of continuing education might best fit their needs, according to Randy McNally, Fort Rucker education specialist.

"We have a lot of academic institutions and vocational institutions that came here today to present their programs to the Fort Rucker community. They're here trying to show what they can do to support Fort Rucker," he said.

Local schools, including Wallace Community College and Troy University, were on hand to show what they have to offer, as well as out-of-state institutions, such as Liberty University, the University of Oklahoma and American Military University came out to present their programs to the Fort Rucker population.

Colleges weren't the only institutions at the event to showcase what they have to offer, but vocational institutions, as well, such as Global Aviation, which

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## SHORT-LIVED CAREER

### Museum adds Brantly B-2 to collection

By Nathan Pfau  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

When entering the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, one of the first aircraft people may encounter is one that most wouldn't recognize as an Army aircraft.

That's because the Brantly B-2, which carried the Army designation YHO-3B and now sits in the museum's visible collection, had a short-lived military career and never got past the evaluation phase, according to Robert Mitchell, U.S. Army Aviation Museum curator.

"The Army bought a total of five of these aircraft (in the latter half of the 1950s), and it was being evaluated as an observation aircraft, but the Army never accepted it," he said.

Mitchell said there were some issues with the aircraft, which was a relatively small aircraft with a length of just 28 feet and height of just under seven feet. The YHO-3B included a top-heavy design, as well as a reciprocating engine, or gasoline in-



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

David Lucas, museum employee, holds the rotor blade of the Brantly B-2/YHO-3B helicopter as George Van Nevel, restoration expert, secures it in place with the help of Robert Mitchell, U.S. Army Aviation Museum curator, as they prepare to settle the aircraft in its new home March 10.

ternal combustion engine, during the advent of the turbine engine, which held it back from becoming a part of the Army inventory.

"[The Army] had seen the advent of the XH-40, or the Huey, and shortly after that, a turbine-powered helicopter came out, so they realized that it was the wave of the future," said the curator. "This was toward the end of the aircraft's evaluation around 1959, but this is a unique aircraft that tells a specific story about the evolution and development of rotor-wing Aviation."

Although the aircraft had a short-lived military career, Mitchell said its story is one that's worth telling when it comes to showing how Army Aviation has evolved over the years to the familiar aircraft people see in use today.

After the Army decided not to pursue the YHO-3B, one of the aircraft found its way into the museum's collection in 1959. Later, during transportation, the aircraft suffered significant damage when it fell from a platform while being moved, leading up to the restoration.

"We had an opportunity through our gracious foundation, (the Army Aviation Museum Foundation), to restore it, and we made the decision to move on that," said Mitchell. "This restoration didn't entail a lot of money, and our foundation has an interest in funding some of the less expensive restoration projects and refurbishments while the Army usually funds the really high-dollar restorations."

Throughout the restoration process, the hull of the aircraft had to be fixed, as well as the door and the unique



The Brantly B-2/YHO-3B takes its place in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum after a six-month restoration March 10.

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# PERSPECTIVE

## KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

*Shelter in place and lockdown 2 very different emergency responses*

**By Willie Worsham**  
*Fort Rucker Installation  
Emergency  
Management Officer*

Knowing the difference between a lockdown and sheltering in place could prove to be life-saving knowledge during an actual emergency.

The major difference between the two forms of emergency barricade is based on the type of emergency you are barricading yourself from. Both are very different responses.

**LOCKDOWN**

When people are instructed to lockdown, it is in response to an active shooter. During an active shooter emergency, people are asked to barricade themselves in a room with no windows, if possible.

If a room with no windows is not available in their building, people are asked to cover or stay away from any windows to avoid making themselves or others visible to any potential threat.

The idea of a lockdown is for people to remain properly secured and out of the line of vision of an active shooter until they are told the area is secure.

**WHAT IS AN ACTIVE SHOOTER?**

An active shooter is someone who, for whatever reason, decides to go into a populated area and start shooting. Usually, the shooter is not shooting at anyone in particular. The shooter is usually deliberate about his or her action and is not panicking throughout the process, so it is important to remain in lockdown until your area is secure.

They don't just stay in one place. If you've locked down, you've effectively kept the shooter out.

Always remember the run, hide or fight rule for active shooters.



FILE PHOTO

Simulated victims are moved to be medically evacuated from Yano Hall by Flat Iron after a shooting scenario during the 2013 Fort Rucker All-Hazards Exercise.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Fort Rucker first responders tend to simulated victims of an active shooter exercise in 2015.

**SHELTER IN PLACE**

Sheltering in place is in response to severe weather, and also a chemical,

biological or radiological contamination that may have been released into the environment.

When individuals are instructed to shelter-in-place, it means the individual or organization should select an interior room or rooms with few or no windows. Once a room has been chosen, people should seal windows, doors and ventilation systems using tape, plastic and weather stripping in an attempt to avoid a chemical disturbance or weather-related disturbance.

Wet paper or wet cloth should be used to seal cracks in the building.

People can increase protection by using whatever means are available to reduce the ventilation rate. Things like turning off the air conditioning systems, closing all windows and doors, and avoiding using elevators can help decrease the risk of contamination.

If people become contaminated, it is recommended that they seclude themselves from co-workers, that they remove their clothing

and place it in a plastic bag, and shower, if possible.

If the contaminated people cannot shower, they must wash off the areas that were not protected by clothing.

In either type of emergency, organizations should have an emergency action plan to determine an individual's role during these types of emergencies.

Once an emergency action plan is developed, organizations need to practice drill sessions to ensure that people are at least familiar with the process in case an actual emergency ever happens.

Community members will have an opportunity to practice lockdown procedures during a full-scale exercise scheduled for June 6-8 where the Mass Notification System will be tested and lockdown procedures can be practiced.

## Rotor Wash

“Spring has finally sprung and the weather is warming. What are some of your favorite outdoor activities?”



**Jennifer Ford,**  
civilian

“I just love to go to the beach.”



**2nd Lt. Torbjorn Dahl,**  
D Co., 1st Bn.,  
145th Avn. Regt.

“I like to go to the beach and play some sports like volleyball or football.”



**Charlotte Marler,**  
military spouse

“When I have both my kids I like to go out to the botanical gardens, especially around this time of year when the flowers are starting to come out.”



**Steve Miller,**  
retired military

“I enjoy horseback riding, fishing, and I like to take my kids to the playground and the gym where we play ball.”



**Kristen Leach,**  
military spouse

“I just love to go for a walk and get some exercise.”

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# OSJA reports on military justice actions

## Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Below are military justice actions from December to February.

### COURTS-MARTIAL

- In January, at a general court-martial, a military judge found Sgt. 1st Class Brian J. Brenner guilty of one specification of assault, in violation with Article 128 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice; three specifications of conduct being of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces in violation of Article 134, UCMJ; one specification of false official statement, in violation of Article 107, UCMJ; and controlling a vehicle while drunk, in violation of Article 111, UCMJ. Brenner was tried for driving drunk, and hitting and injuring a motorcyclist after leaving a bar. After hitting the motorcyclist, he fled the scene without assisting the injured person. Brenner was sentenced to be reduced to private, 18 months

confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

- In February, at a general court-martial, a military judge found Sgt. 1st Class Christopher D. Morgan guilty of one specification of disrespect to a superior commissioned officer, in violation of Article 89, UCMJ; and one specification of devising a bomb hoax, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Morgan threatened his brigade commander and claimed he left bombs in two buildings on Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He was sentenced to reduction to specialist and nine months confinement.

### SELECT REPRIMANDS

- In February, the commanding general permanently filed a general officer memorandum of reprimand in a captain's official military personnel file for engaging in multiple adulterous or otherwise inappropriate sexual relationships with persons not his wife.
- In January, the commanding general permanently filed a general officer

memorandum of reprimand in a major's official military personnel file for driving under the influence of alcohol.

- In January, the commanding general filed a general officer memorandum of reprimand in a specialist's local unit file for driving under the influence.

### SELECT NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

- At an Article 15 hearing in February, a specialist was found guilty of disobeying an order from an NCO, in violation of Article 91, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was extra duty and restriction for seven days.
- At an Article 15 hearing in January, a staff sergeant was found guilty of one specification of unlawfully making the signature of another person on his DA Form 137-2, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. The punishment imposed was forfeiture of \$1,844 pay for two months (suspended), and extra duty for 45 days (suspended).

### ELIMINATIONS

- In February, a chief warrant officer 2 was retained by a board of inquiry. The action was initiated by Human Resources Command due to conduct unbecoming an officer involving a sexual relationship with an enlisted Soldier and substantiated derogatory activity filed in his official military personnel file.
- In January, a captain was eliminated from the U.S. Army with a characterization of Honorable. This action was initiated due to multiple verbal and physical altercations involving his spouse and resulted in a General Officer Article 15 that was filed in his official military personnel file as derogatory information.

### SELECT ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATIONS

- In February, a private second class was discharged from the Army with an Honorable characterization of service for failing two consecutive Army Physical Fitness Tests.

## President seeks \$30 billion more in FY 2017 to rebuild military, fight ISIS

By Cheryl Pellerin  
*Defense Media Activity*

WASHINGTON — In a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan March 16, President Donald J. Trump asked for another \$30 billion for the Defense Department in this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, to rebuild the armed forces and accelerate the campaign to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

The fiscal 2017 budget amendment provides \$24.9 billion in base funds for urgent warfighting readiness needs and to begin a sustained effort to rebuild the armed forces, according to the president's letter.

"The request seeks to address critical budget shortfalls in personnel, training, maintenance, equipment, munitions, modernization and infrastructure investment. It represents a critical first step in investing in a larger, more ready and more capable military force," Trump wrote.

The request includes \$5.1 billion in overseas contingency operations funds, so the department can accelerate the campaign to defeat ISIS and support Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Afghanistan, he said, noting that the request would enable DOD to pursue a comprehensive strategy to end the threat ISIS poses to the United States.

### CONTINUING RESOLUTION

At the Pentagon, senior defense officials briefed reporters on the on the fiscal 2017 budget amendment. The speakers were John P. Roth, performing the duties of undersecretary of defense (comptroller), and Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Ierardi, director of force structure, resources and assessment on the Joint Staff.

"Our request to Congress is that they pass a full-year defense appropriations bill," and that the bill includes the additional \$30 billion, Roth said. "We are now approaching the end of our sixth month under a continuing resolution," he added, "one of the longest periods that we have ever been under a continuing resolution."

Under a continuing resolution, the department has to operate under a fiscal 2016 mandate, creating a large mismatch between operations funds and procurement funds, Roth explained. The department can't spend procurement dollars because there's a restriction on new starts and on increasing production, he said, "but we have crying needs in terms of training, readiness, maintenance ... and in the operation and maintenance account."

The continuing resolution expires April 28, "so before then, we would want a full appropriation and, of course, a full appropriation with this additional \$30 billion," he said.



PHOTO BY AUSTIN ANYZESKI

**Soldiers maintain security as a CH-47 Chinook departs during an air assault training exercise at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., Jan. 25.**

### THE NEXT CHALLENGE

Roth said much of the money in the fiscal 2017 request is funding for operations and maintenance.

