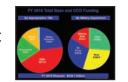
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USAACE welcomes new deputy to CG

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker welcomed a new deputy to the commanding general during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Monday.

William G. Kidd assumed responsibility as he took the civilian oath of office administered by Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general.

In his duties, Kidd will assess and implement the commanding general's strategic vision to integrate and align key organizational and program goals, priorities and resourcing to successfully enable mission accomplishment, a task that Gayler said he has full confidence in his new deputy to carry out.

"When the interview process happened, I knew instantly that Bill Kidd was right for this job," said the commanding general during the ceremony. "He is genuine, and very, very candid and clear about what he is good at and what he wants to work on. I'm thrilled that we have you and [your wife,] Kim here with us as part of this community."

Kidd comes to Fort Rucker from his most recent assignment as the director of Forces, Resources and Assessment (J8) for Headquarters, U.S. Forces Korea, where he was responsible for advocating for future capabilities and forces to accomplish U.S. Forces Korea's mission, which Gayler said was an invaluable asset.

"If you look at his resume, Bill's resume reads like a roadmap that you would expect in the development of a senior leader of large organizations," said the commanding general. "He has held enormous jobs in our Army and out of the green uniform. He is very familiar with this part of the world, and no stranger to the military and what we do."

Kidd is also a retired Army colonel and his other past assignments include serving in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Headquarters, Department of the Army, in Washington, D.C., from 2009-2014.

"I am humbled, honored and excited to be standing in front of you as the new deputy to the commanding general," he said. "I intend to start my term by upholding the two Army traditions that determine successful incoming leaders – be brief and don't trip over the national colors on the way back to your seat.

"General Gayler, I'm explicitly aware of the trust and confidence you have placed in me with this incredible opportunity thank you," said the deputy to the commanding general. "I will do my utmost to uphold the proud tradition of the Army Aviation Center and its mission of the last 63 years, which is to develop and ready the Army Aviation force to deal with the increasing chaos and complexity that the



William G. Kidd, deputy to the commanding general, recites the civilian oath of office administered by Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, during an assumption of responsibility ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation museum Monday.

world presents today."

With Kidd's extensive knowledge having worked both in and out of the Army, Gayler said he is a welcome and essential part of the Fort Rucker team.

"Our Army has a lot of things going on. There is so much work being done, and we are blessed to have the finest people on the face of the Earth working tough jobs here at Fort Rucker," said Gayler. "I'm very, very proud of each and every one of you for what you do for our nation. Our nation depends on you and you come through every day with flying colors, and I know that will continue with Bill and Kim as part of the team here."



Mily Patton, military spouse, enjoys a canoe ride with her son, Cody, and friends Jacob and Isaac Ivanelly, military family members, during Day at the Lake on Tholocco's West Beach Saturday.

FATAL INATTENTION

Distracted drivers killed more than 3,000 in 2015

Bv Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

Nearly 3,500 people were killed in 2015 due to distracted driving, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's most recent data, and Fort Rucker officials want to make sure its drivers are keeping their eyes and minds on the road.

When people think distracted driving, most people think of cell phone use and texting while driving, but Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker chief of police, said distracted driving can take on a number of forms, from phone use to eating to other people in the vehicle.

"When you break it down to the literal sense of what distracted driving is, it could be anything," he said. "It could be the kids in the back seat jumping up and down distracting mom or dad from driving, or it could be loud music, overcrowding of cars - all of those things play into what distracted driving is."

In recent years, the most prevalent form of distracted driving has become cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle, said the police chief, which is not limited to just texting.



Staff Sgt. Matthew Howell, 6th Military Police Detachment, responds to a call while on duty Tuesdav.

Fort Rucker has a hands-free policy, which means that in order for people to use their phones in their vehicles while driving, their device must be equipped with Bluetooth connectivity and run through the vehicle's stereo system.

"People think just because their phone is equipped with hands free that it is hands free, but yet they will hold their phone in their hand, so it's really not hands free," said Dumais. "Even people who answer their

phone and [put it on speakerphone] and put it down next to them in their car think that might be hands free, but it's not. They still have to lean over and answer their phone, taking their eyes off the road for a period of time, which can cause accidents."

Texting while driving is one of the main distractions most people are guilty of, and according to the NHTSA it takes about five seconds

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Center seeks to ease Soldiers' transition

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

There comes a time in Soldiers' lives when they must transition back to civilian life, which for many can be stressful, but the Soldier for Life program aims to help make that transition a smooth process.

The Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program Center is a place where Soldiers get help when undergoing the transition from the military to a civilian career field, according to Bryan Tharpe, center Transition Services Manager.

"People need to stop by and start talking to us early," Tharpe said. "It's never too early to ask questions and get information."

Although this is a commander-driven program, where all Soldiers are expected to begin SFL-TAP before they get within 12 months of their transition date, the center tries to help commanders by identifying Soldiers who are 18 months from their separation date, as well as providing other information-based tools, added Tharpe.

About 50 to 60 transitioning Soldiers a month visit the Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center, said Tharpe, adding that AR 600-81 and the VOW Act of November 2011 mandates that all Soldiers with 180 days of active duty attend transition classes not later than 12 months prior to separation from the military.

There are also Career Readiness Standards that transitioning Soldiers must meet, he said, and one of the biggest problems that the center is facing is that Soldiers are not coming to talk more than 12 months before their transition – a problem that is not only local, but Army wide.

However, Tharpe said if someone shows up at the last minute before their separation date, the Soldier for Life Center will not leave them without help.

"We will do a warm handover to the Department of Labor or Veterans Affairs, even take them down and introduce them, but we will not just leave someone hanging," said Tharpe.

He added that the Army rolled out a new program in October 2014, the Soldier Life Cycle, which teaches young advanced individual training graduates at their first permanent-party duty station, things that only the Soldiers who are transitioning are currently learning. The new goals are to inform and arm the new Soldiers with information that will serve them well over their careers early on, and not have to wait to the end of their career to find out about them, he said.

The Soldier Life Cycle follows Soldiers from the beginning of their service until their Expiration of Term of Service or retirement date.

"During their first year, Soldiers have certain courses that they have to take. With this program, they will be

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PERSPECTIVE

LETHAL COMBINATION

Strenuous activity, high temps pose real health threat

By Veronique Hauschild U.S. Army Public Health Center

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - When a Soldier collapsed and later died following training at Fort Benning, Georgia, in July, it demonstrated a rare, but real, health threat: drinking too much wa-

Physical exertion in high heat conditions and overhydrating can kill you.

The Army reports an annual average of two to three heat-related fatalities and more than 1,000 non-fatal heat-related conditions out of about 2,000 overall armed forces hospitalizations. This sobering fact underscores the need for Army training to ensure awareness of risk factors, prevention tactics, signs and symptoms, and treatment protocols. But the dangers go beyond the most common scenarios and on-duty activities.

The combination of hot weather and strenuous activity in many military tactical and training environments can result in substantial body water and electrolyte losses.

"There are approximately 6,000 cases of fluid and electrolyte disturbances treated annually in the Army training environment," said Samuel N. Cheuvront, Ph.D., research physiologist, U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine. "Adherence to water intake doctrine and the proper consumption of rations (garrison dining or MREs) will provide adequate water and electrolyte replacement. Though not common, an imbalance of electrolytes (known as hyponatremia) caused by overhydrating and/or insufficient rations has resulted in military fatalities.'

To minimize the risks of hyponatremia and dehydration, water doctrine recommendations are to not exceed intakes of 1.5 quarts per hour or 12 quarts per 24 hours. However, even these guidelines cannot fully protect against hyponatremia. High-risk situations for hyponatremia include overdrinking (beyond water intake doctrine), hot weather combined with prolonged exertion, early heat season (non-acclimatized)



and inadequate food and electrolyte con-

According to Cheuvront, possible means to prevent this severe condition during highrisk situations include the following.

- Monitor hydration use beads, knots or other markings to track amount of water consumed to ensure amount does not exceed 1.5 quarts per hour, or 12 quarts per 24 hours.
- Monitor urine Frequent urination, especially at night, may be a sign of overdrinking during the day.
- Ensure proper nutrition and rations for the conditions and activities are con-
- Consider substituting 2 quarts of an electrolyte-rich beverage in place of 2 quarts of the daily water. Various commercial products exist, but the product market and formulas change regularly. Most suitable commercial electrolyte products are those with an electrolyte composition closer to sweat (690-1380 mg sodium and 195-390 mg potassium per quart), but which are still palatable.

Off duty, heat illness can still be a serious life-threatening condition to Soldiers, but there may be an even greater threat to other family members. In the U.S. civilian population, heat illness and related fatalities are highest among infants and young children, athletes (especially in school sports programs), outdoor laborers, the elderly (over 65 years) and those who are obese or with certain health conditions and medications.

Unlike in a military environment, there is no "buddy system," and others may not be aware of signs and symptoms. Soldiers and family members should be alerted by general heat illness red flags, including high temperatures, direct sun, lack of air conditioning and activities leading to dehydration. Under these conditions, be on the lookout for those at greater risks. The following includes those who are at increased risk for heat illness and activities that can contribute to the problem.

· Infants and young children and the elderly, whose body systems are not as able to regulate heat as healthy adults, are at risk. Minimize their exposure to high temperatures (such as in parked closed cars, even for a few minutes) and direct

- Middle school, high school and college athletes or those participating in outdoor activities in hot weather, especially while wearing uniforms. For example, marching band or football training season are high-risk school activities for heat ill-
- Distance running or racing, especially between April and October.
- Drinking alcohol while playing sports or other outdoor recreational activity can increase dehydration and lower aware-
- Dogs die each year from heat stroke and not just those left in hot cars. Our furry friends can't sweat. They can only pant to cool themselves, so they're are less able to accommodate heat stress from the hot sun or running in even moderate weather than their human.

Outdoor warm-weather activities can be fun and healthy, or dangerous and deadly. Remember, the heat can kill.



Monday is Memorial Day when we honor the sacrifices of those who died in service to the nation. Why is important to honor those fallen service members?



Keith Potter, retired military

"Our country wouldn't be what our country is today without their sacrifice.'



Capt. Samantha Jewell, A Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"We're following in their footsteps. We wouldn't be where we are today without those people who made the ultimate



Brenda Byrd, military family member

"It's important because they were protecting our country."



Staff Sgt. Tommy Brown, U.S. Army School of **Aviation Medicine**

"It's important because they laid our foundation. They are our past and our present. Our forces are impacted by their actions, so remembering them shows us who we are and what we can be.'



Alison Pettengill, civilian

"We wouldn't have any of the freedoms we enjoy today if it weren't for the sacrifices they

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Defense budget request seeks to balance current, future needs

By Jim Garamone Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump's fiscal year 2018 Defense Department budget request proposes a \$52.4 billion increase over the 2017 request and seeks to shore up readiness, procure systems for the future and fully fund operations worldwide.

The budget request is \$574.5 billion, with a \$64.6 billion request for overseas contingency operations. Officials said the budget request – that still must be passed by Congress – reverses the manpower decline with funding that would put the services on track to increase by 56,000 service members.

BALANCING READINESS **NEEDS**

The president's budget request seeks to balance the needs of nearterm readiness - and the necessity to train forces for conflict – with the needs of the future force, officials said, adding that it breaks through the cap set by the Budget Control Act of 2011 by \$52 billion and will require congressional action.

Active duty end strength is set at 1,314,000, with the Army holding steady at 476,000, the Navy increasing by 1,408 to 327,000, the Marine Corps growing by 574 to 185,000 and the Air Force growing by 3,975 to 325,100. The reserve force will grow by 2,085 to a total of 815,900. The total of military strength will rise by 8,042 to 2,129,900.

The total change in size in both the fiscal 2017 budget and the 2018 budget request is 56,400 total.

On the pay side, the budget calls for a 2.1 percent pay raise for military personnel and 1.9 percent for

By service, the Army is budgeted at \$137.1 billion, the Navy at \$171.5 billion, the Air Force at \$165.5 billion and Defense-wide money is set at \$100.4 billion.

OPERATIONS. **MAINTENANCE**

The operations and maintenance account is by far the largest section of the request's base budget set at \$223.3 billion. Military personnel accounts come in at \$141.6 billion and procurement is set at \$115

FY 2018 Total Base and OCO Funding By Appropriation Title By Military Department Army \$166.0 rocureme \$125.2 Navy \$180.0 FY 2018 Request: \$639.1 billion

billion. Research and engineering comes in at \$82.7 billion and military construction is set at \$11.9

Restoring service readiness is key to the budget, officials said, adding that the Budget Control Act of 2011 decimated service readiness and imposed severe cuts in training, spare parts, steaming days and flight hours.