"We're asking for additional equipment maintenance funding, additional facilities maintenance, spare parts, additional training events, peacetime flying hours, ship operations, munitions and those kinds of things,"

he told reporters. "This is the essence of what keeps this department running on a day-to-day basis. "It keeps us up and allows us to get ready for whatever the next challenge is."

The officials said full support from Congress is key to improving warfighter readiness, providing the most capable modern force, and increasing the 2011 Budget Control Act funding cap for defense.

## News Briefs

### Pay office closure

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

### AER golf tourney

The 27th annual Golf Tournament Benefiting Fort Rucker Army Emergency Relief is scheduled for April 7 at Silver Wings Golf Course. The tourney will be in four-person scramble format, with registration at 10 a.m. and a shotgun start at noon. Cost is \$65 per person, with SWGC members paying \$55. The cost includes cart, green fees, registration gift and hamburger lunch. Various prizes will be given out during the event. All proceeds will be donated to the Fort Rucker AER fund.

For more information or to register, call 800-448-4096 or 334-598-4411, Exts. 1249 or 1317.

### 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.

### Human resources closure

All branches of the Fort Rucker Directorate of Human Resources will be closed for training April 3 from noon to 1 p.m. The closure will affect records and publications, Freedom of Information Act, printing, officials mail distribution center, Army Substance Abuse

Program, education center, military personnel, ID card section, reassignments, transitions, records, casualty assistance center, Soldier for Life, and in- and out-processing operations.

For emergency assistance during this time, people should call 334-467-5556.

### Pharmacy change

Starting May 1, the Lyster Army Health Clinic Pharmacy will no longer accept drop-off forms for all refill requests. It will be mandatory to phone in all prescription refills. Call 1-877-520-1623 or 334-255-7671.

### 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.

### Spring cleaning

Fort Rucker's spring clean-up is scheduled for April 3-6. April 3 will be clean-up of interior offices and work areas, April 4 will be clean-up of exterior areas and police call areas, and April 5 will be continuation of interior and exterior clean-up, and also barracks common area clean-up. April 6 will consist of an inspection by the Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence command sergeant major and the Directorate of Public Works NCO in charge.

Hazardous materials, such as paint, batteries, thinners, solvents, etc., can be taken to the hazardous materials collec-

tion point at Bldg. 1315. For more information on hazardous material disposal, call 255-2541.

For more information on spring clean-up activities, call 255-0739.

### AAFES restaurants open to visitors, employees

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

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

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

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

### Tobacco cessation program

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

### Clinic Closure

Lyster Army Health clinic will close at noon April 19 for training.

### Fit Fest

The Fort Rucker Fit Fest Health Fair is scheduled for April 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the festival fields. The free event will be open to the Fort Rucker community. The fair will feature fitness demonstrations, nutrition information, on-site health information, booth exhibits, safety information, door prizes and more.

For more information, call 255-2292 or visit rucker.armymwr.com.

### AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief is accepting applications for its 2017-2018 scholarship program at [www.aerhq.org](http://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.





PHOTO BY C. TODD LOPEZ

The Torso and Extremity Protection System, under development now at Program Executive Office Soldier, sheds about five pounds of weight from the IOTV, and also adds a wide degree of scalability that commanders can make use of depending on threat level and mission.

# GREATER SCALABILITY

## *New Soldier armor weighs less, offers more options*

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The average Generation II improved outer tactical vest weighs about 26 pounds. But the new torso and extremity protection system, under development now at Program Executive Office Soldier, sheds about five pounds of weight and also adds a wide degree of scalability that commanders can make use of depending on threat level and mission.

The TEP is part of the new Soldier Protection System under development now at PEO Soldier. The SPS includes both the TEP and the integrated head protection system.

### RANGE OF OPTIONS

The TEP can replace the IOTV, at less weight and greater scalability, depending on the mission. It includes the modular scalable vest, the ballistic combat shirt, the blast pelvic protection system, and a battle belt, which is aimed at getting weight off a Soldier's shoulders and onto the hips.

With the TEP, commanders can require Soldiers to go with full protection – which provides the same level of protection as a fully-loaded IOTV – or go all the way down to wearing soft armor under their uniforms for missions that require less protection.

"It's about giving commanders on the battlefield the ability to use the modularity capability of the equipment to fit their particular mission profile or protective posture level," said Lt.

Col. Kathy Brown, the product manager for Personal Protective Equipment at PEO Soldier, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

### BALLISTIC COMBAT SHIRT

The IOTV sometimes required Soldiers to wear the deltoid auxiliary protection – cumbersome parts that snapped on to the IOTV and protected their shoulders. Soldiers might have also been asked to wear the smaller, easily-lost collars that also snapped on to the IOTV. Both are gone with the TEP. They've been replaced by the ballistic combat shirt, which is a shirt with breathable fabric and which also includes those smaller ballistic protection parts built in. Soldiers would wear the BCS under the TEP's modular scalable vest.

"We have tested it," Brown said of the ballistic combat shirt. "Soldiers like it. There is 95 percent Soldier acceptability of it. What we are working on now is tweaking the sizes."

### NEW PELVIC PROTECTION

The TEP also includes the blast pelvic protection system, which is designed to protect a Soldier's thighs and groin against ballistic threats and burns. The BPPS is meant to replace the current combination of the pelvic undergarment and the pelvic outer-garment, or PUG and POG. The PUG has sometimes been referred to as "ballistic underwear."

Brown said the BPPS "provides the same level of protection" as the PUG and POG combined, in-

cluding both burn and fragment protection. She said Soldiers have reported that it feels more like it is "part of the pants."

### BELT TAKES LOAD OFF SHOULDERS

The battle belt included with the TEP is part of a weight management system, but it also offers some protection, as well.

"It's designed to remove the weight from your shoulders and put it on your hips," Brown said. Whereas Soldiers might strap a radio or other gear onto their IOTV in the past, the battle belt can now take that gear and move the weight onto a Soldier's hips.

Brown said that after successful ballistic testing, production of the TEP will begin in probably May of this year, and that Soldiers could see it in 2018 or 2019.

### NEW HELMET

Another part of the Soldier Protection System is the integrated head protection system, or IHPS. In its full configuration, it looks similar to a motorcycle helmet.

The IHPS consists of a base helmet, similar to the polyethylene enhanced combat helmet that some Soldiers are already wearing. The IHPS also includes add-ons for the base helmet, including a visor, a "mandible" portion that protects the lower jaw, and a "ballistic applique" that is much like a protective layer that attaches over the base helmet. The complete ensemble is known as the "high threat configuration."

Brown said that eventually

all deploying Soldiers will get the IHPS with the base helmet, which is the standard configuration. Other Soldiers, vehicle gunners in particular, will also get the mandible portion and the ballistic applique as well, known as the turret configuration.

The IHPS currently has a Picatinny rail mounted on the side for attaching gear, and will also provide for attaching head-mounted night vision goggles.

### NEW SUNGLASSES

The visor portion on the IHPS provides ballistic protection to a Soldier's face but doesn't provide any protection against the sun. So Soldiers wearing it will need to wear darkened sunglasses underneath the visor if they are in bright environments.

Maj. Jaun F. Carleton, also with PEO Soldier, had a pair of new sunglasses that are authorized for use by Soldiers if they want to buy them, or if their commanders buy them for them.

The sunglasses, which also come in a face mask version as well, start off as un-darkened – offering no protection against the sun. But with the press of a button, LCD modules that adhere to the lenses darken and provide protection against the sun. That happens in less than a second.

"The benefit is that using one pair of protective eyewear, you wouldn't have to switch from a clear goggle to a dark goggle – you'd have one protective eyewear for all conditions," Carleton said.

Brown said the goggles will be

available for units to be able to requisition as part of the Soldier Protection System.

"If we are able to drive the price down, the Army could eventually make a decision to include that on the list of items that we carry for deploying Soldiers," Brown said.

### SOLDIER TESTING

Brown said the IHPS will likely be available to deploying Soldiers sometime between 2020 and 2021.

As part of extensive human factors evaluations, Brown said that PEO Soldier has used Soldiers, extensively, to evaluate the new gear.

"We had a massive scale of Soldiers to evaluate the equipment, usually over a three-week to month-long timeframe, where they would perform their different mission sets, where they will execute basic rifle marksmanship, and ruck marches," she said.

Afterward, she said, those same Soldiers were asked what they think of the gear through a qualitative evaluation methodology (Soldier survey).

"They would give us the good, the bad, the ugly," Brown said. "It's extremely important to get Soldiers' input. First, Soldiers are brutally honest and they are going to tell you exactly how they feel about the equipment. Second, why buy equipment Soldiers won't wear? And third, who's better to give us the best answer about how the kit should be designed than the Soldier who will actually wear the equipment?"



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# ‘ARMY HIRING’

*G-1: Soldiers have better chance of re-enlisting, extending*

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — “The Army is hiring,” said Maj. Gen. Jason T. Evans, director of Military Personnel Management.

“We’re looking for and want to retain high-quality young men and women who are resilient, fit, Soldiers of character,” he said.

With the drawdown over, there are now “more opportunities for promotion and incentives as we grow the Army. We want Soldiers to take advantage of that,” he said.

During the drawdown, if a Soldier was passed over for promotion, it usually meant separation, but now, good Soldiers have a better chance of re-enlisting or extending, he said, adding there are bonuses for a number of critical military occupational specialties to sweeten the deal.

## CAUSE OF DRAWDOWN END

Dec. 23, the president signed the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017. That provided funding for higher levels of manning and set into motion the end of the drawdown, Evans said.

Costs to retain this size force in FY18 and beyond range between \$3.5 and \$4.5 billion, which would require additional funding later on.

Prior to Dec. 23, the Army was on a path to have 460,000 active-duty Soldiers by the end of this fiscal year, with a further reduction to 450,000 by the end of FY18. Also by the end of FY18, the Guard would have drawn down to 335,000 and the Reserve to 195,000, McConville said. That would have put the total force at 980,000.

With the drawdown stopped, and even reversed, the Army



PHOTO BY CAPT. CHARLIE EMMONS

**A Soldier assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, fires an M4 carbine rifle during partnered-live-fire-range training at Tactical Base Gamberi, Afghanistan, May 29, 2015.**

will need to grow to about 1,018,000, including 476,000 active, 343,000 Guard and 199,000 Reserve by the end of this fiscal year, he said.

Growing the active force from 460,000 to 476,000 will be accomplished by increasing the recruiting mission by 6,000 to 68,500 total, increasing the enlisted retention mission by 9,000 to 17,500 total, and increasing officer retention mission by approximately 1,000, he said.

Also, qualified prior-service Soldiers with needed skills will be welcomed back, he added. All of this increase in personnel across the board needs to happen by Oct. 1.

To help grow the Army, the pool of recruiters will grow and

incentive bonuses will be available for recruiters and retention NCOs.

There’s good news for captains who were twice not selected for major who would have been separated. Qualified captains will be allowed to continue to serve, and promotion rates will be less restrictive, Evans said.

Additionally, the school houses are expanding their class sizes to accommodate the influx, he added.

Where will the additional Soldiers be going?

Evans said many will go to unmanned units and some will support the ongoing unit conversion of an infantry brigade combat team to an armored

BCT at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

The Army will be seeking additional funds for training and modernization to help balance the manning increase; the triad of what it takes to win wars, according to Army leaders. That will probably require an end to continuing resolutions and a predictable budget that the Army hasn’t had in a number of years, Evans pointed out. Also, the Army is awaiting further guidance from the new administration.

## MONEY FOR STAYING

Bonuses tend to be in critical MOSs and locations, Evans said.

Military Personnel Message 17-014, “Selective Retention Bonus [SRB] Program,” of Jan.

20, spells out the qualifications for bonuses by grade, location and MOS.

For example, a FY17 ETSing infantry sergeant could receive \$20,800 for re-enlisting 60 or more months, while a corporal could receive \$20,100 for that time period. If that corporal re-enlisted for three years, the amount would be \$10,500.

A large number of the bonuses will go to those in combat arms branches such as Special Operations Command and 75th Ranger Regiment. Those with language proficiencies will benefit as well.

Besides the SRB, an active-duty Soldier who extends for at least 12 months will receive a \$10,000 extension bonus.

## Education

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offers airframe and power plant certification – a career that McNally said many Soldiers choose to follow after separating from the Army.

“We need a larger variety because not everybody is locked in here to the degree programs for local colleges,” he said. “With online abilities today, there is a huge open world as far as academia goes, so we’re trying to get these schools to have a little more of a physical presence here at these events to make them more real to the Soldiers who are seeking degree programs.

“I’d like for Soldiers to see that there are a lot of options that they have here on Fort Rucker for their academic or vocational goals, and they don’t have to go for a four-year degree,” continued the education specialist. “We have a lot of Soldiers here for flight school who bring their families, and those family members don’t have four years to complete their degree, so they can come in and get certificates or do vocational programs, and knock that out while they’re here.”

The Spring Fling is a good a good opportunity for Soldiers who are transitioning out of the military to get some information on what they might want to pursue after their time in the Army is up, he added.

CW4 Clifford Rakes, F Company, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment, has been working to complete his master of business administration degree and he found the Spring Fling a big help in his effort.

“This is a great opportunity to be able to engage with a multitude of different colleges at the same time and get the information I need to further my career,” he said. “I’m looking for options toward retirement and being able to acquire an adequate position when I get out.”

That transition is an important time for Soldiers and family members, said McNally.

“It’s the goal of the Army to educate Soldiers on their need for education early on in their careers – that’s why we do in-processing briefs with every Soldier coming in now with the Army Education Center. This is an extension of that,” he said.

## Museum

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bubble windshield, which, according to Mitchell, is a difficult replacement to find.

“We’re fortunate that we had a vendor down in the panhandle of Florida that took on the project, and they were able to repair the damage and find another bubble,” he said. “They told me that it was the only bubble left in the country – it would have been very expensive to have one custom made.”

The restoration process took about six months to complete, which was longer than expected for such a small aircraft, but entailed very specific details, including recreating cus-

tom graphics and finding the correct fonts to use.

“We had to find the correct font for all of the stencils, which took a couple of months,” said the curator. “We want to get it down to the very last detail, because if you don’t do that then it’s lost to time – accuracy is very, very important. There’s no such thing as an easy job.”

It’s that level of detail that Mitchell said is important to preserve, otherwise details get lost to history, adding that he couldn’t be more pleased with the way it turned out.

“We were very impressed with the quality and workmanship – it’s one of the best restorations I’ve ever seen,” he said.

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# HANDOVER

## Upgraded Black Hawk represents collaborative effort

PEO Aviation Public Affairs  
Staff Report

REDSTONE ARSENAL — With beaming smiles and a handshake that embodies the close ties between Team Redstone partners, the Program Executive Office for Aviation and the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center celebrated a milestone in Aviation acquisition.

The handshake, along with delivery of the logbook inventory, took place March 8 during a ceremony marking the official handover of the first UH-60V Black Hawk prototype helicopter from the Prototype Integration Facility to the UH-60V Product Office, and then to the Redstone Test Center. The handover follows the aircraft's successful first flight Jan. 19.

The UH-60V will be conversions of older analog UH-60Ls, installing a new, digitized cockpit in the last remaining non-digital aircraft in the Army fleet. The upgraded cockpit has a similar pilot-vehicle interface to that of the UH-60M aircraft.

The digitized cockpit in the 60-Vs will raise their situational awareness and connectivity to the level of the UH-60M model, said Lt. Col. Andy Duus, product manager for the UH-60V helicopter, who accepted the aircraft on behalf of the Army.

"By doing that (digitizing the cockpit) we really increase the Army Aviators' ability to conduct the missions they have to perform," Duus said. "They can spend more time (looking) outside the cockpit instead of focusing inside, because we're



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The engineering development model UH-60V Black Hawk hovers above the runway as part of its successful initial test flight Jan. 19 in Meridianville.

making it very easy for him or her to understand exactly what's going on in a nice, single viewpoint of a multi-function display, which is critical to how we fight and win our wars."

From an acquisition standpoint, the UH-60V program is a stark departure from the heavy reliance of an original equipment manufacturer. Instead, the effort will leverage government owned and operated facilities, led by the capabilities of several Team Redstone organizations.

AMRDEC's Prototype Integration Facility designed and developed the upgrade solution. Besides the aircraft handed over during the ceremony, the PIF will develop two additional upgraded aircraft and corresponding technical data package. Developmental testing on the aircraft will be con-

ducted at the Redstone Test Center.

To develop and execute a solution of this scope in house is a significant accomplishment and serves as a prime example of the outcomes that can be achieved in leveraging Team Redstone capabilities.

"A lot of folks thought that only an OEM would be capable of doing this, but we knew better," Duus said. "We understood the technical expertise that resided at the PIF and also within Team Redstone. We went all in, and what resulted (was) an aircraft that flew on time and on target."

By using a government developer, the H-60V program ensures the government owns the technical data package that will support open competition of suppliers for just about everything — from permanent aircraft modifications such as the enclosures, brackets,

circuit breakers and wiring, to production of the actual end item and accessories that can be removed from the hard mounts. The government also retains software development rights as the program transitions into the production and support phases.

Besides the aircraft that are being developed at Redstone Arsenal, the program will leverage government owned capabilities at other locations. Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, will produce two aircraft in support of operational testing and manufacturing validation. Upon entering the production phase, the H-60 recapitalization line there will be used for the installation of the production kits.

Although the UH-60V was designed and developed using government owned and operated capabilities, private industry still played a big part in the development of the program.

"To our industry teammates, you are pioneers," Danny Featherson, PIF manager, said of the role prime contractor Redstone Defense Systems and others played in supporting the facility during the development of the cockpit. "Your companies were selected to get this done, and I thank you."

The handover of the UH-60V prototype represents a significant milestone in the UH-60V program and moves one step closer to getting an enhanced, modern air capability to the operational force. Equally important, it demonstrates a successful collaborative effort between the military and industry that can serve as a cost effective solution to meet future Army Aviation acquisition requirements.

## Retired Kiowa dedicated to honor fallen aviator

By Sgt. William Begley  
3rd Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. — The cold weather didn't stop the members of 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade from dedicating an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior scout helicopter static display in front of their headquarters building to a fallen pilot, CW3 James Groves III on Hunter Army Airfield March 13.

Groves died when his aircraft crashed near Kandahar, Afghanistan, March 16, 2013. Lt. Col. Philip H. Lamb, commander, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cav. Regt., 3rd CAB, welcomed the crowd of cavalry men and women, and distinguished guests.

"Today we celebrate the service of a critical piece of recently retired military equipment and, more importantly, recognize the contribution and service of a fallen comrade, as well as the sacrifice of one of our beloved Army families," Lamb said.

"This is a passionate population. The rest of us owe an immense amount of gratitude to this aircraft and those who employed it," Lamb continued.

The Kiowa joins a static display that already contains a UH-1 Huey and an AH-1 Cobra on the lawn directly in front of the headquarters building of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cav. Regt.

Attending the ceremony was Col. Michael Demirjian, commander, Air Traffic Services Command at Fort Rucker. Demirjian was the squadron commander

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PHOTO BY SGT. WILLIAM BEGLEY

The Groves family, along with Lt. Col. Philip H. Lamb, commander, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, unveils the memorial stone that accompanies the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior static display.



PHOTO BY SGT. STEVEN GALIMORE

A Soldier from the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade's armament team, loads ammunition at the forward rearming and refueling point onto an AH-64 Apache during an aerial gunnery exercise at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., March 13.

## SAVE THE SNAILS

### Army's heavy lifting helps protect endangered species

By Karen Iwamoto  
U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii

WAIANA E MOUNTAIN RANGE, Hawaii — On a clear morning thousands of feet above Schofield Barracks, a pair of conservationists from the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program scanned the sky, waiting for the approach of a UH-60 Black Hawk scheduled to sling load supplies for an enclosure that will protect a population of endangered Oahu tree snails.

They heard the aircraft's approach before they saw it. It cleared the tree line, hovered over the marked drop zone and released its load of wooden pallets before continuing its flight back to Schofield.

March 8-10, Black Hawk pilots and crew chiefs from the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, with ground and sling load assistance from the 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th CAB, 25th ID, delivered

21 loads of building supplies — everything from wooden pallets and plastic sheeting to a wood chipper and concrete — each load weighing up to about 4,000 pounds.

It would have taken a smaller, private helicopter over twice as long to drop the supplies to this remote area, which is not accessible by automobile.

CW3 Brent W. Gregory of the 2-25th Avn. Regt., one of the pilots, said the mission allowed the team from the 25th CAB to prove its ability to successfully coordinate with flight crews, ground crews, sling load teams and drop-zone personnel. Together, they overcame challenges associated with executing unique rigging procedures, conducting long line sling load drops and negotiating delivery to an unfamiliar drop zone in the Waianae Mountain Range.

"The mission strengthened our skills as a unit by exercising our ability to conduct



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A UH-60 Black Hawk arrives at the drop zone in the Waianae Mountain Range with a sling load of materials to build an enclosure to protect a population of endangered Oahu tree snails.

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# Kiowa

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of 3rd Squadron, 17th Cav. Regt., or Task Force Lighthouse as they were called when Groves deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2013.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to remember James. He was a phenomenal individual,” Demirjian said. “It’s also an opportunity to remember all the work that all Kiowa pilots did.”

After a heartfelt tribute by retired CW4 Mark Burrows, the Groves family, along

with Lamb, unveiled the memorial stone that accompanies the Kiowa display.

Afterwards, Groves’ wife, Katie, spoke to the crowd.

“Time and time again I have heard stories from ground troops thanking God or celebrating that the Kiowa was coming,” Groves said. “He had all the patience in the world when he was teaching younger pilots. He was my rock and my protector. There is not a day goes by that I don’t think about him.”



PHOTO BY SGT. WILLIAM BEGLEY

Katie Groves shares memories of her husband, CW3 James Groves III, during a dedication ceremony on Hunter Army Airfield March 13. An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior scout helicopter with a headstone memorializing Groves was added to a static display in front of the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment headquarters building.

# Snails

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unique external loads in a real world environment,” he said, crediting the sling load team from the 209th ASB for ensuring the loads were rigged, certified and air worthy.