This budget request posits 19 training rotations for Army units in their "high-end" collective training sites, officials said, and it also increases money spent on ship maintenance, looking to reduce waiting times, and increases flight hours for naval aviators.

The Marine Corps portion of the budget request funds the forwarddeployed special-purpose Marine air-ground task forces and bumps up funding in maintenance and modernization programs. Air Force money targets the pilot and aircraft maintenance shortage and funds weapons sustainment programs.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Money aimed at U.S. Special Operations Command funds more intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capacity, and modernization of intelligence, targeting and strike enablers.

Procurement is led by 70 F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighters for \$10.8 billion. The Air Force will also begin replacing its aging aerial refueling fleet with a \$3.1 billion buy of 15 KC-46 Pegasus tankers, and its portion of the budget request includes \$2 billion for the B-21 Raider long-range bomber. The Army's big buy is 61 AH-64 Apaches at \$1.4 billion and 48 UH-60 Black Hawks at \$1.1 billion.

The Navy request includes \$5.5 billion for two Virginia-class submarines, \$4 billion for two Burkeclass Aegis destroyers, \$1.2 billion for a littoral combat ship and \$4.6 billion for the Ford-class aircraft carrier program.

The budget request also includes \$1.1 billion for 2,775 joint light tactical vehicles and it seeks the authority to convene a new round of base closures in 2021.

Senior enlisted leaders place wreath at tomb to mark Armed Forces Day

By Jim Garamone

Defense Media Activity

ARLINGTON, Va. — The senior enlisted leaders of the Defense Department and the Coast Guard placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery Saturday to mark Armed Forces Day.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Troxell, the senior enlisted adviser to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Steven S. Giordano, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Steven W. Cantrell and Sgt. Maj. Don Rose, representing the Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey, participated in the ceremony.

The service senior enlisted leaders placed the seal of their service on the wreath, and Troxell, as the senior enlisted leader in the joint force, placed the wreath at the tomb.

ALL-ENLISTED CEREMONY

ducted The U.S. Army Band in the national anthem, and each of the services' honor guards were commanded by noncommissioned officers or petty officers.

"It's our way of marking Armed Forces Day and beginning the commemoration of Memorial Day," Troxell said after the ceremony. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Bryan Battaglia, Troxell's predecessor, began the tradition.

The fact that it was an all-enlisted review is nothing new to Troxell. "This is what we do as an empowered enlisted force: we operate under commanders' intent to do the mission," Troxell said.

"NCOs do this every day around the world. Having my battle buddies out there with me is huge in showing the importance of the enlisted force."

TOUR OF TOMB GUARD **QUARTERS**

After the ceremony, the enlisted leaders visited the tomb guard quarters underneath the Memorial Amphitheater. Tomb guards and tomb guards in training gave them a tour of the facility and told the enlisted leaders about their training and their motivation.

"Meeting the guards was impressive," It was an all-enlisted ceremony, too. An Cantrell said. "Meeting them and hearing Army command sergeant major was the their stories is a treat. While we're not part commander of troops, a sergeant major con- of DoD, we are very proud to be members of the joint force."

The senior enlisted leaders then went back to the tomb to watch the changing of the guard, presided over by Army Staff Sgt.



Senior enlisted leaders place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., May 20 in honor of Armed Forces Day.

Ruth Hanks of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, The Old Guard.

Chance Meeting With Veterans

As the senior enlisted leaders arrived for the ceremony, they serendipitously met veterans from an Honor Flight from Midland, Texas. The veterans were from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm, and Iraq and Afghanistan vets were helping their older compatriots. Two of the veterans charged ashore at Normandy, France, on D-Dav. June 6, 1944.

After meeting the senior enlisted leaders, one of the Texas vets turned to a friend and said, "It was nice meeting them, but even after 70 years, I still get nervous meeting a sergeant major."



Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, U.S. Army Installation Management Command commanding general, and Col. Shannon T. Miller(far right), Fort Rucker garrison commander, pose for a photo with Trevor Marshall, Directorate of Public Works; Bryan Tharpe, Soldier for Life Transition Program; Danny Bradley, garrison casualty assistance center supervisor; Aida Stallings, Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsorship and Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers adviser; Gloria Smith, DFMWR administrative support specialist; and Chief Marvin Brandon, chief of security guards, after presenting a coin and appreciation to each of them at Divots Friday for the work they do throughout the installation.

News Briefs

Faulkner Gate closure

The Faulkner Gate will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the Memorial Day holiday. The gate will resume normal operations Tues-

Memorial Day ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its Memorial Day ceremony Friday at 8:30 a.m. at Veterans Park. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

AER closing ceremony

The Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign closing ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Vacation Bible School

Fort Rucker Religious Services will host its Vacation Bible School June 5-9 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the main post chapel complex - Bldg. 8939 and Bldg. 8940 - for children in grades kindergarten through sixth. The theme is Secrets in the Sand and the event will feature Bible lessons, crafts, music, recreation, snacks and daily celebrations. The children will focus on learning about the Bible and also develop close friends within the chapel while having a great time, according to organizers.

Volunteers are needed to help make VBS a success. To register, volunteer or get more information, call 255-3946 or 255-2989.

Change of command

The 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment, will host a change of command ceremony June 22 at 8:30 a.m. on Howze Field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Lt. Col. Michael S. Johnson will assume command from Lt. Col. Jeffrey S. Dahlgren.

Lost and found

People who have lost or misplaced property while on Fort Rucker can call the Directorate of

Public Safety's lost and found point of contact at 255-3239 to inquire if their property has been turned in. To claim their property, people must be able to demonstrate ownership of the property. DPS retains property found or turned in at special events held on the installation, such as Freedom Fest – the most common items turned-in are keys, cell phones and wallets.

Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open

positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

Exchange Buddy List

Soldiers and Army families can get special offers from the Fort Rucker Exchange delivered straight to their inboxes every week by signing up for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Buddy List. All shoppers have to do is contact the Fort Rucker Exchange and ask to join approximately 115,000 authorized exchange shoppers worldwide receiving exclusive offers via email from their local Exchange.

'The Exchange Buddy List makes it easy to keep up with special deals and events at the Fort Rucker Exchange," said Beate Bateman, main exchange store manager. "Sign up and keep your finger on the pulse of all the exclusive savings your Exchange has to offer.'

Any authorized shopper 18 and older may join the Exchange Buddy List. For more information, call 334-503-9044, Ext. 210.

TACTICAL AUGMENTED REALITY

Heads-up display to give Soldiers improved situational awareness

By David Vergun Army News Service

WASHINGTON - A novel technology called Tactical Augmented Reality is helping Soldiers precisely locate their positions, as well as the locations of friends and foes, said Richard Nabors.

It even enables them to see in the dark, all with a heads-up display device that looks like night-vision goggles, he added. So, in essence, TAR replaces NVG, GPS, plus it does much more.

Nabors, an associate for strategic planning at U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, spoke about TAR at the Pentagon's Lab Day May 18.

Currently, most Soldiers use a hand-held GPS system that approximates their position, he said, but only if their device is georegistered to their location.

Geo-registration is the alignment of an observed image with a geodetically-calibrated reference image. TAR does the geo-registration automatically, he said.

Staff Sgt. Ronald Geer, a counterterrorism NCO at CERDEC's Night Vision and Electronics Sensors Directorate, said that with TAR, Soldiers don't have to look down at their GPS device. In fact, they no longer need a separate GPS device because with TAR, the image is in the eyepiece, which is mounted to the Soldier's helmet in the same way NVG is mounted.

So what they would see, he said, is the terrain in front of them, overlaid with a map.

TAR is also designed to be used both day and night, he added.

Furthermore, Geer pointed out that the eyepiece is connected wirelessly to a tablet the Soldiers wear on their waist and it's wirelessly connected to a thermal site mounted on their rifle or carbine.

If a Soldier is pointing his or her weapon, the image of the target, plus other details like the distance to target, can be seen through the eyepiece.

The eyepiece even has a split screen, so for example, if the rifle is pointed rearward and the Soldier is looking forward, the image shows both views, he said.

Also, a Soldier behind a wall or other obstacle could lift the rifle over the wall and see through the sites via the heads-up display without exposing his or her head.

Finally, Geer said that TAR's wireless system allows a Soldier to share his or her images with other members of the squad. The tablet allows Soldiers to input information they need or to share their own information with others in their squad.

TECHNOLOGY BREAKTHROUGH

David Fellowes, an electronics engineer at CERDEC, said that the key technological breakthrough was miniaturizing the image to fit into the tiny one-inch-by-one-inch

Current commercial technology compresses images into sizes small enough to fit into tablet and cell phone-sized windows, but getting a high-definition image into the very tiny eyepiece was a challenge that could not be met with commercial, off-theshelf hardware.

Since about 2008, CERDEC, the Army Research Laboratory and industry have been working to make this miniaturization hap-

By about 2010, the image was compressed enough to be shown in black and white, as well as a greenish monochrome version, he

Those systems have already been fielded to certain units, he said.

Currently, CERDEC is working on producing more advanced versions that are in full color and have a brightness display that can even be seen in daylight. The current monochrome versions are also bright enough to be seen in daylight.

Fellowes said he's not sure when those will be manufactured and fielded, but during user testing, Soldiers expressed their deep appreciation of the image sharpness and

He added that the TARs will provide Soldiers with a much higher level of situational awareness than they currently have and he said he fully expects that the devices will save lives and contribute to mission suc-



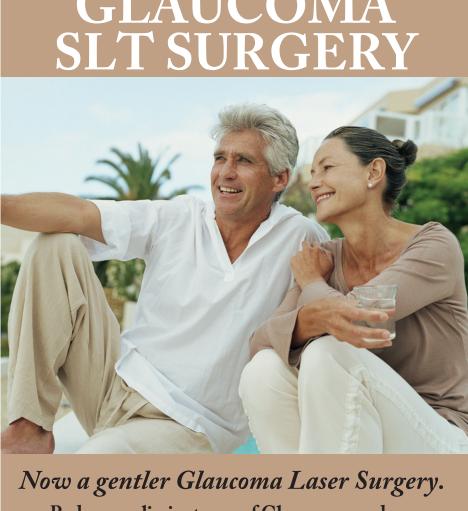
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Security force assistance brigades to free BCTs from advise, assist mission

By C. Todd Lopez Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In mid-May, the Army established the first of what will eventually be six security force assistance brigades.

That unit, now assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, has already identified about 70 percent of the personnel who will ultimately serve under its flag and wear its patch – though right now, both the patch and the flag are still being designed.

The new SFAB and the five others planned – a total of five in the active component and one in the National Guard - will each have 529 Soldiers assigned, and will be tasked to conduct advise and assist missions for the Army, said Lt. Col. Johnathan Thomas, who serves with the Army's G-3/5/7 force management directorate at the Pentagon.

"The SFAB is designed to rapidly deploy into a theater of operations in support of a combatant commander," said Thomas. "Once it arrives in that particular theater, it will begin to work with, train, advise, and assist those partner nation security forces on anything they need help with, be it logistics, be it communications, be it maneuver. Anything they need help with to improve their capacity and capability, that's what the SFAB is designed to do."

Thomas said SFABs could deploy to places such as Africa, South America, Europe, or anywhere Army senior leaders decide. The units will have the capability to deploy anywhere.

The advise and assist mission is one the Army has done for years, Thomas said, but it's something the Army has until now done in an "ad hoc" fashion. Brigade combat teams, for instance, have in the past been re-tasked to send some of their own overseas as part of Security Transition Teams or Security Force Assistance Teams to conduct training missions with foreign militaries. Sometimes, however, the manner in which these teams were created may not have consistently facilitated the highest quality of preparation.

The SFAB units, on the other hand, will be exclusively designated to conduct advise and assist missions overseas. And they will be extensively trained to conduct those missions before they go. Additionally, he said, the new SFABs mean regular BCTs will no longer need to conduct advise and assist missions.

"The SFAB, because it is going to go forward and advise, will somewhat relieve the pressure on our BCTs to go forward and do that mission," Thomas said. Instead, he said, BCTs can now concentrate on training and preparing for their next deployment.