“What people don’t realize is the Army is a major conservation partner in the state of Hawaii because of the effort by OANRP to fund endangered plant, bird and snail protection work,” said Dan Sailer, natural resources manager for OANRP, which is part of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Public Works.

He and Jamie Tanino, a rare snail conservation specialist with OANRP, were here to assist the Soldiers with the sling loads for the so-called “snail jail,” which will be built next to another enclosure that is already home to hundreds of the endangered kahuli snails, also known as Achatinella mustelina.

The snails, which measure in at about three quarters of an inch, were once abundant in the island’s forests, Sailer said, adding that stories from generations past describe them as covering the leaves of trees like barnacles.

They were revered by the Hawaiian people for their beautifully patterned shells, which vary by region and range in color from yellow, orange and red to



PHOTO BY ROY KIKUTA

A Soldier readies a load of material to be airlifted to the Waianae Mountain Range March 8.

gray, black and white.

“If you look at the snails enough, you can know, ‘Oh this guy is from the (Koolau) area’ or ‘This guy is from the (Waianae) area,’” Sailer explained. “There are enough variations in the color patterns and banding patterns (on the shells).”

Hawaiian chants describe forests alive with the sound of the snails’ singing. Scientists note that the snails do not have vocal cords, and the singing, or chirping, was likely from insects living in the snails’ habitat.

At their peak, the tree snails thrived from sea level to the upper regions of the Koolau and Waianae mountain ranges, according to the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, but today are found only at elevations above 1,300 feet.

People began noticing a drop off in the number of native forest snails around the late 1950s, Tanino said.

In 1981, they were placed on the state of Hawaii’s and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s lists of endangered species. The Army is tasked with protecting them, along with about 100 other endangered native species within the Army’s training area.

The main threats to their existence are non-native predators, such as rats, Jackson’s chameleons and the carnivorous rosy wolf snail, as well as loss of native habitat. These challenges

are exacerbated by the low fertility rate and slow maturation rate among the native snails, which are believed to reach breeding age at about 7 years old.

Research has shown the snail enclosures are successful at stabilizing kahuli populations, Sailer said, noting that outside of the enclosures, there are very limited threat-control measures to prevent predators from destroying the kahuli population.

“The snails are still declining throughout the Waianae and Koolaus, except in the snail jails, so what’s been really great for me is seeing the snail jails have been working,” Sailer said. “We built ... (one of the) first ones about six years ago, and now



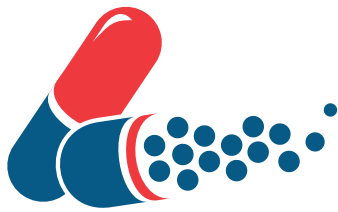
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An endangered Oahu tree snail rests on a leaf in a snail jail built to protect it from non-native threats.

the population there is well over 1,000 and thriving.”

The Army, in partnership with the state and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, manages five snail enclosures in the Waianae Mountain Range and plans to build two more, for a total of seven.

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# HELPING HAND



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Then-Staff Sgt. Larry Evans, 110th Avn. Bde., borrows some household goods from the Lending Hangar in this file photo.



FILE PHOTO

Then-Maj. Wei-Lun Chen, D Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, looks at dishes at the Lending Hangar in this file photo.

## Lending Hangar helps relieve moving stress

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Tight budgets can make duty station transitions stressful, but Army Community Service's Lending Hangar provides relief just in the nick of time for many Soldiers.

The Lending Hangar, located in Rm. 177 of Bldg. 5700 on Novosel Street, offers basic household supplies to Soldiers, Department of the Army civilian employees, retirees and their families during permanent change of station moves or temporary duty assignments to Fort Rucker.

"Soldiers, DA civilians, retirees and their families can borrow items such as pots and pans, cooking utensils, dishware, eating utensils, Tupperware, sleeping mats, roll-a-way beds, folding tables and chairs, small appliances, children's items, such as high chairs, booster seats, travel tenders, umbrella strollers, car seats, microwaves,

televisions and more," Ruth Gonzalez, ACS Relocation Readiness Program manager, said.

Authorized personnel need only bring their military identification and a copy of their temporary or permanent orders, as well as a means to transport what they borrow.

Gonzalez said the hangar provides a vital service to Soldiers transitioning by giving them the means to prepare food at home and save money.

"In today's economy and budgets being tight, I believe the Lending Hangar helps ease the financial burdens on the Soldiers and their families when they're moving because they are not obligated to eat out every day until their items arrive," she said. "If they are unable to move (household goods), then they can borrow our items and not feel obligated to purchase items that they will only be using for a short time."

Items can be borrowed on a 30-day basis, according to Gonzalez. But exceptions can be made, if needed.

"If they are moving overseas they can borrow items 60 days before moving," she said. "If the Soldier's (household goods) are delayed in arriving, then they normally will call me and ask for an extension. Each extension is on a case-by-case basis, depending on the circumstances or issues that the Soldier may be facing."

Patrons are asked to return items clean and in working condition, but Gonzalez understands accidents happen.

"I ask Soldiers to replace the item that is broken, lost or damaged," she said. "Depending on the inventory and the Soldier's situation, again, we work with them."

Aiding Soldiers and families has been a career-spanning effort for Gonzalez. She first volunteered for ACS Relocation Readiness in 2000

while stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany, where she helped with the loan closet. She said it just felt natural to continue helping Soldiers and their families.

"Being able to lessen the burden of our young, single Soldiers, our young newlywed Soldiers and their spouses, and those seasoned Soldiers and their families helps me feel like I'm giving back to them and supporting their constant sacrifices while serving our country," she said. "If there is anything that we can provide our Soldiers while they transition and it is within my abilities, then I will try to make it happen."

"We have had several situations where Soldiers are assigned to Fort Rucker without their family and are unable to afford cooking items, small appliances, etc.," she added. "The relief they express when they are able to use our items and not worry about adding another debt to their finances is comforting. Also,

our Soldiers and families who arrive from an overseas assignment and do not have their unaccompanied (household goods) or (household goods) arriving in the near future are very happy to be able to try and settle in with our Lending Hangar items until they receive their personal things. A home-cooked meal can help relieve many of our moving stressors."

The Lending Hangar is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"In order to check our inventory and order supplies and verify that the inventory is clean and ready for use, the Lending Hangar is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays," Gonzalez said. "I highly recommend that Soldiers and their family members call the office to verify that it is staffed, and someone will be able to assist them in borrowing or returning the items."

For more information, call 255-3161.

# SPIRITUAL RESILIENCY

## Panel to address common spiritual questions for Soldiers, civilians

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Questions of faith can often be difficult to answer, but four Fort Rucker Army Chaplains hope to cut through the confusion during an upcoming panel.

The chaplains panel, which will address a number of questions with faith-based answers, takes place Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Wings Chapel and is open to the public.

"Our congregation is made up of all Christian faith groups from Catholic to various Protestant and even people who have never attended church. I would consider them 'seekers,'" Chaplain (Maj.) Collie Foster, Wings Crossroads Chapel senior pastor, said. "So, with that in mind, it was actually Chaplain (Capt.) Ray Sherwin's brainchild. He thought about it – why couldn't we do something that would allow the congregation to ask those burning questions that they've maybe thought about all their life or that one question that has really been barrier that's kept them from making a step toward Christianity as their faith?"

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Bedsole, deputy garrison chaplain, said the panel seeks to strengthen spiritual resiliency with the community.

"There is a lot of talk of spiritual resiliency in the Army," he said. "This is the foundation of spiritual resiliency. We are rooting that resiliency with faith-based answers based on the Bible and what Christians believe. It is all an effort to build resiliency within the Army."

Sherwin, associate pastor, said the goal was to provide a deepened understanding of scripture's answers to common questions.

"The goal of this is to get beyond the pet theories that are espoused in so many of the social media forums where people post



PHOTO BY JEREMY HENDERSON

From left, Chaplain (Capt.) Joe Sherwin, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Bedsole, deputy garrison chaplain, Chaplain (Maj.) Collie Foster, and Chaplain (Capt.) Ray Davidson will form the panel for Sunday's event.

a quote and there is no depth behind it," he said. "We really want to expose them, from a Christian perspective, to what scripture says about these issues."

"Many of the questions we have received are specific to things within our culture," he added. "Why does God allow tragedy to happen to good people? As a combat Aviator, how do I reconcile taking life with my Christian walk? They're very burning and relevant questions we've received, but there are also some deep matters of faith such as the deep meanings or scripture and 'where is God when it hurts?' It gives our congregation an opportunity to dialogue with us through these questions. It also gives us an opportunity for us to share, from a scriptural basis, what Christianity has in these different areas."

Members of the Wings Crossroads Chapel congregation were asked to drop questions into a sealed box over the course of three weeks. According to Foster, more than 20 questions were deposited into the box and will help guide the course of discussion during the panel.

"It allowed everyone to anonymously contribute their questions," Foster said. "Each pastor took several of the questions so that we could spend time with them ahead of the panel."

According to Foster, the panel will take place during slightly ahead of Sunday's usual 10:45 a.m. worship service and will include an abbreviated worship to allow time to address all of the questions.

"Right now we have enough questions to occupy a good 45 minutes or more," he said. "There probably will not be room at the end for questions from the audience. What we would like is to plan something

down the road to do this again.

"We have a wide variety of faith backgrounds in our congregation," he added. "Our congregation tends to be made up of (advanced individual training students), warrant officer candidates, flight students, etc. Our congregation is very fluid. Every four to five weeks, we have a new group coming through."

Chaplain (Capt.) Joe Sherwin echoed Foster's sentiment and added that attendees of the contemporary service at Crossroads tend to be younger Soldiers and family members.

"We have the most diverse congregation on post and, with the transient nature of our population, they tend to be very young" he said.

"Since we are a contemporary service, we tend to cater to the young adult," Foster said. "They are accustomed to the more upbeat contemporary Christian style of music."

Sherwin emphasized the panel's intent to be an open, honest dialogue for anyone seeking to deepen their faith or gain a better understanding of Christianity.

"So often we have accepted things because of tradition," Chaplain (Capt.) Ray Davidson said. "But where is the truth in it, according to God's word? I think that is part of our main goal – to give the truth from God's word."

**This is the foundation of spiritual resiliency. We are rooting that resiliency with faith-based answers based on the Bible and what Christians believe. It is all an effort to build resiliency within the Army."**

— CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) TIMOTHY BEDSOLE, DEPUTY GARRISON CHAPLAIN



# ON POST

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

**DFMWR facility changes**

Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities and programs will implement necessary changes starting April 1: the physical fitness centers and Center Library will have new operational hours, according to DFMWR officials. Other changes include minimal price increases at the arts and crafts center, automotive skills center, SPLASH Pool and outdoor recreation. To see the new pricing, visit <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker>.  
April 1, Center Library operating hours will change to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-5 p.m.  
The PFCs will be open Mondays-Fridays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Bowling snack bar closure**

The bowling lanes snack bar will be closed Monday-March 30. The bowling lanes will still be operational. During the time the snack bar is closed, the MWR food truck will be on-site at Rucker Lanes and operational from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. A limited menu will be available. Fountain sodas, and tea and coffee service will not be available. Canned and bottled beverages will be available.  
For more information, call 255-9503.

**School age center spring break**

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host its spring break, with carnival as the theme, Monday-March 31. Officials said they have many carnival games and activities planned, and also field trips to Rucker Lanes, a pizza place, hiking at Beaver Lake and a trip to a marine park in Panama City, Florida, and a carnival finale. Spring break hours of operation will be 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. All children must be registered with child and youth services, and be in first-fifth grade.  
For more information, call 255-9108.

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

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host its spring break cooking and sports camp Monday-March 31. The camp will feature a trip to Panama City, Florida, bowling at Rucker Lanes and more. The camp will run from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and will be from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday. Youth must be members of child and youth services, ages 11-18 in grades six-12, to participate.  
For membership information or to sign-up for membership, call 255-9638.

**International Spouses Get Together**

Army Community Service hosts its International Spouses Get Together the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Community Center. According to ACS officials, the get together is a place for spouses to find support, and help with finding resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, drivers licenses and more. Multilingual volunteers are available.  
For more information, call 255-3735.

**Right Arm Night**

The Landing Zone will host Fort Rucker Right Arm Night March 30 from 4-6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition, promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For more information, call 255-0768.

**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 30. 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.

**Outdoor Yard Sale**

The Fort Rucker Spring Outdoor Yard



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

## Children’s Festival

Fort Rucker’s 13th annual Children’s Festival is scheduled for April 8 from 1-4 p.m. at the festival fields. The free family event will feature activities, games, crafts, inflatables, petting zoo, and more, including one of the area’s largest Easter egg hunts where children can win candy and prizes, and even meet the Easter Bunny. For more information, call 255-1749. Pictured is a scene from last year’s event.

Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for April 1 from 7-11 a.m. on the festival fields. The outdoor event provides the opportunity for the Fort Rucker community to buy and sell used household items in a consolidated fashion. The event will be open to the public. No commercial vendors will be allowed without a contract – contact special events for details and fees. Booth cost for ID card holders (active-duty military, family members, retired military, members of the reserve component and Department of Defense civilians) is 15x20, \$25; 30x20, \$35; and tables, \$10 each. Cost for members of the general public: 15x20, \$35; 30x20, \$45; and tables, \$10 each. Registration due by Wednesday. People can register at MWR Central, 255-2997.  
For more information, call 255-1749 or 255-9810.

**Coupon Class**

The Center Library will host a free coupon class April 4 from noon to 1 p.m. Attendees will learn the trade secrets of avid coupon clippers on how to save money when shopping, according to organizers. The event is open to authorized patrons.  
To register, or for more information, stop by the Center Library or call 334-255-3885.

**Book clubs**

The Center Library hosts a book club for adults the third Tuesday of each month from 5-6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.  
The Center Library hosts a book club for teens the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.  
Both clubs are open to authorized patrons. For more information, call 255-3885.

**Teal Tuesday**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month. This year, the theme is “Sexual Assault. Sexual Harassment. Not in Our Army.” The Teal Day Campaign will begin April 4 as a Fort Rucker community-wide effort to recognize the collective responsibility to prevent all forms of sexual assault and sexual harassment by wearing something teal on Tuesdays throughout the month of April, according to Army Community Service officials.

**Federal jobs workshop**

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop April 6 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.

**Health and Nutrition Fair**

Fort Rucker Child and Youth Services Sports and Fitness Program will host its annual Health and Nutrition Fair for CYS

# DFMWR SPOTLIGHT

### Fort Rucker Upcoming Run Events

**Fort Rucker Ribbon Run/Walk 5K**  
**Saturday, April 1**  
This run will be in support of Child Abuse Prevention, SHARP and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Race Day registration 7:30–8:40 am, and 5K Run/Walk begins at 9 am. A FREE 1-mile Fun Run is open to children ages 12 and under and begins after the 5K.

**Individuals**  
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**Saturday, April 29**  
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**Individuals**  
**\$20 by April 28\***  
**\$25 on Race Day\*\***  
**\$15 run only option**  
(does not include t-shirt)  
**5-Person Teams**  
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members April 6 from 4-7 p.m. at the youth football fields. The fair will feature sight and hearing screenings, blood pressure checks, height and weight measurements, a registered dietician, physical therapy, dental clinic, preventive medicine, 4-H Club, nutrition information, games, music, healthy snacks and more. Also, the staff will introduce Fort Rucker’s T-ball and baseball team members, as well host its MLB Pitch, Hit and Run event.  
For more information, call 255-0950 or 255-2257.

**Resilience Workshop**  
Resilience training is designed to provide family members and civilians with the tools to better cope with and overcome adversity and challenges, as well as perform better in stressful situations, according to Army Community Service officials. ACS’

goal is for students to thrive when facing life challenges, not just bounce back. This month will emphasize goal setting, activating events thoughts consequences, and hunt the good stuff. The workshop will be held April 6 from 9-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. Registration deadline is April 4.  
For more information, 255-3161 or 255-3735.

**Earth Day Craft**  
The Center Library will host an Earth Day craft session April 11 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 and to register, stop by the Center Library or call 255-3885.

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# Hall of Fame inductee still inspires Soldiers

By Tim Hipps  
*U.S. Army Installation Management  
Command Public Affairs*

POMONA, California — Nearly 105 years after competing in the inaugural Olympic Modern Pentathlon and more than half a century after leading U.S. troops through World Wars I and II, one of the Army's greatest military leaders continues to inspire Soldiers.

Gen. George Smith Patton Jr., the lone American to compete in the inaugural Olympic Modern Pentathlon at the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, was posthumously inducted Feb. 23 into the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne Hall of Fame.

Patton, then a 26-year-old lieutenant, finished fifth in the Olympic event that consists of fencing, swimming, pistol shooting, equestrian show jumping and cross country running. His hall of fame induction highlighted the opening ceremony for the 2017 World Cup I pentathlon competition at the Los Angeles County Fairplex Park.

"He motivated many young officers to compete and train in pentathlon," said Dr. H.C. Klaus Schormann, president of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne. "We saw him after the war as a civilian person loving sport, supporting sport and, based on his achievement, we awarded him."

Col. J.J. Love, of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, delivered the acceptance speech for Patton.

"As I accept this distinguished award for General Patton, I realize that great success is always based on great support and partners," Love said. "I would like to thank the entire team at USA Modern Pentathlon for their leadership and outstanding support to the U.S. Army. Your support of Army athletes and the Army World Class Athlete Program allows outstanding young Soldiers to achieve their lifelong dream of becoming Olympians."

Several Soldier athletes and coaches from the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program attended the ceremony, including 2012 Olympic modern pentathlete and 2016 coach Staff Sgt. Dennis Bowsher, 2016 Olympian Sgt. Nathan Schrimsher, and 2020 Olympic hopeful Sgt. Logan Storie.

"It was an honor and a special thing for me competing in the Olympics 100 years after he had," Bowsher said. "He competed in 1912 and I competed in 2012. Patton was a Soldier in the Army, I was a Soldier in the Army, so that was a neat feeling and quite an honor to still be involved in the sport to see General Patton get inducted to the hall of fame."

Bowsher tried to imagine what Patton would have said had he been able to attend the ceremony.

"He'd probably drop us and make us do pushups, just so we can get on his level," Bowsher said. "I think he would be proud that there's still military involvement in the sport. He was the first athlete to compete in pentathlon in the Olympics, and he was the only American and he was mili-



PHOTOS BY TIM HIPPS

Col. J.J. Love, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, displays the spurs of a cavalry Soldier during his acceptance speech for Gen. George Smith Patton Jr.'s induction into the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne Hall of Fame on Feb. 23 at the Fairplex Farm in Pomona, Calif. UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann (center) and USA Pentathlon Managing Director Rob Stull (left) presided over the ceremony.

tary, so I think he would be proud to see that military tradition is still there."

Storie, a four-time All-Southeastern Conference swimmer at the University of Florida who already set two modern pentathlon world records as a Soldier in the pool, thought Patton's induction was monumental for the sport.

"Seeing General Patton get inducted to the hall of fame is probably one of the greatest things for our sport," Storie said. "General Patton is one of the greatest generals in U.S. military history, and to know that he was a modern pentathlete just shows how diverse he was in war and in sports. To be able to do these five sports is not an easy feat and to do them at the level he did is amazing."

Schrimsher, who recited the athletes' pledge during the World Cup season-opener in Pomona, finished 11th in the men's modern pentathlon event at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

"Being an Olympian and a Soldier doing the same sport as a man like Patton, who history remembers, there are not too many words to describe it," Schrimsher said. "It's just amazing, and it's such a cool legacy to follow. I hope I can have a footprint on history, too."

Patton is perhaps best known for his aggressive and decisive campaigns against the German Nazi forces during World War II. He went on to become a four-star general and one of the most successful field commanders in military history.

"It's also an honor for me to accept this award because General Patton was an armored cavalry officer, of which I am, as indicated by the yellow on my hat, the yellow on my cords and the spurs on my shoes," Love said while displaying a boot to the audience at the Fairplex Farm. "The Olympic movement and modern pentath-



Army Olympian Sgt. Nathan Schrimsher wins his heat of the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2 minutes, 4.60 seconds to finish sixth in the swimming event at UIPM 2017 World Cup I in Pomona, Calif. He finished 17th in the five-sports-in-one-day event that opened the 2017 Modern Pentathlon World Cup season.

lon played a significant role in Lieutenant Patton going on to become a fierce leader and one of the greatest leaders in military history.

"General Patton led and commanded Soldiers in combat from company-level to Army-level commands, and as many of you are probably aware was featured in a Hollywood film, 'Patton,' in 1970, starring George C. Scott."

The movie won seven Academy Awards, including best actor and best picture, making Patton one of the world's most well-known military leaders.

"It's a great honor to receive this for General Patton," Love reiterated. "He was

one of the pioneers of Soldier athletes, competing in the first modern Olympic games in 1912 and paving the way for the support that we have now for the Army, not only in modern pentathlon, but the rest of the Olympics. It's a great nod to Soldier athletes who have competed in the Olympics throughout the years.

"In closing, I could not be more proud to accept this prestigious award on behalf of General Patton, his family, the U.S. Olympic Committee, and the United States Army," Love concluded. "Army Olympians and Soldiers serving around the world, together we are and will continue to help support the Olympic movement."

## SOLDIER PENTATHLETES

Two Army athletes began their quest to earn spots as pentathletes on Team USA for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games at the 2017 World Cup I at Los Angeles, Feb. 22-26.

Sgts. Nathan Schrimsher and Logan Storie advanced to the finals and finished 17th and 24th respectively in their first international competition since the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, where Schrimsher finished 11th.

"I was very happy and pleased that Logan made his first World Cup final," Team USA Modern Pentathlon coach Janusz Peciak said. "In the last three months, he's really come through with his shooting, and his fencing, as well. Overall, combined, he's about one minute faster than he was before"

Storie finished first in a qualification group of 32 competitors on Feb. 20 and followed two days later with a victory in swimming, the first event of the finals.

"He looks very positive for this 2017 season," Peciak said. "And, of course, for the Olympic Games in 2020 in Tokyo. He's getting better and better. I think Tokyo will be the perfect time for him."