He said that because the advise and assist mission is considered an enduring mission, "the Army decided ... we should have a dedicated, permanent structure to get after this mission on behalf of our partnered forces and partner nations."

THE FIRST SFAB

Col. Scott Jackson, an infantry officer who has served in the Army for 27 years, has been named the first commander of the Army's first SFAB. His unit, the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, which is headquartered at Fort Benning, Georgia, was established last week, but will officially activate this October.

Right now, he said, the unit is just getting started, so it is short on Soldiers. But he did say that about 70 percent of those who will ultimately join the unit have been iden-

"They will slowly start arriving over the summertime to begin training this fall," Jackson said.

And when fall rolls around, he said, training will be extensive.

"The really unique aspect of the SFAB, as a concept, is the training we are going to give the organization," Jackson said. "We are starting with a very talented pool of officers and leaders all around. But then we are going to give them an unbelievable training plan."

Jackson said that training will include immersive language training. Some Soldiers, he said, will get as much as 16 weeks of training in a language that will assist the unit as they deploy. That level of language training, he said, "is unheard of in the conventional force."

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recently-established six-week "Military Advisor Training Academy" in addition to the language courses.

"They will also receive training in foreign weapons, so they can properly advise their counterparts in foreign countries on how to employ those weapons," Jackson said. "They will receive advanced medical training and advanced driver training. The level of skill preparation is really unseen in our efforts of doing combat advising up until now."

Thomas said training for all SFABs will begin at Fort Benning, and will also include survival, evasion, resistance and escape training, as well.

Jackson said about 370 of his unit's 529 Soldiers, or 70 percent, will get the extensive training and will be coded as advisers. The rest will be mission-command personnel to operate the brigade.

ALREADY READY TO LEAD, TO TRAIN

Another unique aspect of the SFAB is how the leadership was selected. All leaders in the brigade have already served in their current positions. Jackson, for instance, already served as a brigade commander at Fort Stewart, Georgia - while his command sergeant major, Command

Additionally, leaders in the formation will attend a Sgt. Maj. Christopher Gunn, is a former brigade combat team CSM.

> Jackson also has experience as an adviser. On the second of his three tours to Iraq, he served as a military adviser to an Iraqi provincial governor. There, he said, he "straddled the line between military and political advising." He provided updates for the governor on what was going on militarily, the threat situation and how the governor could best support military operations.

> "What I got out of that was the power of personal relationships," Jackson said. "You have got to have patience. You have to establish a strong personal-level relationship. You can't be in a rush. You have to be patient."

> Jackson also said that part of advising, such as in Iraq, is knowing that the "American" way of doing things is not always the best way to do things with a partner.

> "There is an Iraqi way of doing things. There is an Afghani way of doing things," he said. "If you don't realize that, if you are not sensitive to their way of business, what you propose as an adviser will have no credibility and you will have no trust. And you will be an ineffective adviser."

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A Soldier assigned to Train Advise Assist Command-East pulls security with an Afghan army troop from 201st Corps during a partnered force protection patrol in Laghman province, Afghanistan, Sept. 23, 2015.

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In part, it was his experience in the past as a brigade commander, and his experience as an advisor in Iraq that helped him secure the position as commander of the 1st SFAB.

Battalion and brigade leaders were selected by a panel of general officers and command sergeants major. And, like Jackson, all of those have already served in similar positions within a bri-

It is uncommon, Jackson said, for an officer to hold a command position at the same level more than once.

"That's a unique aspect of an SFAB," he said. "Because we're advisers, we're expected to be extremely knowledgeable at our job. We can't be learning our job. We already have to have done it. Every officer, every leader in the organization has already done their job previously and have proven themselves in their positions."

ONLY VOLUNTEERS

At least for now, the Army isn't assigning Soldiers to SFAB units. Instead, the SFAB units will be manned exclusively with volunteers, said Thomas.

"We are going to reach out across the Army to get volunteers for the SFAB," Thomas said. "And we are looking for senior individuals, staff sergeant and above, across a variety of experiences and capabilities."

Thomas said the SFABs need experienced infantrymen, artillerymen, engineers and logisticians, among other skill sets. The Army also needs Soldiers with experience as squad leaders, first sergeants and platoons sergeants. For officers, the Army wants those with experience as company commanders, battalion operations officers, executive officers, battalion commanders and brigade commanders.

To help facilitate more volunteers to the SFAB mission, Thomas said, the Army has approved assignment incentive pay for enlisted Soldiers.

"It is an imperative that we want volunteers for this," Thomas said. "That's why the Army approved the \$5,000 assignment incentive pay for this – it was that high of a priority. We want individuals who want to be there. We don't want to force individuals, or simply assign them to the SFAB. People with a passion to deploy and do this kind of work – that's who we want inside the SFAB."

Jackson said that while most of his unit's personnel have already been identified, he's looking for people who are excited about the prospect of doing something new within the Army. He wants people for whom the mission is exciting and for whom being part of a new kind of unit is also exciting, he said.

"The first thing that should excite you about the SFAB is that it's a chance to write history,"

Jackson said. "This is an exciting part of the U.S. Army history and it's a challenging time in the world. And the SFAB is going to be at the forefront of that."

Jackson said that the first Soldiers onboard at the 1st SFAB, and in the other SFABs that will form, will have an opportunity to define what it means to be in an SFAB. They will set the standard for the unit and for those who come after them.

"The real history of the SFAB will be written by the folks, the collective folks, assigned to the first several SFABs, as we establish what the SFAB ethos is, and the culture, and the organizational standards," he said. "It's like any high-performing organization when it's first stood up. Initial benchmarks have to be established. The folks in this organization – the folks that work with us – are going to be the ones who are writing that history."

Jackson also said he expects those in the SFAB will be among the best Soldiers the Army has in their particular career field.

He said partner nations will expect that of them – as they are there to train others how to do their jobs.

"If you are a Soldier who wants to be a true master at arms, well, we are going to be recognized as the experts at what we call combined arms maneuver," he said. "If you are in the SFAB, other coalition partners are going to look at you to be the experts in how to do warfighting with conventional forces. Most people join the Army to go do Army things, to go out and deploy and be involved in operations. If that's you, then you should come to the SFAB."

BRIGADE COMBAT TEAMS IN WAITING

The SFAB concept is a key priority of Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley to get after and to institutionalize the concept of the advise and assist mission within dedicated force

But the SFAB does more than that. While the SFAB will have just 529 Soldiers within its ranks, those Soldiers will constitute "primarily a very senior force," Thomas said.

With senior leadership already in place that mirrors a standard brigade combat team, the SFABs will be able to quickly grow into a full-sized BCT with as many as 4,000 Soldiers, if the Army needs to increase combat capability.

"We call it regeneration," Thomas said. "And the regeneration capability of the SFAB is one of its features. The SFAB will provide a cadre of officers and [NCOs] who will facilitate the regeneration of an SFAB into a full-blown brigade combat team."

Were a generation order given, Thomas said, any of the six SFABs the Army expects to build could grow quickly into a full-sized infantry brigade combat team, Stryker brigade combat team, or armored brigade

combat team.

"The Army will have to bring Soldiers, NCOs and officers into the SFAB from various locations across the Army," Thomas said. "That'll be part of the normal transition and assignment process that will help facilitate the growth of the SFAB into a BCT."

Thomas said it would take a lot of Soldiers to fill an SFAB and turn it into a full-sized BCT. But he also said that it will be much faster for the Army to convert an SFAB into a BCT than it would be to stand up a new BCT from scratch. So the SFAB, in addition to institutionalizing the advise and assist mission, will also enable the Army to build combat forces faster if it needs to.

What the SFAB also does, Thomas said, is get after the Army's No. 1 priority: readiness.

"Being able to provide advisers to assist our partner nation security forces not only helps them defend their country and their interests, and put down existing threats or emerging threats in their area, but also helps us with our readiness," he said. "Because now we don't have to send our forces forward and do those things. Those forces are capable of doing it for themselves."

Thomas said Soldiers interested in volunteering for SFAB duty should contact their branch manager at the Army's Human Resources Command to discuss the assignment and to learn more about the assignment incentive pay being offered.



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putting the required documents into the Army Career Tracker system and it will follow them throughout their career until they transition out of the military," said Tharpe.

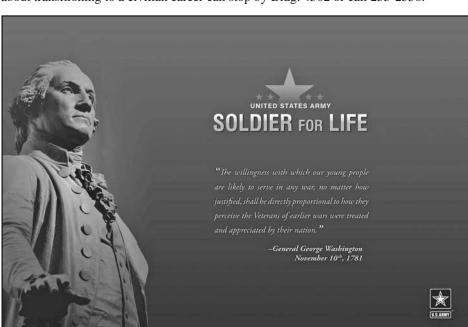
In the program, Soldiers will develop certain civilian career skills throughout their Army career progression that build on one another until the Soldier reaches the end of their service, be it one or 20 years. "The problem now is that Soldiers don't know what they don't know, and we're waiting till the end to tell them," he said.

Career Readiness Standards are introduced early and throughout a Soldier's career with touch points at their first duty station, first year of service, reenlistments, deployments, promotions and, finally, at their transition out of the military. "By the time they reach their ETS, they will be ready for a civilian career and will only need to pull everything they have already done together," he said.

Spouses can visit the Soldier for life Center, as well as their transitioning service member. "Well, they are a team, right?" said Tharpe. "If ever they had to team up and do something together, getting out of the military is the time. The spouses have to know just as much as the Soldier, so they can help each other.

"Come talk to us early," said Tharpe. "Soldiers must complete a pre-separation briefing more than 12 months before they separate from the military."

Soldiers two years from retirement or 18 months from their ETS, or who are thinking about transitioning to a civilian career can stop by Bldg. 4502 or call 255-2558.



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Distracted

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to read or send a text, on average. In that time while traveling in a vehicle at 55 miles per hour, a car can travel the length of a football field.

Throughout the day, about 660,000 people are using cell phones or other devices while driving, which resulted in 391,000 injuries in motor vehicle accidents due to distracted driving in 2015, according to the NHTSA website.

This is no different on Fort Rucker, according to Dumais, and one of the main places that distracted driving takes place on post is in parking areas. While in parking areas, people tend to let their guard down and not pay as much attention as if they were on the road.

"Sometimes people are going too fast in parking lots – the speed limits are 10 miles per hour – and we have a lot of minor, low-impact accidents that happen in parking lots," said the police chief. "Eighty to 85 percent of accidents that happen on Fort Rucker happen in parking lots.

"In parking lots, the mindset is just a little bit different [than when on the road], and they're just not thinking about what they're doing and not paying attention, but the rules still apply."

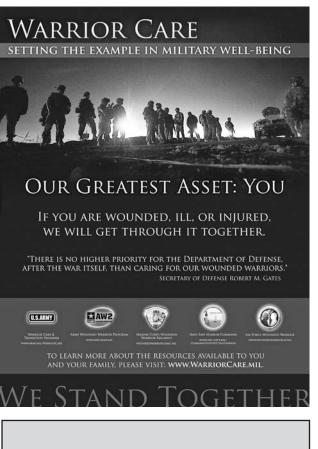
The dangers of distracted driving can run from minor traffic accidents to fatalities, involving not only the drivers themselves, but other drivers and pedestrians, as well.

"If people aren't paying attention to the roadways, there's the possibility that [pedestrians] could be struck by a vehicle when they are crossing legally in a crossing area," said Dumais. "There are also a lot of children playing in the housing areas, so for inattentive drivers especially, the risk exists that they may strike a child."

Even when at a stoplight, people need to remain attentive to the task at hand, which is driving, and although their vehicle may not be moving, drivers can still be cited for cell phone use while driving if they get on their phones at a stop light.

"If you're in the roadway with your vehicle, you're supposed to abide by those rules. Even if you're at a traffic light or stopped in traffic, you pick up your phone, that's against the law," said the police chief. "People should just be cognizant of that and be extra careful when they're on the roads and focus on one thing, and that's driving.

"When a phone call that comes in, you can call back," he continued. "If you need to answer your phone, pull into a parking lot safely and do so. There are emergency calls that come in, but you still need to pull over to take that call, otherwise you could become the emergency."



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MISSION SIMULATOR

Advanced UAS training system reduces risks, saves money, increases readiness

By Nikki Ficken

U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL — An advanced Army simulator is reducing risks and saving costs at the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center.

The Universal Mission Simulator is a full simulation training system providing readiness to Gray Eagle and Shadow unmanned aircraft systems flight crews, said Will Bishop, UAS Crew Training Simulation Systems Branch chief.

The UMS trains UAS flight crews to operate all aspects of the systems, to include preflight, taxi, launch, flight route to mission area, target area exploitation, weapons employment, return to airfield, landing, taxi and post flight, he said.

"The Joint Technology Center and Systems Integration Lab sustains all UMS systems to keep software current with the Gray Eagle and Shadow tactical systems configurations," Bishop said. "The Army incurs lower risks and costs by using the UMS to augment live flight training."

Each UMS consists of an ergonomically accurate mockup of the Army's Universal Ground Control Station running the tactical ground station operations flight programs re-hosted in a virtual server environment. The mockup platform contains commercially available hardware assemblies and computer



ARMY PHOTO

Soldiers train on the Universal Mission Simulator.

systems. The UGCS tactical software is stimulated by the JSIL's integrated simulation environment, he said.

The simulation environment consists of JSIL developed software, outside government off-the-shelf software, UAS original equipment manufacturer software and commercial off-the-shelf software. The JSIL designed the system for maximum training effectiveness while meeting rigorous fielding schedules and maintaining a long term affordable solution set, Bishop added.

"The JSIL Division has provided the

Project Management Office for UAS training solutions for more than 20 years, leveraging the jointly funded and government-developed Multiple Unified Simulation Environment software suite," said Jim Jones, JSIL technical chief. "The MUSE provides intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance simulation capability to combatant commanders for the conduct of command and staff training exercises including Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Auster Challenge, Yama Sakura, Talisman Sabre and Pacific Sentrary"

"This government-developed and sustained MUSE software baseline is leveraged by the Army, Air Force and Navy to provide a common and cost effective approach for UAS training simulators," Bishop said. "The software approach is essential to Soldier readiness success. The ability to field accredited training software functionality that matches tactical system upgrades and requirements early enough to train Soldiers prior to tactical system employment is made possible by the UMS architecture. Use of the JSIL simulation coupled with tactical software greatly reduces software development, integration, and test timelines and costs."

The UMS is accredited by the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Directorate of Simulation at Fort Rucker for initial and proficiency training of both Gray Eagle and Shadow UAS operators, Bishop said. Every software upgrade or change will be re-accredited for Soldier training as the UMS evolves to keep pace with the tactical systems. As of April, the Army uses 84 UMS systems – the USMC currently has four UMS systems for its Shadow UAS training.

The Army will employ 99 UMS by fiscal year 2019 for UAS operator training while the JSIL continues its role in software sustainment and system integration, he added. Field sustainment of the UMS hardware is scheduled for transition to the U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation in fiscal year 2018.

IN THE SHADOWS

UAS enhances surveillance capabilities at Saber Junction 17

By Sgt. Devon BistarkeyFor Army News Service

HOHENFELS, Germany — "Shadow is airborne at this time," radios Sgt. Phillip Marlowe, unmanned aircraft system crew chief, UAV Platoon Delta Troop, Regimental Engineer Squadron, 2d Cavalry Regiment, signifying the successful launch of a RQ-7B Shadow tactical UAS during Saber Junction 17 at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, May 10.

Once airborne, the Shadow UAS is capable of up to six hours of flight time providing live aerial imagery directly to the Regimental Tactical Operations

"As a regimental asset, we provide eyes forward," said 1st Lt. Chelsea Pellicano, UAV platoon leader,

Serving as an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform, information gathered by the Shadow UAS directly supports troop efforts on ground as part of the rotational training exercise evaluating the regiment's ability to conduct unified land operations.

Part of land operations includes pulling security and avoiding detection – two challenges Delta Troop had to adjust for since its arrival here.

"Normally we operate and launch from an airstrip, but here, in order to make the training more realistic, we have positioned ourselves in concealment maneuvering our ground control station from cover to a flight position and then back into cover," said CW3 Brandon Sutton, UAS operations officer.

Discipline in their position has allowed the platoon to remain undetected by opposing forces approaching the end of the exercise, an accomplishment that makes Pellicano proud of her team.

"Operating with a crew of 15 – half our typical size – we adapted our launch position in a challenging terrain all while remaining tactical, hidden and functional," she said.

Focusing on quick changeover times, from launch to land, along with maintaining the three Shadow UAS, the team has worked together to run continuous missions during the two-week training exercise. Flight operations include two daytime launches and two night launches. Those missions deliver an intelligence payload along with the crew's ability to coordinate direct fires with Aviators, Pellicano said.

In addition to an ISR platform, the Shadow UAS conducts man-unmanned teaming with AH-64 Apaches by "lasering" on a target that can then guide the aircrafts hellfire missiles, Sutton said. By enabling pilots to locate and pursue targets rapidly, the Shadow UAS adds another critical capability to the 2CR formation.

Training on this system here ensures that each time "Shadow is airborne," is radioed out, Delta Troop is ready to provide critical surveillance data and coordinate lethal force on the battlefield, Pellicano said.



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Soldiers conduct live hoist rescue training with Kosovo forces in Prizren, Kosovo, April 24. The U.S. troops are assigned to Multinational Battle Group-East's Southern Command Post MedEvac.

'GREAT PARTNERSHIP'

MedEvac unit, Savannah EMS work together to sustain skills

By Staff Sgt. Kellen Stuart

3rd Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Emergency personnel are dispatched to the scene of an accident. Two people are critically injured and need to be rushed to the hospital.

Locally, the emergency personnel dispatched are paramedics from Southside Emergency Medical Services. However, in a deployed environment, the emergency personnel dispatched are flight paramedics from a medical evacuation company.

Since March, flight paramedics from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment have partnered with Savannah's Southside Fire and EMS to sustain and hone lifesaving skills learned at the combat medic course and flight paramedic program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as well as the Aviation crewmember course flight paramedic Phase III at Fort Rucker.

"Having military flight medics ride along and train with our paramedics has been a great partnership for Southside Fire and our Mercy Ambulance division," said Chuck Kearns, Southside Fire and EMS chief executive officer. "We benefit from their trauma care knowledge and having an additional medical expert aboard our EMS units treating patients."

The civilian-military partnership arose from the need to bridge the gap while active-duty military paramedics are not in a combat zone actively seeing trauma patients.

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Staff Sgt. Justin Jackson, 3rd CAB paramedic, prepares equipment to transport a patient to Memorial Health Hospital in Savannah, Ga., after an accident May 3.

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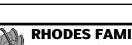
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Paramedic Performance Paramedic Level Procedures Indicated VS. Performed' recognized the need for additional qualifications flight medics treating critically ill patients on the battlefield," said Capt. Michael Sudweeks. executive officer of C Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Avn. Regt.

Although the Army increased the qualifications of flight medics to reflect their civilian counterparts, the new skills are perishable and require sustainment in order to consider the flight paramedic proficient and ready to conduct treatment in combat, he added.

"This program, the first civilian partnership designed specifically for flight paramedics in the U.S. Army, will dramatically increase the readiness of Marne Dustoff's flight paramedics in preparation for deployment, Army Air Ambulance companies ultimately leading to the resolute goal of saving lives," said Sudweeks.

When Army National Guard and Army Reserve medical Soldiers are not deployed, or called to active-duty service, a lot of them have civilian medical careers, said Staff Sgt. Justin Jackson, a paramedic assigned with C Co. who works alongside Southside EMS. With the advantage of having a civilian career with everyday trauma patient contact, Guard and Reserve flight paramedics had a better patient survival rate from the pick up at a point of injury on the battlefield to critical care transport to the hospital and even had a better survival rate of getting out of the hospital.

"Being here in a FORSCOM [U.S. Army Forces Command] unit and being in a MedEvac unit like this, we don't have hands-on daily patient contact – especially for those trauma scenarios that we see when we're deployed downrange," Jackson explained. "Working with the Southside EMS has the ability to alleviate all of that."

In a separate battalion training event, paramedics from the MedE-



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KELLEN STUART

Charlie Phipps, Southside EMS paramedic, and Jackson transport a patient to Memorial Health Hospital in Savannah.

vac company walked through vehicle extrication best practices to get injured personnel safely out of a vehicle, which closely parallels the extrication best practices used at Southside EMS.

On May 3, Jackson, as well as Charlie Phipps and David Rebula, paramedics at Southside EMS, responded to a vehicle accident close to the intersection of Montgomery Street and East Derenne Avenue in Savannah's Southside. Those best practices Jackson taught to other Soldiers were put to use at the scene of the accident.

"Working with the teams from Hunter Army Airfield has been amazing," said Phipps. "All of them are professional and very knowledgeable."

Phipps went on to detail a previous call the trio responded to.

"The call came in as an about 50-year-old patient with chest pain, but, when we got to the scene, the patient was mid-20s

with two gunshot wounds to the head," he said.

Paramedics must be agile thinkers when responding to emergency situations because the situation could change from what was called in to dispatch to be something different on scene, Phipps explained.

The job of the dispatcher, in the Army, falls on the Aviation operations specialists, who pass along the information to the MedEvac crew, said Jackson. The outcome is sometimes the same as Phipps explained.

"On my last deployment, there was a seven-patient call about ANA [Afghan National Army] patients with several wounds," said Jackson. "When we got there, it turns out to be five US patients."

Riding on the Southside's busy EMS units exposes the Army flight paramedics to more emergency patients, like pediatrics, geriatrics, cardiac and other

patients who need help with their medical conditions, said Kearns.

The desire toward becoming part of emergency personnel started at the age of 17 after being a patient on an ambulance, said Rebula.

"I had a seizure in my high school classroom—I'd never had one before," he said.

There were emergency personnel when Rebula awoke who convinced him to go to the hospital, he added. However, while they were on the way to the hospital Rebula had another seizure.

"They led me straight to the CT [computerized tomography] scan where they found a benign subarachnoid cyst, a pocket of fluid that accumulated," he added.

The cyst was removed, but if it weren't for the EMS crew there was a potential for brain damage, he explained.

"Since that day, I always wanted to provide healthcare to the public because I will always remember the crew's faces and kindness [from the people] who saved my life."

Being a part of the Southside EMS team gives the military paramedics a chance to hone their clinical skills and better prepare them to enter the civilian workforce if they leave the military, said Kearns.

"If I had the option I'd want one of these guys on my truck every day," said Phipps. "I don't think this program should go away. I am a firm believer that this is making them a better medic all around."

"All of us at the Southside Fire and Mercy Ambulance are thankful for our military personnel and their service to our country," said Kearns. "We are proud of this landmark program and could not be happier with the programs results."



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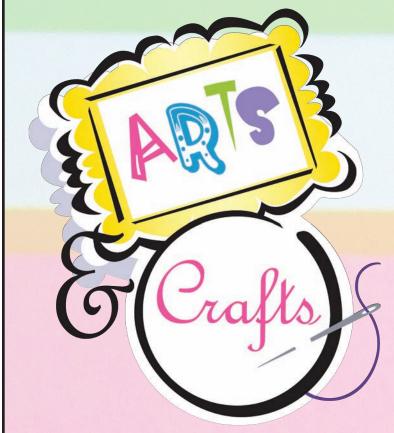
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Center offers people a creative outlet

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Having a hobby is one way people unwind or escape from the routines of daily life, and there's a place on Fort Rucker that offers a creative outlet for those looking to get lost in their artistry.

The Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center, located in Bldg. 9205 on Ruf Avenue, offers a multitude of activities for a wide range of interests – from painting and pottery, to woodworking and engraving, according to Darryle Jones, Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation community recreation

"What I'd like for [the center] to be for the community is one of those programs that they can continually visit throughout the year and get their personal needs met," said Jones. "If they're looking to embroider something, looking to make something or looking to have something engraved, [the center is that] one-stop location where things can be done at a reasonable price."

The center offers framing, gifts and engraving, sublimation, custom embroidery, pottery and ceramics, and even a fully-equipped woodshop where people can come to craft their own creations from something small like a jewelry box to custom furniture.

To use the woodshop or take classes in the woodshop, participants must first complete a one-hour safety course, said Jones, which will help people become familiar with the different pieces of equipment and how they work. Safety classes are available Saturdays from 9-10 a.m.

The woodshop has its own hours of operation, which are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-6 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If people would rather have



and Crafts Center, in this file photo.



Cecilia Peterson, military spouse, sends a piece of wood through a wood planer at the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center woodshop in this file photo.

of services, including framing, gifts, engraving, custom embroidery, screen printing and sublimation, which allows people to customize just about anything from clothes, bags, mugs and more.