Schrimsher impressed Peciak by just missing a top-10 Olympic finish at the Rio Games, yet Peciak realized the Soldier lost a lot of ground during the combined run-shoot event in Brazil.

"His weakness is running, and with a great runner coming aboard as his coach, he has to make about a 30-second improvement running 3K and he will have a very good chance of winning a medal at the Olympic Games in Tokyo," Peciak said. "He's already at the world-class level in fencing. He's the best shooter in the world. He's a fantastic swimmer. He's a very good rider. The problem is always running. At the Olympic Games in Rio, he was all the way up to third before the run."

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# Public invited to Blue Angel practice



## Naval Aviation Museum Press Release

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

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tice session – a limited quantity of chairs are available for a fee of \$3 per chair good for that day’s practice session. Concessions and merchandise are also available, and there is a 100-percent ID check for all visitors 16 years old and over to access the museum flight line. Backpacks, daypacks, luggage and similar items are not allowed on the flight line. Small purses, bags containing medications, and diaper bags are allowed, but are subject to search by Naval Air Station Pensacola Security personnel.

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For more information, visit <http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org/>.

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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.andalusialegiopost80.org](http://www.andalusialegiopost80.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

**APRIL 7-8** — The Wiregrass Master Gardeners will host its free spring plant sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 7 and 8 a.m. to noon April 8 the master gardeners’ nursery at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens, 5130 Headland Avenue. There will be a wide selection of plants for sale. Information will also be available on fire ant control, soil testing and gardening.

**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 12 holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the post’s facility at 3087 Hwy. 605, which is Brannon Stand Road at the intersection of Park Avenue. For more information, call 400-5356.

## ENTERPRISE

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

**ONGOING** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post monthly membership meetings for the VFW Post 6683 and Auxiliary are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the post headquarters building located at 2615 Coffee County Road 537. The post mailing address is P.O. Box 311752 Enterprise, AL 36330. For more information, call 334-464-1171 or the auxiliary at 334-464-2222. The post also has a Facebook site at [vfwpost6683](http://vfwpost6683).

**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

**APRIL 1** —The Friends of the Ozark/Dale County Public Library and the Claybank Master Gardeners will host their annual spring sale at the library. The book and bake sales will be from 9 a.m. to noon, and the plant sale will be from 8 a.m. to noon. All proceeds will go to the library.

**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

### Maxwell AFB air show

Maxwell Air Force Base will host its Heritage to Horizon: Legacy of the Great War -- A Century of Airpower air show and open house celebrating the Air Force’s 70th anniversary April 8-9 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. Admission is free. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbird demonstration team will headline the event, which also features and the French demonstration team, Patrouille de France, and other air and ground demonstrations.

For more information, visit <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/airshow.aspx>.

### ‘Dauphin Island’

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery hosts a world-premiere production by Jeffry Chastang, “Dauphin Island,” through April 9. Developed by the Southern Writers’ Project, suspicion and fascination dovetail when – en route from Detroit to a new job on Dauphin Island – Selwyn Tate interrupts the self-imposed isolation of Kendra in the Alabama woods — dramatizing the risks involved when two displaced souls intertwine. “Dauphin Island” is a recipient of the 2016-2017 Edgerton Foundation New Play Award. The play is recommended for people ages 16 and older.

For more information, including show times and ticket information, visit [asf.net/](http://asf.net/)

[project/dauphin-island/](http://project/dauphin-island/) or call 334-271-5353.

### Pensacola JazzFest

Pensacola JazzFest is a free all-jazz festival scheduled for April 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in historic Seville Square in downtown Pensacola, Florida. The two-day festival celebrates America’s unique musical art form – jazz, according to organizers. The event will feature music, a children’s area, arts and crafts, food and drink, and more.

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

### A Bark to Remember

Gulf Coast Health Care will host its A Bark to Remember – a free dog-friendly event to raise awareness for the local Alzheimer’s Association – April 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Community Maritime Park in Pensacola, Florida. The event will feature dog contests, a variety of vendors, a silent auction, entertainment, food and drink, and more, according to organizers.

### Reptile show

The Navarre Conference Center in Pensacola, Florida, will host ReptiDay Pensacola April 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The one-day reptile event will feature vendors offering reptile pets, supplies, feeders, cages and merchandise, as well as live animal seminars. Admission will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free

for children younger than 5.

For more information, visit <http://repticon.com/florida/reptiday-pensacola/>.

### 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 through 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>.

### ‘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/](http://asf.net/project/sherlock-holmes/).

### Theatre in the Mind

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 25 – Dauphin Island; and April 22 – The Tempest; and 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](http://www.asf.net/Education/Theatre-in-the-Mind.aspx).





PHOTOS BY 1ST LT. SAMUEL JOLLEY

Sgt. Malcolm Cohens-Ashley, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, gives a poetry lesson and reading to students from Ovidius University of Constanta in Constanta, Romania, March 3.

# Deployed Soldiers reach out to Romanian communities

By 1st Lt. Samuel Jolley  
3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team,  
4th Infantry Division Public Affairs

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU, Romania — The Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment “Task Force Fighting Eagles,” 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, have been in Romania for a month, yet have fully immersed themselves in the local community and culture.

Over the last week, Soldiers toured historical Constanta and discussed poetry with high school students March 3 while supporting American Corners, the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest’s cultural diplomacy program to promote American literature with Romanian students, in partnership with a locally based U.S. Army civil affairs team.

Soldiers visited the Ovidius University of Constanta to read poetry from Emily Dickinson, as well as share original work. The event provided a unique opportunity to share the passions of both poetry and American culture with junior Romanian scholars.

“I think opportunities in the community like these are important while we are here. It shows the people of Romania that beneath the uniform we are people just like them with similar interests and passions,” said Sgt. Malcolm Cohens-Ashley, an automations clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 8th Inf. Regt.

When he was a boy, Cohens-Ashley developed a keen interest in poetry. He wrote his first poem when he was 10. So when this opportunity arose, he volunteered to read Dickinson’s “Why Do I Love You, Sir?” to a group of students visiting from Mircea Cel Batran, a national college.

Sixteen students from the college participated in the discussion about the poem’s

themes. During the lesson they shared the meaning and symbolism found in the poetry, importance of the literature, and finished the discussion by sharing some of their original poetry.

Cohens-Ashley also recited his own work entitled “Painless.”

“We are just so happy that the American Soldiers came to support our class. It meant a lot to the students to see Soldiers taking time from their jobs to come here and just talk with us,” said Ileana-Mihaela Popescu, a professor of English at the Ovidius University of Constanta.

The Fighting Eagles Battalion arrived in Romania Feb. 13 in support of Atlantic Resolve to collectively train with Romanian Defense Forces and strengthen the credible deterrent capabilities available in southeastern Europe to respond to potential crises.

In Constanta, local youth scouts led U.S. Soldiers through the city’s downtown square March 4. The downtown harkens to Constanta’s history as an old port city on the coast of the Black Sea, with strong Roman and Dacian roots.

Soldiers met with representatives of Cercetasii Romaniei, a youth scouting organization focused on out-of-the-classroom education and community service, to develop a cultural understanding of the region. The scouts escorted Soldiers to places of historical significance, such as Constanta’s oldest surviving buildings, and a historical Roman Catholic church, a Greek Orthodox cathedral and a mosque.

“It is so refreshing to see the American Soldiers interested in the history of the city. On top of that, their spending time with our local kids allows the opportunity to practice English, which is amazing. We hope to continue to have future events like this,” said Robert Urmosi, one of the youth scout leaders.

## Religious Services

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

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

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

**Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036**  
9:30 a.m. Protestant  
Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints  
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)  
11 p.m. Eckankar Study (4th Sunday)

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

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

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

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

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# Soldiers help nurture horses back to health

By Sgt. Tom Wade  
U.S. Army Central Public Affairs

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait – Throughout man’s history of wars, conquests, travels and adventures, horses have been along each step of the way. To some, they are the symbols of emotional growth and healing; to others, they are equal partners in sports and recreations.

The Soldiers of the 195th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support gave preventive care services March 7 at the Equestrian Center in the Kuwaiti Ministry of Defense. Their visit is part of the military to military project the United States has with its host nation of Kuwait.

“The Kuwaiti military does not currently have a veterinarian assigned to the Equestrian Division,” said CW2 Margaret Pierson, 195th MDVSS. “We examine their lame and ills, bi-weekly, giving out free advice that can extend their lives.”

As a newly formed Army Reserve unit, the 195th MDVSS from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, comes to the central command area with a lot of specialized services. Known at the KMOD for medical services to horses, this unit also provides animal care technical services to cats and military working dogs, as well as inspections of incoming food for the dining facilities.

“We have 45 forward-deployed Soldiers that cover the areas of Qatar, Jordan, Iraq and Kuwait,” said Maj. Catherine Williams, the commander of the 195th MDVSS. “These Soldiers maintain their clinical proficiency ... while forging partnerships with the host nation.”

Horses residing at the center are at ease with the medical attention the Soldiers give them – a mare and her foal greet all by allowing the Soldiers to rub on their heads, even after conducting stress tests or inspections of their teeth and hooves.

“Overall, we ensure that the horses are getting vaccinated regularly, to which they appear to be,” said Maj. Curt Degeyter, the veterinary preventive medicine officer. “We also ensure that the horses’ teeth get floated and that we get them on a parasitology type of program, to get rid of parasites.”



CW2 Margaret Pierson, food safety officer, rubs the nose of a horse.



Maj. Curt Degeyter, (center) veterinary preventative medicine officer, shows how to test a 15-year-old horse for lameness.



PHOTOS BY SGT. TOM WADE


Spc. Rachel Dinger, an animal care specialist with the 195th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service Support, gives a horse a hug March 7 at the Kuwait Military Department of Defense.




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# MARCH MADNESS

*Clutch free throws earn Heat Check OT win over Head Hunters*

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Every point counts, and that couldn't have been more evident than during a game between two Fort Rucker Intramural Basketball teams who battled it out on the court Tuesday – with the winning shots coming in the form of two clutch free throws after time had expired.

The 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment's Heat Check edged out the 1st Bn., 14th Avn. Regt. Head Hunters, 80-79, in overtime at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center, and although both teams were formidable, in the end it all came down to determination, fouls and free throws, according to Capt. Dan Prial, Heat Check team captain.

Heath Check only had five players to utilize throughout the game, so there was no switching out players, but that wasn't something that was going to keep the team down, the coach said.

"It was tough for us because we only had five players and they're a great team," Prial said. "We played pretty much as well as we could – we hit a couple big shots and it just went our way this time.

"We haven't been very competitive in any game so far (this season), but during this game once we were winning by three at half time, we just tried to stay in the game – I think adrenaline took over at that point," he continued. "Everyone was tired and we haven't come this close to winning a game all season, so if this was going to be our one shot, we were going to make sure we got carted out of here on a wheelchair if we had to."

The game got off to a good start for Heat Check, although Head Hunters took possession to start. The 1-145th was able to recover

the rebound to take it back for a three-point shot to take a lead early on.