There is plenty of merchandise that people can purchase and engrave, including the miniature sculptures of Sgt. Ted E. Bear; silver, bronze and copper award eagles; various plaques and trophies; as well as personalized name plates and office gifts.

The center is also home to the Resiliency through Art program, which gives Solthrough art, said Jones.

"Whether that's painting, making pottery or whatever they feel they would like to do creatively or artistically, they can do in that room - that's their outlet," he said.

The program is designed for the wellbeing of Soldiers, who oftentimes return from deployments and require an outlet to release the stresses from their time away, but Jones said that community members are welcome to use the facility when it is not occupied by Soldiers.

"It's got to be a tool for the entire community to use, so the center also offers a host craft and express themselves we're definitely making that 9020.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Alex Swepston, arts and crafts center operations assistant, creates molds of Sgt. Ted E. Bear last year.

space available to the community," said the community recreation chief.

The center also hosts classes when available, and is currently looking for volunteers interested in teaching their craft, whether it is sewing, quilting, drawing, painting or any other artistic outlet, said Jones.

The center is open Tuesdays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is open to Soldiers, family members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

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TAKE A LITTLE TRIP

MWR Central trips relieve planning pressure, hidden costs

By Jeremy Henderson Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers and their families are invited to soak up the sun this summer with MWR Central's day trips, beginning with a privatelychartered deep sea fishing day trip Saturday.

According to Savery Wile, MWR Central business manager, the trips are designed to appeal to a wide age range, from youth to adults.

"These trips offer affordable fun with all the planning and transportation taken care of for you," she said. "You get to sit back, relax and enjoy the fun while we take care of all the work. We have a variety of trips that we do all year long. Our trips are family friendly and geared to take care of patrons, so they can enjoy the fun without having to worry about planning or transportation.

"The deep sea fishing private charter trips are always a huge hit," she added. "This one is on a 45-foot, walk-around boat that goes out for a six- to seven-hour fishing trip. We recommend bringing a cooler with drinks and snacks, but no glass containers or bottles.

The trip is \$175 per person, according to Wiles. The fee includes transportation to and from Destin, Florida, bait, fishing rod, reel, li-



cense, 6 hour fishing trip and a tip for them to cut and clean your fish at the end of the trip.

Space is limited to 14-16 people, Wiles said, but space is still available for Saturday's charter and future charters are also available beginning in June.

"We will have additional fishing charters June 3 and 24," she said. "A deep sea fishing trip will take place June 10 on a party boat. This trip is \$86 per person and includes transportation to and from Destin, bait, fishing rod and reel, license, six- to seven-hour fishing trip, and tip to cut and clean your fish at the end of the trip. This trip typically takes 35-40 people and is a great time had by all."

Additional MWR Central Trips scheduled this summer include the following.

Shipwreck Island, June 17 -"This trip is sure to be a fun trip for any age," Wiles said. "We are going to enjoy a day in the sun at Shipwreck Island in Panama City, Florida. The trip is \$49 per person and includes transportation to and from the water park and admission to Shipwreck Island."

• Whitewater Rafting, July 22 - "MWR Central has a white water rafting trip to Phenix City to venture down the Chattahoochee River," Wiles said. "This trip gives participants the opportunity to ride rapids that compare to that of Colorado and Zimbabwe. Guests will be accompanied by an expert instructor who will guide them along a three hour rafting experience with Class 4 and 5 rapids. Participants must be age 12 or older. "This trip includes transportation to and from the rafting experience, rafting trip, and safety gear." Cost is \$61 per person.

• Grape Stomp Festival, Aug. 5 - "This is one of the best trips we offer," Wiles said. "This is a leisure afternoon filled with samples, vendors, food, music and fun. MWR Central will take you out to the vineyard where you can spend the afternoon stomping grapes and touring the vineyard. We provide the transportation, so participants can enjoy the afternoon safely and not have to worry about getting to and from the fun." Cost is \$23 per person and participants are urged to sign up in advance to secure their spot.

"These trips are all inclusive, so you don't have to worry about hidden charges, parking, transportation, or safety," Wiles said. "We take care of everything.

"The more participation we get, the better the trips will become," she added. "We need everyone to join in on the fun, so we can continue to grow the program, and offer bigger and better services to those who are looking for some fun on the weekends."

For more information, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

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

WWI Book Club

Center Library will host its first WWI book club today at 5 p.m. The title of the book is, "Sleepwalkers," by Christopher Clark, and can be found free of charge on Overdrive for e-books. The program is being offered to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of the U.S.'s entry into WWI. This program is free, open to authorized patrons and Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information, visit the Center Library or call 255-3885.

School Age Center Summer Camp

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host its summer camp Tuesday to Aug. 4.Each week, the camp will have a new theme. Parents will have the ability to pick and choose which weeks they would like their children to attend. Fees will be due the Friday before the start of each camp week and will be based on total family income. Food, field trips and all activities will be included in the weekly fees. All youth who attend must be enrolled in child and youth services.

For more information, call 255-9108 or 255-9638.

Trivia Tuesday

Mother Rucker's hosts its free Trivia Tuesday Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. People are welcome to put teams together or play solo. Teams can be up to eight players and winners will be announced after each round. A \$20 Mother Rucker's gift card is given out each round to the winning team. The team with the overall highest score at the end of the evening receives a \$25 gift card. Participants will have the chance to win door prizes throughout the evening. Trivia Tuesday is open to the public for those ages 18 and older.

For more information, call 503-0396.

FRG custodian training

Army Community Service will host family readiness group informal fund custodian training Wednesday from 8:15-11 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The fund custodian training will highlight the standards that provide guidance for the FRG mission, the FRG informal fund, and the roles and responsibilities of the commander, funds custodian and alternate funds custodian when dealing with FRG funds. Pre-registration is required by Friday. Free childcare is available – call 255-3564 to make arrangements.

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

Federal jobs workshop

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop June 1 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.

Rock'et Out Summer

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host its Rock'et Out Summer – offering rocketry, robotics, sports, cooking, arts and animation - June 1-30. Field trips will be included in the camp fees and will be to: Butter & Egg Adventures, June 7; Rosa Parks Museum and Eastdale Mall, June 14; bowling, June 15; Big Kahunas Water Park, June 21; Wonder Works, June 28; and Water World each Friday. Camp will run Mondays-Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youth must be a child and youth services member (ages 11-18 and grades six-12) to participate.

For membership information or to signup for membership, call 255-9638 or 255-2260.

SPLASH! Summer Luau

SPLASH! Outdoor Pool and Spray Park will host its Summer Luau June 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include a DJ and music, a limbo contest, a T-shirt tiedying station (participants bring their own T-shirt from home or buy them for \$5 each), a create your own bookmark station, a dunk tank, corn hole, inflatable water slide and swimming. Food will also be available for purchase at the Tiki Bar on the upper-deck. Door prizes will be given away throughout the event in addition to a grand prize drawing at 3:45 p.m. Participants must be present



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Freedom Fest

Fort Rucker will host its Freedom Fest June 30 from 4-10 p.m. at the festival fields. The event will feature one of the largest firework displays in the area, a children's zone with inflatables, rides, games, and a variety of local and regional vendors, along with static aircraft displays. The Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence Fort Rucker Detachment Band will provide musical entertainment throughout the evening with a Patriotic Concert starting at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free and it is open to the public. People who attend do need to have a gate access pass. Prohibited items include coolers, backpacks (except for medical and baby care items), pets, fireworks of any kind, glass containers, weapons, and bicycles, scooters, roller blades and skateboards. For more information, call 255-1749. Pictured is a scene from last year's event.

to win door prizes and the grand prize. Cost for this event will be the daily admission fee for non-season pass holders. Season-pass holders will pay a small fee – 50-percent off the appropriate tier rate – for this event due to extra activities taking place at the facility on this day, according to organizers.

For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-9162.

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 June 8. 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 11:30 a.m. 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.

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

Both clubs are open to authorized patrons. For more information, call 255-3885.

Resilience Training

Army Community Service resilience training is designed to provide family members and civilians with the tools they need to better cope and overcome adversity and challenges, as well as perform better in stressful situations. ACS officials said the goal is for students to thrive when facing life's challenges, not just bounce back. The training will be held June 12 and 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. People need to register by June 8.

For more information, or to schedule resilience training for a family readiness group or staff members, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

Wired to be Hired

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will host its Wired to be Hired interactive workshop June 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Legends Room in The Landing. The workshop will feature a lineup of guest presenters to help people make their job campaign both productive and successful, according to organizers. The workshop will be capped-off by a dress-for-success fashion show designed to show people what they'll need to include in their professional wardrobe. Light refreshments will be served. Childcare will be available and people needing these services must preregister at parent central services three weeks prior to the event. The registration deadline for the event is June 9.

For more information or to register, call 255-2594. People can also register online at https://wiredtobehired.eventbrite.com.

Father's Day Craft

The Center Library will host a Father's



For more details call the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center, (334)255-2296 or Special Events, (334)255-1749. rucker.armymwr.com EFMP Friendly

Open to the Public

Day craft session June 13 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 is open to authorized patrons and Excep-

tional Family Member Program friendly. For more information or to register, visit the library or call 255-3885.

Army birthday cake cutting ceremony

The Landing Zone will host its Army birthday cake cutting ceremony June 14 during lunch time in celebration of the Army's 242nd birthday. Free pieces of cake will be given out while supplies last. For

more information, call 255-0768. Homeschool Q&A The Center Library will host a homeschool question and answer session June

14 from 1-2:30 p.m. The session is de-

signed to allow parents to gather the in-

formation they need, view curriculum and meet other homeschool families. The free session will be open to authorized pa-

For information or to register, visit the library or call 255-3885.

Single-parent family game night

Army Community Service and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will host a single-parent family game night June 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the post exchange food court. Free giveaways will be included. This will be an Exceptional Family Member Program friendly event. The event is open to single parents who are active duty, retired, Department of Defense employees and their families. Registration deadline will be June 12 and attendance will be limited to the first 20 families to register.

For more information or to pre-register, call 255-3359 or 255-9647.

RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR MAY 25-28

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell Saturday, May 27

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Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (*PG-13*) 1 & 4 p.m.

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Soldier returns home after 67 years in MIA status

By David Vergun Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Bobby Whelihan was only 10 years old when he watched his cousin, Jules Hauterman Jr., depart for the train station in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Hauterman was off to join the Army.

Little did Whelihan know he'd never see his cousin again.

Hauterman's departure happened in the weeks following the June 25, 1950, invasion of South Korea by North Korea. It was around then that Hauterman received orders.

As a medic, Hauterman was assigned to Medical Platoon, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, which was part of the ill-fated 31st Regimental Combat Team known as "Task Force Faith."

The entry of China into the war in October and their drive south into Korea surprised the Americans of Task Force Faith. They found themselves quickly outnumbered and outgunned.

Some of the fiercest fighting of the war took place in November and December of 1950, in the vicinity of Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. That's where Hauterman and his battalion were when the Chinese attacked.

During the fighting, over half of Task Force Faith were killed or wounded. Hauterman, age 19, was listed as missing in action, Dec. 2.

BRINGING HAUTERMAN HOME

Bill Dean, 59, also grew up in Holyoke, but was too young to have known Hauter-

Dean said he became interested in Hauterman because his mother, Claire Dean, was taken in by the Hauterman family around 1935, when she was only 5 years old.

"Claire and Jules were like sister and brother and bonded," Dean said. "She used to talk about Jules all the time."

Bill Dean and Hauterman share a connection beyond just Dean's mother and their hometown. Both men served in the Army. Dean served from 1977 to 1980 and became a field artillery cannon crewmember with 1st Battalion, 75th Field Artillery Regiment in Bamberg, West Germany.

Claire passed away in 1991, and Dean said he didn't think too much about the Army or about Hauterman until earlier this year. It was then that he read a local newspaper article about Hauterman finally coming home.

"It really touched me," he said. All of the memories of Hauterman, as relayed to him by his mother, came back to him.

After that, Dean said, he started to read books about the Korean War. Among those was "East of Chosin: Entrapment and Breakout in Korea, 1950," by Roy E. Appleman. He said that book is his favorite, and it's also where he learned that Task Force Faith was nearly annihilated while in Korea.

Dean said that while some have made claims that the task force didn't fight bravely, documents from the Chinese and other sources have surfaced in recent years that refute that notion. The task force helped prevent the Marines, who were located nearby at Hagaru-ri, from being overrun.

The task force held the Chinese off until the Marines could affect a withdrawal, he

In 1954, Hauterman's remains were discovered on the eastern side of Chosin, Dean said. They were flown to the Joint Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command lab at what is now Joint Base Pearl/Hickam, Hawaii.

Back then, investigators were unable to identify those remains, Dean said. So at the time, nobody knew they were Hauterman. But recently, new forensic techniques have enabled a positive identification. About six months ago, the remains were identified as Hauterman.

Whelihan, who served as a Navy corpsman in the 1960s, said forensic evidence indicates that Hauterman died quickly in an explosion, probably from a grenade or mortar round.

After receiving word of the positive identity, Whelihan said he and other surviving relatives petitioned the Army to return the remains to Hauterman's hometown.

"The Army did a marvelous job in granting our request and organizing the homecoming," Whelihan said. "They did him proud."

The Army also provided an honor guard for the funeral, which was March 31 this year, he said. The Patriot Guard Riders and the Marine Corps Korean War veteran group "The Chosin Few," also attended.



PHOTOS BY BILL DEAN

Cpl. Jules Hauterman Jr., a Korean War veteran, killed in action Dec. 2, 1950, is carried to his final resting place in Holyoke, Mass., March 31.

Dean said that nearly 1,000 participated in the funeral or lined the streets where the funeral procession took place. Charlie Baker, the governor of Massachusetts, had the flags lowered to half-mast at the state house to honor Hauterman's service and sacrifice.

The Army also awarded Hauterman the Purple Heart Medal, Dean said. A long time ago, the Army awarded the Purple Heart to him, which was accepted by his sister. His sister later gave the medal to Claire Dean, Bill's mom. However, the medal was subsequently lost in a house

Dean said he's glad Hauterman now has a Purple Heart.

ABOUT HAUTERMAN'S **COMMANDER**

Lt. Col. Don C. Faith Jr., a World War II veteran, served as commander of 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, Hauterman's unit. Task Force Faith is also named for him.

Faith was killed Dec. 2, 1950, the same day as Hauterman, and was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor.

As with Hauterman, it would take decades before his remains were finally recovered in North Korea and identified. He finally came home April 17, 2013, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Faith's Medal of Honor citation describes the action he took during the attack, noting that he "personally led counterattacks to restore (the battalion's) position" and link up with other units, as they'd been disbursed by the enemy's "fanatical attack."

"Although physically exhausted in the bitter cold, (he) organized and launched an attack which was soon stopped by enemy fire," the citation reads. "He ran forward under enemy small-arms and automatic weapons fire, got his men on their feet and personally led the fire attack as it blasted its way through the enemy ring.

"As they came to a hairpin curve, enemy fire from a roadblock again pinned the column down. Lt. Col. Faith organized a group of men and directed their attack on the enemy positions on the right flank. He then placed himself at the head of another group of men and in the face of direct enemy fire led an attack on the enemy roadblock, firing his pistol and throwing grenades.

"When he had reached a position approximately 30 yards from the roadblock, he was mortally wounded, but continued to direct the attack until the roadblock was overrun.

"Throughout the five days of action Lt. Col. Faith gave no thought to his safety and did not spare himself. His presence each time in the position of greatest danger was an inspiration to his men. Also, the damage he personally inflicted firing from his position at the head of his men was of material assistance on several occasions. ... "

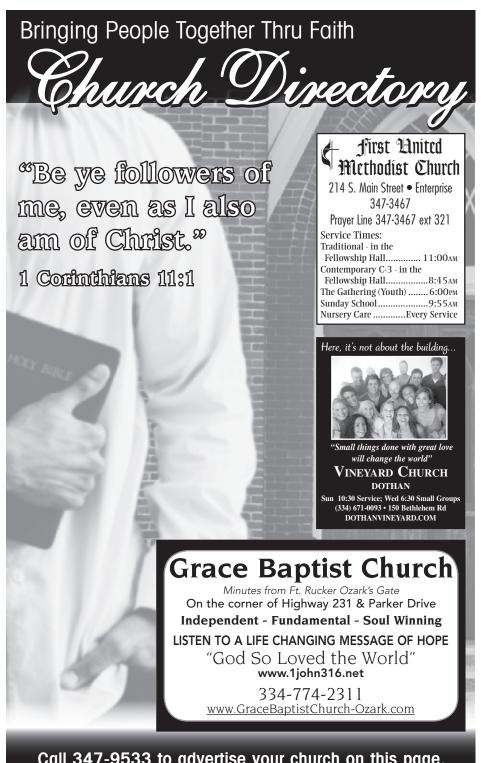
MORE CLOSURE FOR FAITH **FAMILY**

Dean reached out to Faith's daughter, Bobbie Broyles, by speaking to her on the phone and making her aware that one of her father's Soldiers came home.

"She was thankful and was happy our family could have closure, as well," Dean said.



Hauterman's picture atop his casket during his belated funeral.



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Family appreciation, professional efforts refocused after Bataan trip

By James Brooks

Marshall Center Public Affairs

G A R M I S C H - PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany – Peggy Garza, chair of the English Language Program Department at the George C. Marshall European Center's Partner Language Training Center Europe never knew the details of her father's time as a World War II prisoner of war in the Pacific theater.

"My father didn't tell us much about his experience," said Garza. Her father's ordeal inspired Garza to take a trip to the Philippines in April to retrace his steps along the Bataan Death March.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HER FATHER

Garza's father, William Schoeffler, was a private serving with the 803rd Engineer Battalion at Clark Air Base in the Philippines when the war broke out in December 1941. Unfortunately, Japanese forces captured Schoeffler and his unit on April 9, 1942.

Schoeffler and his comrades joined the forced procession ap-

proximately 17 kilometers from its start in Mariveles. Schoeffler survived the forced march and subsequent internment for more than 3 1/2 years in a camp near Cabanatuan, Luzon, Philippines.

Of the approximately 3,200 American POWs held there, Schoeffler was one of only 647 that were alive and liberated at the end of the war

Garza reflected on her visit to these sites nearly 72 years after her father's return. "My brother and I traveled to where his march began and then to San Feranando where my father was put into a railroad boxcar and moved to the prisoner of war camp. Many more died during that trip. I don't know how he survived," said Garza.

The firsthand visit to the POW camp also gave Garza a deeper appreciation for her father's indomitable spirit and determination in the face of such harrowing circumstances.

"I read in some of his wartime letters my mother saved [that] he was very committed to his brothers and sisters and he frequently asked if they were behaving and doing well in school. I think this commitment helped him survive during his captivity," said Garza. "He was a very religious man and I think that mattered, too."

RECOMMITMENT TO TODAY'S THREATS

In addition to visiting the camp site, Garza and her brother also attended the 75th commemoration of the Bataan March and veterans' week held at Mount Samat National Shrine in Pilar, Bataan, April 9. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte delivered an address at the event, saying, "As we fought together to stave off the enemy then, so should we help each other to address the threats that confront our societies, our region and our world."

Those words struck a chord with Garza. Her father's legacy was a reflection of her day-to-day work. "I'm listening to Duterte and when he said those words, I thought, 'Hey! He's talking about the Marshall Center!" That's exactly what we do – bring people together to fight those threats," said Garza."I was not only proud of my father's service, but I think I appreciate the contribution my coworkers and I are making today."



COURTESY PHOTO

Peggy Garza, chair of the English Language Program Department at the George C. Marshall European Center's Partner Language Training Center Europe, speaks at a English Language Enhancement Course graduation at the center in Garmisch, Germany.

Marshall Center group seeks to bolster German-American partnership

By James Brooks

Marshall Center Public Affairs

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — The George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies formed a special group of leading international security experts to explore the best ways to bolster the center's unique German-American relationship to provide U.S. and German defense analysts and policymakers with sound recommendations.

The initiative, called the Loisach Group, brought 30 U.S. and German security experts from academia, think tanks and national governments together for a two-day round table discussion, May 16-17.

Participants discussed western cohesion and compared notes, particularly from a U.S.-German standpoint. Using a case study on how to reengage Russia in diplomatic discussions served as a backdrop on how challenges should be addressed, where the division of labor should be, and identifying where nations have intrinsic strengths and weaknesses.

According to the consensus of experts,

the trans-Atlantic security link between the United States and Germany has atrophied over the past years.

"Now, as in the past, western security turns first and foremost on the soundness, effectiveness and the trust in the U.S. and German relationship. This is absolutely key. If the United States and Germany are on the same page, then all the other problems become easier to address," said former head of the Russia and Eurasia program at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House James Sherr.

GERMAN-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP AT MARSHALL CENTER

A unique partnership first signed between Germany and the United States in December 1994, the Marshall Center has a unique security studies mission with shared responsibilities between the U.S. Department of Defense and Germany's Ministry of Defense. Last October, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work and German Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister of Defense, Dr. Ralf Brauksiepe renewed the 1994 memorandum of agree-

center.

ment that increased Germany's role at the

LOISACH GROUP AND THE MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE

The Loisach Group will be a series of round table discussions intended to generate policy recommendations for German and American policymakers. A future step may include Russian academics and retired/non-official Russians as members of the group to further develop recommendations to advise governments on the way ahead.

"This group format had several names as we developed this concept. Across the street from the Marshall Center is the Loisach River that flows into the Isar River at Munich. Our hope is that our work will reinforce that of the Munich Security Conference and that was part of the inspiration to call it the Loisach Group," said Michta. The Munich Security Conference supports this partnership.

For the past five decades, the Munich Security Conference has brought together senior decision makers from around the globe to have intense discussions on current and future security challenges. Through the Loisach Group the Marshall Center and the Munich Security Conference aim to assist Berlin and Washington policymakers to find a common approach to trans-Atlantic issues like Russia.

The Marshall Center will publish a paper of insights from this first meeting of the Loisach Group in the near future.

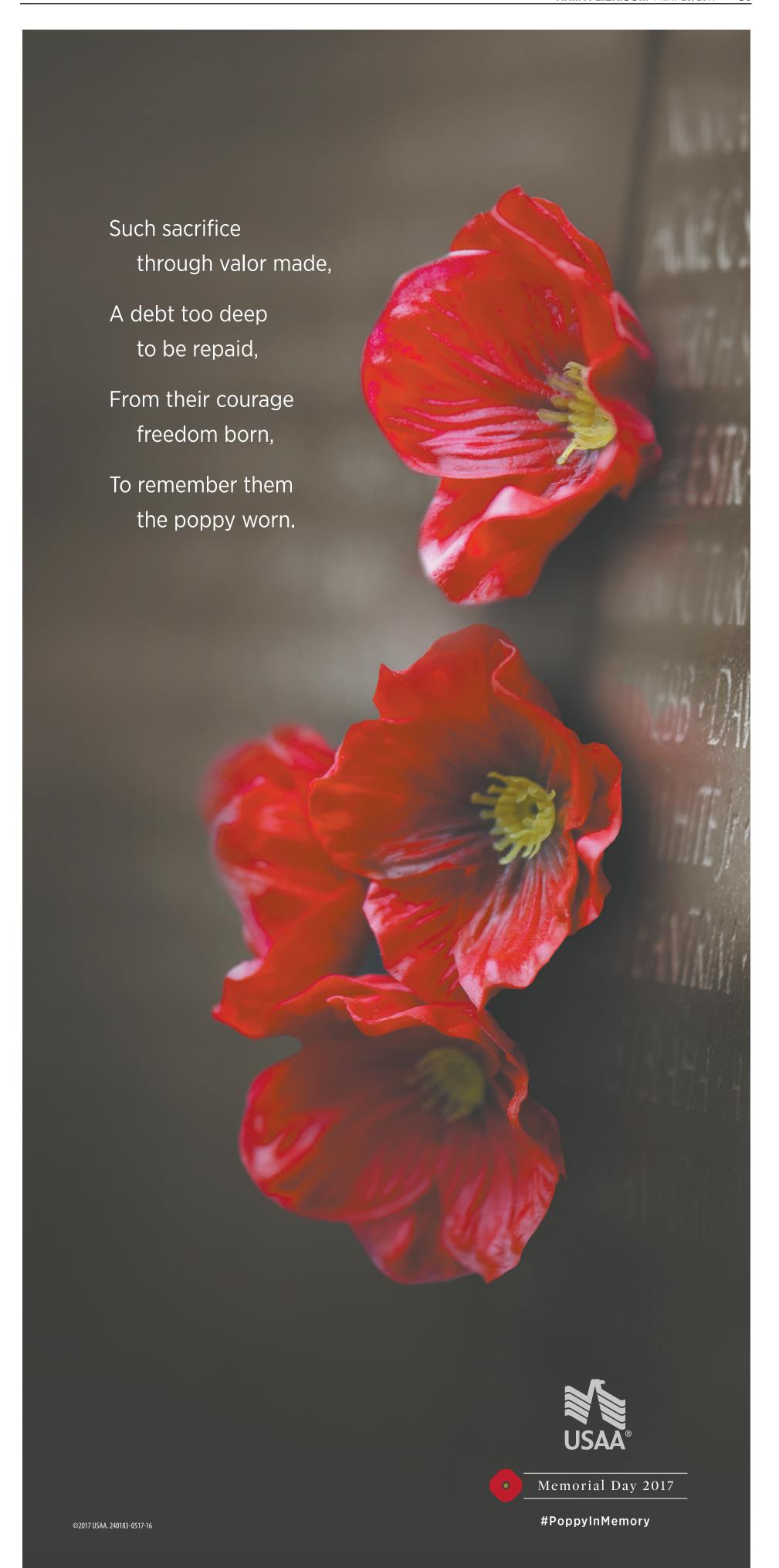


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Florida Panhandle hosts boat show