The 1-14th wouldn't fall far behind, though, as they settled into their stride to keep up with their opponents, and both teams seemed in it to win it as they ping-ponged the lead throughout much of the first quarter.

Neither team seemed able to get a leg up in the first quarter, but it was Heat Check who managed to pull away in the second quarter as the Head Hunters' defense couldn't manage to keep up.

The 1-14th's offense was lacking, also, as their shooting game slowed, throwing up brick after brick, allowing their opponents the chance to get the rebound and pull away.

Coupled with a string of fouls against Heat Check, the 1-145th was able to take a comfortable lead, 28-20, with just 5 minutes remaining in the half.

Head Hunters weren't giving up so soon, though, despite being down by nearly 10 points.

They came back with an aggressive offense and tightened up their defense, surprising their opponents and eventually taking the lead, proving that it was still anyone's game.

Both teams once again bounced the lead back and forth in the remaining minutes of the game, but it was Heat Check who would be back on top at the end of the half, leading 37-34.

Both teams were more than capable of putting up a fight, and the 1-145th kept their game strong with a three-point shot to start the half, extending their lead, but The Head Hunters wouldn't be left too far behind as they remained on their opponent's heels



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Sgt. Ryan Timpson, player for Head Hunters, goes up for a layup during a Fort Rucker Intramural Basketball game at Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center Tuesday.

## Paralympic swimming champion inducted into Hall of Fame

By Tim Hipps  
U.S. Army Installation Management Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Paralympic swimmer Sgt. Elizabeth Marks, a combat medic assigned to the United States Army World Class Athlete Program, was inducted into the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame on International Women's Day.

Marks won gold and bronze medals at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, struck gold four times at the 2016 Invictus Games in Orlando, and received the Pat Tillman Award for Service at the 2016 ESPYs in Los Angeles.

March 8, Marks was one of seven Soldier Olympians and Paralympians among the U.S. Army Women's Foundation 2017 Hall of Fame inductees at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington.

"In the face of life-changing injuries, they have been tested and challenged, but they have not been defeated," retired Lt. Col. Jenelle Roberts said before naming the Soldier-athletes. "They exemplify the triumphs of the human spirit. While their journeys and struggles may differ, they all have the same fundamental core of strength, resilience and perseverance, which made them successful Soldiers and world-class



ARMY PHOTO

Sgt. Elizabeth Marks was named to the ESPN Women's Impact25 Athletes and Influencers list in 2016.

champions."

Cyclists Shawn Cheshire, Shawn Morelli and Jennifer Schuble, sitting volleyball player Kari Miller, and para-triathletes Melissa Stockwell and retired Col. Patricia Collins joined Marks in the athletic portion of the class of 2017.

Marks underwent triple surgery for bilateral hip injuries sustained in 2010 while serving as a combat medic in Iraq, which led to rehabilitation in the swimming pool at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. Her resilient determination to return "fit for duty" resulted in a Paralympic swimming career that led to world-record times and gold-medal suc-

cess.

Along the way, however, Marks nearly died in London in 2014 after contracting an upper respiratory infection while traveling to the inaugural Invictus Games. The infection led to a medically-induced coma that lasted nearly a month. She recovered to not only win four gold medals at the 2016 Invictus Games but set a Paralympic world record in the women's SB7 100-meter breaststroke.

In spite of her many successes, Marks said, she never imagined that she would one day find herself "in a room with such accomplished women."

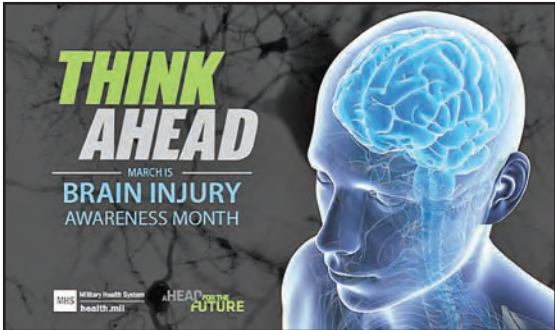
"It's very humbling, and it's a lot to digest," said Marks, 26, a native of Prescott Valley, Arizona, who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. "I'm sure I'll wake up in the morning and feel just as awed and inspired as I did this evening."

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett, first vice president of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation, raved about Marks' performance earlier in the day on the "Army Experiences of Extraordinary Women" panel discussion at the U.S. Capitol.

Marks said she was humbled by the praise.

"She has been an incredible sergeant major that paved the way for a lot of women," Marks said. "For her to even know my name is an honor."

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ARMY GRAPHIC

## 'HUMBLE CHECK'

*Service member shares brain injury story*

Military Health Systems  
Communications Office Staff Report

SILVER SPRING, Md. – While rock-climbing with a friend in the mountains along the coast of Washington state Oct. 5, 2014, Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Colin Woodside did something out of the ordinary: he left his helmet behind.

"I always wear one," said the San Diego-based maritime enforcement specialist, "but I forgot some gear on the top of the climb. And since it was just a short scramble back up to get the gear and a hike back down, just this one time, I didn't [wear a helmet]."

He had climbed many times in this area and felt comfortable going back the short distance for his forgotten equipment without either a helmet or a rope.

Woodside lost his footing on the rocky ledge and fell more than 50 feet. He landed headfirst and bashed a three-centimeter crater into the side of his skull. While he stayed conscious and mobile after the accident, the injury was so severe Woodside admitted he doesn't remember what happened that day or the next two weeks afterward.

MHS medical staff helped Woodside battle back from his injuries to return to full active duty. But it was a traumatic brain injury that could have been avoided.

"Prevention is multifaceted," said Scott Livingston, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center education division director. "Primary prevention of TBI aims to reduce the risk of injury happening in the first place. Once someone has sustained a TBI, our aim then is preventing any secondary complications and subsequent injuries."

TBIs are among the most devastating injuries faced by service members. The severity of TBIs range from mild – also known as a concussion – to moderate, severe, and penetrating injuries, and can result in both short-term and long-term effects. According to DVBIC, nearly 360,000 troops have sustained some type of TBI since 2000, with 80 percent of these injuries occurring in noncombat settings. Many happen during training, as a result of vehicular or motorcycle accidents, or accidents that happen during recreational activities outside of work – like rock climbing.

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PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

Sgt. Elizabeth Marks competes in the 100-meter backstroke preliminaries of the 2016 U.S. Paralympic Swimming Team Trials on July 2 at Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center in Charlotte, N.C. She finished second in the final with a time of 1 minute, 21.64 seconds.



# DOWN TIME

OUR STORY SO FAR...



FLASH GORDON  
BY JIM KEEFE 3-19





WARTOG SCOFFS AT THE THREAT, CONTROLLING THE MINDS OF THE KING'S GUARDS. HE HAS DALE HOPELESSLY OUTNUMBERED...



...BUT FAR FROM BEATEN!



I HAD IT ALL... AN ENTIRE KINGDOM AT MY DISPOSAL.

YOU... YOU TOOK IT ALL AWAY FROM ME!

I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT!

I'D SAY YOU'VE ALREADY CAUSED ENOUGH BLOODSHED.

TH... THAT VOICE...



...THE KING!

NEXT: RETRIBUTION!

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



FOR THE RECORD, I'M HERE UNDER PROTEST. A "HIGH BODY COUNT" IS NOT EXACTLY A GOOD REVIEW.

## TRIVIA

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What is meringue made of?
2. MOVIES: What were the names of the tunnels in the movie "The Great Escape"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Pure gold consists of how many karats?
4. LITERATURE: In which of Charles Dickens' novels does the character of Fagin appear?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What Pacific island nation is known by the initials FSM?
6. ANATOMY: How many chambers are in the human heart?
7. MUSIC: How many keys are on a standard piano?
8. BIBLE: How old was Methuselah when he died?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What degree of latitude is the Equator?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of rhinos called?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

45-DEGREE DROP

**ACROSS**

1 Arrange in steps  
8 Nova — (Halifax native)  
15 Suspect's excuse  
20 Sailor lurer  
21 Texas city near El Paso  
22 Tyke's hauler  
23 Totally dumb  
24 With 41- and 60-Across, question whose answer is hidden in this puzzle  
26 Primatologist Fossey  
27 Mister  
29 Ending for Nepal  
30 Dangerous African fly  
31 Baseball exec Bud  
33 Kind of navel  
35 Gallivant  
38 Drinking site  
39 — Paulo  
41 See 24-Across  
45 Tanning lotion spec  
48 Kind of navel  
50 Drooling hounds

**DOWN**

1 Iris relatives, for short  
2 TV's O'Donnell  
3 Popular font  
4 Comics "menace"  
5 Ring legend  
6 Wallet bills  
7 Kiddie-song letters  
8 180 degrees from NNE  
9 Joint beneficiary  
10 Singer Ric of the Cars  
11 Carry along  
12 Roth —  
13 Upper limb  
14 — TURN  
15 Dazzles  
16 Pathetic  
17 "It's enough to live on"  
18 Potted tree  
19 Buries  
25 Actor Seagal  
28 Indonesia's basic currency unit  
32 Moo goo — pan  
34 — kwon do  
35 Sharp rival  
36 "Fifth qtrs."

**ACROSS**

51 — Stanley Gardner  
53 Grassland  
54 Former Saturn SUV  
56 Roloids, e.g.  
60 See 24-Across  
65 Gossipy Barrett  
66 Low opera voices  
67 Debt slip  
68 Trompe — (visual illusion)  
71 The Andes, e.g.: Abbr.  
72 Flamboyant flamenco entertainer  
73 Armada ship  
75 Heat's city  
77 Resistance unit  
78 Not active  
80 Oerter and Unser  
81 Lung-related prefix  
83 First step of progress  
85 With 101- and 123-Across, how to find the hidden answer  
89 Singer Flack  
92 Camping gear retailer  
93 OR figures

**DOWN**

94 Statistician Silver  
95 "The Barber of Seville" composer  
98 Desert plants  
100 The, to Henri  
101 See 85-Across  
106 Turn — dime  
108 Romania's basic currency unit  
109 Makes mad  
110 Spanish hero of yore  
112 Fur king John Jacob —  
116 Job follows it  
119 With 127-Down, China's — tung  
120 — -tac-toe  
122 "You bet, amigo!"  
123 See 85-Across  
128 Detectives  
130 Hollywood's Eastwood  
131 — Obispo, California  
132 National dish of Korea  
133 Boundary bushes  
134 University life

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**


♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# KID'S CORNER



HERBIE FINALLY SOLOS! Can you guess on which flight Herbie successfully landed his new remote-controlled plane?


Answer: He scored the first time and then ran into trouble.

AN INTERESTING ADDITION! In this AlphaMath problem, each number is used only once. To solve, replace each letter with one of the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, in such a manner that you will have a correct addition problem. Try to get the highest possible total.

Our Answer: A=8, B=5, C=4, D=7, E=3, F=6, G=2, H=9, I=1, J=0. Total = 100.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 9 and 11, and 16 through 23 to fill in this Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 62. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

Our Answer: First row: 15, 16, 23, 17, 12, 11, 22. Second row: 20, 9, 14, 19, 14, 19. Third row: 10, 23, 15, 16, 23, 17, 12, 11, 22.



Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend


SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

It's time to get outside and spruce up the old homestead. In our puzzle grid, there is room for eight words associated with spring maintenance. Below are hints to get you started.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly find all of our springtime words, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a store that you always visit in the spring.

1. A window treatment.  
2. Needed to start the garden.  
3. A must if you have a porch.  
4. Lawn repair.  
5. Needed before lawn repair.  
6. What the house and garage often need.  
7. Needed before chores 4 and 5.  
8. Needed after chores 4, 5 and 7.

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8	4	6	8	5	4	6	4	3	8	6	3	4
Y	Y	U	Z	W	C	H	R	E	C	I	I	I
5	8	2	3	4	6	4	3	5	6	2	5	4
A	T	L	G	C	E	E	I	Y	S	O	I	X
3	4	6	5	6	2	5	4	8	4	8	4	5
N	P	S	S	I	R	C	E	H	R	O	I	L
4	5	3	4	2	5	3	6	7	8	2	5	4
E	E	A	N	I	A	L	S	I	U	O	R	C
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6	7	2	8	2	3	2	3	8	7	8	7	7
R	H	D	H	A	A	Y	S	T	I	S	G	H

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.

Answers: 1. Wishing. 2. Spreading. 3. Screens. 4. Seeding. 5. Moving. 6. Plant. 7. Rain. 8. Enjoying. The name of the store that you always visit in the spring is "Rainbow".



HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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# Collaboration, partnership key to fighting antibiotic resistance

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

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The open wounds of battlefield injuries are easy entry points for infectious pathogens. When infections occur, military medicine counters with antimicrobials.

However, the use of so many drugs can lead to a buildup of resistance to the very such treatments used for cure. The Military Health System wants to stop the infections without contributing further to antibiotic resistance, according to Dr. David Smith, currently performing the duties of the assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

“Infectious disease is often the biggest enemy relative to the outcomes,” Smith said. “The good news is that over our history, we’re continually improving on the disease side and the ability to take care of severe trauma.”

Smith participated in a congressional briefing at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., March 7, addressing antimicrobial resistance. Representatives from several other agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Department of Health and Human Services’ Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, a program that pro-



PHOTO BY AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. MARCUS MORRIS

**A bacteriology researcher swabs an isolated sample of streptococcus pneumonia in Goroka, Papua New Guinea. The researcher is testing the bacteria to determine if the strain has sensitivity to antibiotics or if it is resistant.**

vides an integrated, systemic approach to the development and purchase of the vaccines, drugs, therapies, and diagnostic tools for public health medical emergencies; and the National Institutes of Health, joined Smith during the session.

In the last 15 years of warfare, improvised explosive devices have produced massive, contaminated wounds, said Smith. Their slow-healing nature made the wounds more susceptible to infections, with many “bugs” already deposited into the site at the point of the injury.

Smith said the Multidrug-resistant organism Repository and Surveillance Network housed at the Walter Reed Army Institute

of Research in suburban Washington helps in the fight.

The network provides comprehensive analysis of resistant microorganisms, including their genetic information, so researchers can better study and treat infections. MRSN stores the antibiotic susceptibility and genetic analyses from these infectious pathogens, and makes it available to scientists and clinicians who can then modify treatment approaches, he said.

In addition, this information is relayed to hospitals, medical leaders and policymakers in an effort to stem the tide of resistance transmission within the health care system, Smith added. Last year, due to the surveillance network, the MSRN was the first in the United States to discover a bacteria containing a gene that promotes resistance to one of our last-resort antibiotics, Colistin, in a human patient.

Shelved years ago as a result of worrisome toxicity, Colistin was reintroduced following the increase in patients with multidrug-resistant infections and no other therapy options. This Colistin-resistant gene was discovered in samples sent to the MRSN as part of its proactive enterprise-wide surveillance activity, he said.

The military also monitors the drugs used against infections and studies the rise of infectious diseases around the world. Smith

said the globally engaged nature of U.S. warfighters means their medical system must be similarly engaged and consider the larger world picture of infectious disease.

He said the Military Health System serves as an important part of the Global Health Security Agenda, an international program in which U.S. government agencies, other nations, international organizations, and public and private stakeholders are engaged to keep the world safe from infectious disease threats. Antimicrobial resistance is such a global threat.

“We need to be able to prevent avoidable epidemics, detect them early, and respond rapidly and effectively [to infections around the globe],” said Smith. “We’re an active participant in trying to help our partners across the world to increase this capability.”

U.S. military medical labs around the world serve as part of a biosensor network, said Smith. For example, the labs keep military and civilian populations healthier by collecting samples that help determine the components of the annual flu vaccine developed each year.

Antibiotic resistance poses great challenges to military medicine, but Smith is optimistic the ongoing collaboration, as demonstrated at the briefing, will be fruitful.

## March

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throughout most of the third quarter.

Despite their ability to stay close, Heat Check maintained their lead heading into the final quarter and managed to pull away with another string of fouls against them, allowing them to sink multiple free throws to take an almost 10-point lead.

Head Hunters once again tightened up their offense to close in on their opponents, managing to trail by only one

point with seven minutes remaining.

The 1-14th seemed to tire out the opposing offense as they pushed to take the lead, but Heat Check managed to push through as Head Hunters continued their aggressive playstyle, continuing to foul and allowing for more free throws, giving the 1-145th a six-point lead at the 2-minute mark.

Both teams fought hard in the final seconds as Head Hunters managed to close the scoring gap and both teams went shot for shot as the 1-14th managed a layup to tie the game, 70-70, as the final buzzer sounded sending the game

into overtime.

Heat Check went into overtime strong, starting off with a 3 pointer to take the lead, and both teams were giving it all they had as they fought in the final moments, staying within 1 point of each other.

Heat check had possession in the final seconds and was behind by 1 point, and although the Head Hunters managed to stop a buzzer beater, they did so too aggressively as a foul was called allowing Heat Check to sink two free throws to win the game, 80-79.

## Champion

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Congresswoman Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, a major in the Army National Guard who serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, welcomed the recipients to Washington and offered advice to the military women assembled for the ceremony.

“It’s so great to be able to be here to join all of you sisters and brothers in arms, especially on this day -- International Women’s Day,” Gabbard said. “What better way to recognize International Women’s Day than by celebrating so many great women who have and continue to exemplify leadership, courage and service to the core of their very being.

“Don’t discount what you bring to the table and how much appreciation there is for your service and for your leadership, both in the uniform and at whatever point you lay down that uniform,” Gabbard said.

Marks was grateful to be considered as a panelist, much less a Hall of Fame inductee.

“I sat on a panel with extremely impres-

sive women that held a lot of rank from a lot of years of service,” she said. “I hope that I can continue that legacy and that I bring them the respect that they deserve. I am in awe that they thought me worthy of this, and I will cherish it.

“It will be a memory and something that I look back on that inspires me for a long time.”

## Humble

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Livingston compared prevention efforts to what occurs in organized football. Players are fitted with the correct helmet and taught the proper way to wear it. Helmets won’t prevent all concussions, so coaches or medical staffs must remove a player from the game to prevent what can be an even more devastating second injury.

“Once someone sustains a TBI,” said Livingston, “you want to give the brain a chance to heal and fully recover before allowing

them back to sports. If a person goes back to play too soon [while still experiencing symptoms], they are three to six times more likely to suffer a subsequent brain injury.”

He said additional concussions can have a snowball effect of worsening symptoms and extended recovery.

Recent advancements in military helmet design protect warfighters better. Livingston said while these improvements in helmet technology help reduce the risk of serious head trauma, there is still a risk of

TBIs, especially from the pressure waves caused by a blast. Helmets are not concussion proof. That’s why commanders and leaders in the field need to know that even if the head doesn’t take a direct strike from an object, that troop still needs to be checked out by medical staff.

“People need to recognize when they or one of their service members are in a situation that could have caused a concussion,” said Livingston, “such as being within 50 meters of a blast or being involved in a rollover collision,

even if there’s no visible signs of head trauma.”

It’s vital that leaders remove injured service members from a training or combat environment to prevent injuries from a subsequent TBI, he said.

Livingston encouraged everyone to wear proper safety equipment since most TBIs happen away from deployment and combat. Wear military helmets in training settings, bicycle or motorcycle helmets when riding, and specialty helmets for other recreational activities such as snowboarding

and rock climbing. And always wear a safety belt when riding in or operating a motor vehicle.

For Woodside, suffering a TBI put everything in perspective, especially not taking his own safety for granted.

“It was the day that changed the rest of my life,” said Woodside. “When I got hurt because of my own actions, it really gave me a humble check.”

See Woodside’s full story of recovery on DVBIC’s <http://dvbic.dcoe.mil/aheadforthefuture/stories>.

# FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

### Scuba course

The Fort Rucker Aquarians Dive Club will sponsor a scuba certification course beginning April 26. The first class will meet at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center Indoor Pool at 6:30 p.m. After the first week, the course will meet Monday and Wednesday nights for no less than six weeks and no more than seven weeks, depending on the weather. One weekend will be required at the end of the course to complete open water training in the Gulf of Mexico.

For information, call 334-803-1323 or 334-494-0847.

### Spring Boot Camp

Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center will host its Spring Boot Camp April 3 to May 12 weekdays from 8:30-9:45 a.m. The cost will be \$100 per

participant. The training includes weekly consultations to keep track of progress, training with certified personal trainers and access to all group fitness classes during the six weeks. T-shirts will be available to all participants.

For more information, call 255-3794.

### Wounded warrior hunt

The Wounded Warrior Classic/Turkey and Coyote Hunt will take place April 6-8 during legal hunting times. Harvest must be verified by the Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation staff. Hunters will be allowed to harvest turkey and coyotes on Fort Rucker. Hunters must present game to the ODR service center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Photos will not be accepted, and no trapping or road kill allowed. All patrons wanting to hunt along with wounded warriors

must have a valid state hunting license, Fort Rucker hunting permit and a hunter education completion card. The event will be open to the public. There will be an awards ceremony April 8 at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25. There will be a prize for the biggest turkey, prize for the biggest coyote and prize for the most coyotes.

For more information, call 255-4305.

### SKIES Swim Lessons

SKIES will offer swim lessons for youth now through May at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center indoor pool. Enrollment opens on the 15th of each month. There must be three students enrolled to conduct and continue a class. Students must re-enroll each month. Classes are subject to change. Swim schedules are available. Private classes are

designed for those that may need a one-on-one approach in instruction.

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

### Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt

Outdoor recreation hosts its Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt now 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.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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SPF	INNIE	BASSETS		
ERLE	LEA	VUE	ANTACID	
REALLY	THRILLING	RONA		
BASSOS	IOU	LOEIL	MTS	
CHARO	GALLEON	MIAMI		
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ROBERTA	REI	RNS	NATE	
ROSSINI	CACTI	LES		
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ESTHER	MAO	TIC	SISI	
TOBOT	OMR	IGHT	SLEUTHS	
CLINT	SAN	LUIS	KIMCHEE	
HEDGE	ACADEME	SOI	HEAR	

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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

## TRIVIA

#### Answers

- Whipped egg white and sugar
- Tom, Dick and Harry
- 24
- “Oliver Twist”
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Four
- 88
- 969 in the Hebrew Bible
- Zero
- A crash

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