Army Flier
Staff Reports

The Florida Panhandle Boat Show is scheduled for June 16-18 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Panama City Marina in Panama City, Florida. Power boats, sail boats, kayaks and marine accessories of all types will be featured throughout the extended pier for dry space and in-water marina dock parking, according to organizers. The area's industry leaders will be showcasing their best for the boating and fishing enthusiasts of the south-

east region. Included in the \$10 adult paid admission will be viewing of new boats and marine accessories for all types of boating, boating safety seminars, Pier Jam Seafood Music Festival (Saturday and Sunday), live music, cornhole tournament, standup paddleboard demonstration, hands-on sailing techniques, Jet-Pack Fly Board Guy demonstration and food vendors.

Children under 16 will be admitted for free. For more information, visit http://www.bayartsevents.com/event/the-florida-panhandle-boat-show/.



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

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

DALEVILLE

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

ONGOING — The Wiregrass Museum of Art's spring exhibitions, including "From Here to There: Printmaking in Alabama" and "documenting Blues: Photography," will run through June 24. WMA's galleries are open to the public Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private tours and activities can be arranged by appointment on Mondays and Tuesdays.

ONGOING — Ballroom dancing lessons are offered Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center. Lessons will teach the Fox Trot, East Coast Swing, Rumba and Waltz. The cost will be \$2 per person per night. For more information, call 791-9407.

ONGOING — In partnership with non-profit yoga studio Mesuva Studios, the Wiregrass Museum of Art introduces The Art of Yoga, a monthly yoga series taking place the first Friday of every month. The class will incorporate the therapeutic nature of art with the healing properties of yoga under the instruction of certified yogi Melissa Vair. To register, participants should call 794-3871 or visit www.mesuvastudios.org. Everyone is asked to bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle. A \$10 donation to benefit Mesuva Studios is suggested for each class.

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 vfw post 6683.

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

MAY 25 — 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. The chapter also extends an invitation to other veterans throughout the Wiregrass to join. Formal nominations for positions of commander, senior and junior vice, and other positions will be conducted at the June 22 meeting. Elections of new officers will be held at the July 27. 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.

OZARK

ONGOING — The Ann Rudd Art Center offers free art lessons for children ages 5 and older.

The young student class is Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and the adult-teen class is from 12:30-3 p.m.

Slots are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 774-7922.

ONGOING — The Friends of Ozark holds a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Ozark-Dale County Library. For more information, call 477-6221 or email wcholmes53@hotmail.com.

ONGOING — Every Wednesday, the Ozark-Dale County Public Library hosts free Wii Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens and adults are invited. For more information, call 774-5480.

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

JUNE 11 — The New Hope Freewill Baptist Church in Abbeville will host its annual youth day beginning at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Rashad McIntyre of Outreach Ministries will deliver the sermon. Refreshments will be served.

ONGOING — AMVETS Post 23 monthly meeting is held the second Thursday of each the month at 7 p.m. at the AMVETS Service Center, 203 MLK Dr., in Opp. For more information, call 334-493-0785 or visit www. amvetspost23.com.

MAY 27 — AMVETS Post 23 members will place grave flags on veterans graves in Opp and the surrounding communities at 9 a.m. People who wish to join the effort should call 334-493-0785.

MAY 29 — Opp will host its Memorial Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. at Peaceful Acres Cemetery. The guest speaker will be retired Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Trodgon.

Beyond Briefs

Purdy Butterfly House

The Huntsville Botanical Garden's Purdy Butterfly House is open through Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The largest open air butterfly house in the country features butterflies in a kaleidoscope of colors, according to organizers. People can also see turtles sunning in the pond or digging in the dirt, and the Butterfly Discovery Cart helps visitors encounter even more wonder.

For more information, visit http://hsvbg. org/.

Mud run

Mobile will host its Just For The Mud Of It 5k mud run and obstacle course June 3 at 7:30 a.m. Obstacles include: low crawl, climbing walls and other obstacles, and navigating through mud pits and a creek. Prizes will be awarded and a fun run will take place shortly after the competitive race. People are welcome to walk it, jog it, or run it -- either solo or with a friend, according to organizers. After the event, there will be a party, raffles, an awards presenta-

tion, music, free food and door prizes.
For more information, visit https://www.justforthemudofit.org/.

HernFest

The Anniston Museum of Natural History will host its HerpFest 2017 June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Programming and presentations will take place throughout the day in the museum auditorium. Check out the museum's Facebook and Instagram accounts to stay up-to-date on this festival, according to organizers. Admission will be \$7 per adult, \$6 per child, and \$6.50 for seniors. Cost includes admission to exhibit halls.

For more information, visit http://annistonmuseum.org/.

Alabama Blueberry Festival

Brewton will host the Alabama Blueberry Festival June 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will feature arts and crafts, a car show, live entertainment, blueberries, blueberry bushes, cookbooks and food. There will also be a free children's play section. The festival is home of the "original" blueberry ice cream made especially for the festival, according to organizers.

For more information, visit http://www.brewtonchamber.com/.

Hot air balloon festival

Decatur will host the Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Festival May 27 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The festival is one of the largest free hot air balloon gatherings in the

southeast, featuring more than 60 balloons with races, key grab, tether rides and a balloon glow, according to organizers. The festival also includes arts and crafts, food vendors, an antique car and tractor show, musical entertainment and children's activities.

For more information, visit http://www.alabamajubilee.net/.

Capitol Sounds - Summer Spectacular

The Capitol Sounds Concert Band will host its Summer Series Spectacular Concert June 6 from 7-9 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church in Montgomery. The band will perform selections from "The Planets" by British composer Gustav Holst, and the "Slavonic March" by Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky. In addition, the band will perform a medley from the Gershwin opera "Porgy and Bess," as well as a Symphonic Suite from "Star Trek." Another highlight of the concert will be a tribute to the legendary songwriting duo of the Beatles' John Lennon and Paul McCartney, titled "A Lennon-McCartney Portrait."

The event is free and open to the public, but donations are gladly accepted and will go towards performances for the band's upcoming 2017-18 season. For more information, call 334-625-4661 or

visit capitolsounds.org/.

Slocomb Tomato Festival

Slocomb will host its 28th annual tomato festival June 15-17. The event starts off with a city-wide prayer meeting June 15 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. June 16 there will be a karaoke contest. June 17, the festivities begin with a parade at 9 a.m. and then more entertainment at the festival grounds – with the headlining band, the Kentucky Headhunters, taking the stage at about 5 p.m.

For more information, visit http://slo-combtomatofestival.org/2017/.

Juneteenth Celebration

Juneteenth is the oldest known commemoration of the ending of slavery in Texas, but is used to mark the overall ending of slavery in the United States, according to the organizers of the Juneteenth Celebration scheduled for June 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Montgomery. Officials will block off Montgomery Street between Lee and Molton for this first celebration. The free event will feature local food and merchant vendors, performances and free tours of the Rosa Parks Museum.

For more information, call 334-241-8615 or visit www.facebook.com/events/403539403336878.

LANDMARK RESEARCH

DOD Lab Day features innovative warfighter technologies

By Rick DocksaiDefense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Self-driving boats, helmets that send instant messages and aircraft systems that navigate an airplane when GPS fails were just a few of the dozens of new warfighter technologies the Defense Department showcased May 18 in the Pentagon courtyard during its second biennial Lab

The event featured engineering teams from the Air Force, Army, Navy and defense-affiliated private firms, each of whom manned a booth and presented a new technical system it is developing on behalf of U.S. military operations across the globe.

An array of new self-driving vehicles was among this year's displays. One of these was a small boat, the Port Improvement via Exigent Repair system, designed to enter a damaged harbor with cameras and sonar to gather data on the structures and water depth. Human operators can quickly devise a repair plan and restore the harbor not only in less time, but with less risk of injury to the human divers.

SAFEGUARDING DIVERS' LIVES

"We can narrow down amounts of work a human dive team will have to do, and we'll identify any possible dangers or hazards that the team might run into," said Jonathan Marshall, a research engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers' Engineer Research and Development Center, who developed the vessel.

An ERDC-built unmanned aircraft system was also at the event. Ricky Massaro, another ERDC engineer, said that the Army's 101st Airborne Division had received a model and conducted successful aerial mapping flights with it. The aircraft has cameras optimized for viewing terrain, topography, and moving objects.



PHOTO BY RICK DOCKSA

A self-driving robot vehicle maneuvers itself next to Kyle Hart, a Naval Air Center Warcraft Division engineer attending the DOD Lab Day at the Pentagon May 18.

"It allows the Soldiers to create their own maps," he said.

Many aerial drones have similar camera functions. But Massaro said that this aircraft, unlike a conventional drone, does not require a human controller. Human operators enter a flight plan into its navigation system pre-flight and it follows the route on its own, he said.

The Navy is also developing unmanned ground-based vehicles. And the Naval Air Canter Warcraft Division exhibited a vehicle that is designed to drive itself atop an aircraft carrier. The vehicle detects obstacles in its way and independently stops or maneuvers around them. It can also determine if it is too close to the deck's edge and reverse course before falling overboard.

"An aircraft carrier is a very busy and very compact environment. A rover is going to need special capabilities to be ready for it," said Kyle Hart, a NAWCAD engineer. As he spoke, the vehicle made circles around him and attendees and paused as soon as someone crossed its path.

SMARTER COMPUTERS

Other exhibitors showcased breakthroughs in computer systems, including one computer chip that signifies a possibly major step toward true artificial intelligence. The chip, known as TrueNorth and developed by IBM with support from defense researchers, resembles the human brain's own neurons and enables a computer to calculate more functions simultaneously, adapt to new information, and solve more complex problems than even the most powerful conventional computers could take

Artificial intelligence is a major area of interest among all of the world's militaries, said Dr. Qing

Wu, principal electronics engineer at AFRL.

He said that many governments are trying to develop computer systems that can process more data, more quickly, since these systems would be very useful tools for military strategists.

"Our goal is to get a technical advantage. All the major powers are racing to get in an advantage in artificial intelligence technology," he said. "What we're pushing for is a hardware that runs better software. We could process more data, and human operators could make decisions better and faster when teamed up with these more-intelligent machines."

Mark Smearcheck, another AFRL electronics engineer, exhibited "visionated navigation system" for aircraft. The system uses the aircraft's navigational box and sensors on the aircraft's surface to determine location and chart a

course to the destination independently of GPS. Smearcheck said that it's important that pilots have a backup option for when their GPS systems fail.

"GPS is a great enabling technology that gives the Air Force the precision it's known for. But what do they do when they don't have a GPS signal? We need to be sure that they have that precision when GPS isn't available," he said.

Another exhibit featured an Army-designed smart helmet that receives and sends video and also relays spoken words as visible text messages. The helmet is meant to help commanding officers and subordinates communicate clearly to each other amid the confusion and noise of a combat area, according to Heidi Buck, director of the Army's Battlespace Exploitation of Mixed Reality Lab, where the helmet was engineered.

"A gunner can see the officer's commands instead of just hearing them. And the officer can see what the gunner is seeing," she said. The helmet might also go into use in basic training, she added: A wearer could see virtual targets transposed into his or her real-life field of vision.

SPACE-BASED SOLUTIONS

A typical space satellite can be 20 to 30 feet long and weigh many tons. But the Air Force and Navy are increasingly utilizing "nanosatellites," which each measure just five feet or less and operate in groups to cover a wider area more efficiently. Jason Bousquet, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, presented a model of the nanosatellites that his command is researching and developing.

"You could fit 50 to 60 or more on a rocket and the rocket spits them out one at a time," he said. "And, if your capabilities can be distributed into 10 nanosatellites, you could do a lot more with them at a lower cost than you might with one big conventional satellite."

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, Building 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

TUESDAY

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

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

Adult Bible Study Spiritual Life Center, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Kingdom Kidz & Youth Group Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

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THURSDAYS

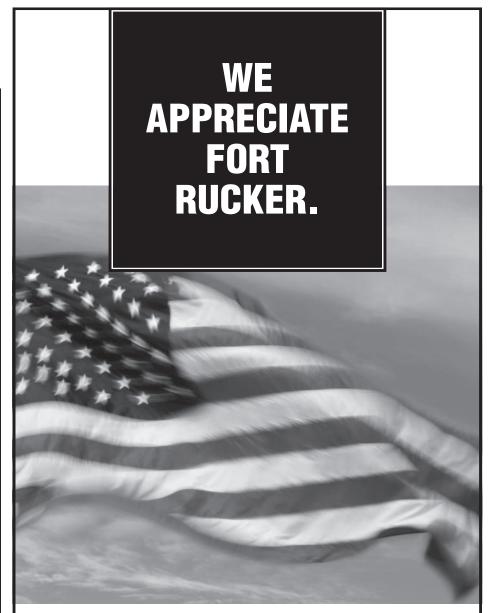
Spanish Adult Bible Study

WOCC Bible Study (1st/3rd Thursday) Swartworth Hall, Bldg. 5302, 11:30 a.m.

FRIDAY Jewish Fellowship – Shabbat (1st Friday) Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY Protestant Men of the Chapel

(**1st Saturday**)
Larry's Restaurant, Daleville, 8 a.m.



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Military nurses share experiences, keys to success

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TACTICAL THROWDOWN

Quarterly challenges test functional fitness, tactical readiness

By Jeremy Henderson Army Flier Staff Writer

The gauntlet has been thrown down for Fort Rucker's Tactical Throwdown second quarter challenge and active duty Soldiers are urged to sign up and begin training.

The Tactical Throwdown quarterly challenge, organized by Zea Urbiztondo, fitness program specialist, debuted earlier this month with a pull-up challenge.

"I decided to name it 'Tactical Throwdown' to designate the challenges as designed for the tactical athlete and to awaken a sense of competitive spirit between the Soldiers," Urbiztondo said.

Spc. Matthew Vecchione, C Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment, won the male division with 25 strict pull-ups in one minute and 1st Lt. Katie Roki (1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., D Co., won the female division with 12 strict pull-ups in one minute.

Each challenge remains open for one week to allow Soldiers the opportunity to tackle the challenge at their convenience.

"I appreciate that the contest spanned a whole week," Roki said. "It made it much more convenient for me to participate."

The second quarter challenge, a kettlebell and burpee challenge, takes place June 19-23.

"Soldiers can sign up by calling the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center front desk and leaving a message to schedule a time to 'score out,' or they can contact me directly via email," Urbiztondo said. "Each challenge attempt must be conducted and verified by the functional fitness specialist



PHOTO BY JEREMY HENDERS

CW2 Justin Davis, Army Reserve, works through burpees in preparation for the second quarter Tactical Throwdown kettlebell and burpee challenge June 19-23.

or a designated scorer in order to qualify."

According to Urbiztondo, the rules for the second quarter challenge are as follows.

- 1. Fastest time to completion of all repetitions.
- 2. Time begins as soon as kettlebell moves from floor for first repetition.
- 3. Time ends as soon as participant stands up from final burpee.
- 4. Burpees will be performed in a ladder format (10 kettlebell swings followed by 1 burpee, 10 kettlebell swings followed by 2 burpees, 10 kettlebell swings followed by 3 burpees, until 10 kettlebell swings followed by 10 burpees are completed.)
- 5. All repetitions must be com-

pleted at each round before moving on to the next round.

- Kettlebell must come between legs at downswing and at least shoulder level at upswing.
- During burpee, feet must leave ground during jump and chest must touch ground during down phase.
- 8. Chalk and tape on hands and wrist are permitted.
- 9. Gloves, wrist wraps, straps and grips are not permitted.
- 10. Official score attempts must be conducted and verified by the functional fitness specialist or designated scorer. A maximum of two attempts may be submitted, but the best score will be used.

Tactical Throwdown challenges will continue quarterly until the end of the year, when a final com-

petition will be held.

"Each new challenge will be announced soon after the previous one ends, so that the elements of each competition will be unknown to everyone until a few weeks before the scoring period begins," Urbiztondo said. "Since each quarter's challenge rules are not posted until the previous one ends, it only gives the participants a few weeks to prepare for the new challenge. Since health and fitness should be an ongoing mission, maintaining a daily fitness routine that works on muscular strength, power and endurance will be the best way to prepare for any fitness challenge.

"The challenges are not overly complex, but each one is meant to tax you in some way," she added. "Those who incorporate func-

tional movements into their fitness programs will benefit best because of the multi-linear, multi-planar movements the challenges embrace."

According to Urbiztondo, repeat participants should expect to be increasingly challenged in future Tactical Throwdown competitions

"I wanted these challenges to get progressively more difficult throughout the year, culminating in a final 'throwdown' that will include a lot of elements of tactical and functional fitness," she said. "I chose movements and exercises that build in intensity, as well as exercises that should be fundamental for them as tactical athletes, but will still challenge their fitness capabilities by testing their muscular strength, power and stamina.

"Competition is always a good way to push yourself because it forces you to have to go to that mindset when you start hitting a wall," she added. "It gives them something to train for and by having a goal to work toward, you are able to push your abilities and really see what you are made of."

Urbiztondo added that these challenges factor into the Performance Triad by giving participants fitness goals to work toward.

"In order to be ready and in the right state of mind to perform well, you need to ensure you take care of your body at all times – not just in the gym," she said.

According to Urbiztondo, winners of each challenge will be highlighted in the Fort Rucker PFC on an engraved plaque, along with additional certificates and awards.

For more information, call 255-



DOD GRAPI

DOD Brain Injury Center opens more sites for military care

Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, Public Affairs

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center recently added traumatic brain injury network sites at Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Drum, New York; and at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio.

These sites help DVBIC spread the word among the military community about the latest in TBI research and treatment, according to Katherine Helmick, DVBIC deputy director.

"If we want to impact and improve health care for our service members, we need to be where they are," Helmick said. "This puts us at all five of the VA's Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers and at high volume military treatment facilities."

GREATER ACCESS TO NEW RESEARCH

DVBIC will bring its knowledge of up-to-the-minute findings on the causes, symptoms and treatment of TBI, so that providers won't have to hunt down new information on their own. Each location also provides added benefits to DVBIC, which in turn will enable DVBIC to help patients more effectively.

For example, the new site at the Department of Veterans Affairs Audie L. Murphy Medical Center in San Antonio, offers DVBIC staff access to VA polytrauma system of care services. These services include rehabilitation centers, support clinic teams,

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Caregivers lay wreath to mark nurses week

By C. Todd Lopez Army News Service

WASHINGTON — "Nurses are the cornerstone of medical care. They are all about the care of the patient. They are the golden children of patient care," said Col. Sandra McNaughton.

McNaughton, who serves as the senior nurse executive at the Army's Office of the Surgeon General, has been a nurse for 28 years now. She was one of four military nurses who laid a wreath May 8 at the Nurses Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery during the start of National Nurses Week.

"I just really love caring for others," McNaughton said. "My mom was a nurse for probably 38 years. And I have just always had a true desire to take care of others."

While she might have served as a nurse in the private sector, Mc-Naughton said, she chose the Army to practice because she knew it would offer more of a challenge.

"It serves such a bigger mission," she said of Army nursing, saying that she knew going in she would get to take care of Soldiers, which is something she wanted to do.

She also knew that, as an Army nurse, she'd be on call to deploy at a moment's notice, if needed. And that too appealed to her.

"It's a huge challenge," she said of being a nurse in the Army. "And it offers all these opportunities that a civilian nurse may not have."

McNaughton, along with Air Force Maj. Gen. Dorothy Hogg, the deputy surgeon general for the Air Force and chief of the Air Force Nursing Corps; Air Force Col. Deedra Zabokrtsky, director of Air Force Nursing; and Navy Capt. Deborah Roy, deputy chief of nurses for the Navy, participated in laying a wreath at the Nurses Memorial in Section 21 of Arlington National Cemetery. In that section of the cemetery, hundreds of military nurses have been laid to rest.

"For more than two centuries,

military nurses have served America, on the water, in the air and on land, in conflicts stateside and abroad," said Hogg, who offered remarks before participating in laying the wreath. "However, it wasn't until [the] establishment of the Army, Navy and Air Force nurse corps that military nurses were trained, paid and recognized as a necessary part of the U.S. fighting force."

Today, Hogg said, wherever military medicine exists, military nurs-

es are involved in some way.

"Military medicine takes on the biggest and toughest missions in every corner of the globe," Hogg said. "It performs research, it educates tens of thousands of students per year, and it responds to disasters and performs heroic humanitarian work. But no matter how varied the mission, one constant is military nurses. The perseverance of all these military nurses, from all walks of life, paved the way for us

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PHOTO BY C. TODD LOPEZ

Several military nurses participated in laying a wreath at the Nurse's Memorial in Section 21 of Arlington National Cemetery May 8 as part of National Nurses Week.

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Rodriguez

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2. BUSINESS: What company manufactured the Walkman portable audio cassette/tape players?

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seconds are in a year?

5. LANGUAGE: What is a tonsure? 6. GEOGRAPHY: What group of islands does Tahiti belong to?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the Hornbostel-Sachs sys-

8. ENTERTAINERS: What actress/ TV host was born with the name Caryn

Johnson? 9. EXPLORERS: Who was the first person to fly solo between Hawaii and

the continental United States? 10. ANATOMY: What is a common

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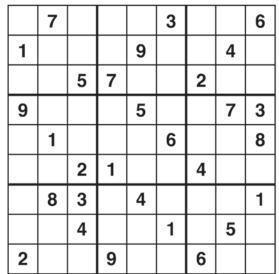
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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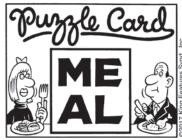
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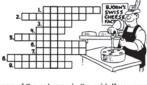
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KID'S CORNER



IT'S DOODLE-WORD TIME! The above card stands for a name, word or expression. And no, it doesn't mean "Me, Ma and Al." Answer: It stands for "a square meal."

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Cheese is a great food that's enjoyed around the world. In our puzzle grid there is room for nine names or words that are associated with cheese. The hints below should help. There is a dark frame around

A SALUTE TO CHEESE!

one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly find all of the words asked for, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out a "cheesy" variation on the name of a family TV horror show.

A GREAT LITTLE WAGER! Place 12 toothpicks on the table as shown in fig. 1. Challenge your friends to move three of them to new posi-tions so that you will be left with three equal squares, Fig. 2 shows you the solution.

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

Answers: Palmist, readjust, season, teasing, weepier, airspace.

PAL SING SEA /MIST WEE SON

 Can take a grilling. 2. A nose holder 3. Great in Mediterranean salads. A cheese covering. 5. Cheeses come in these shapes

6. Named after a country dwelling. Varies from mild to sharp.

8. Named after a type of cattle. 9. Usually served grated.

Answers: 1. American. S. Limburger. 3. Feta. 4. Bind. 5. Wheels. 6. Cottage. 7. Cheddar. 8. Longhom. 9. Parmesan. The name of the TV show is the "Muensters" (Munsters).

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'KEEPS YOU ON YOUR TOES'

Military nurses share experiences, keys to success

Military Health Systems Communications Office Staff Report

SILVER SPRING, Md — Maj. Lani Pineda will never forget the day she helped her flight medic evacuate a young girl who had been hurt by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan.

Seeing how bad the injuries were, they knew they needed to get her to a hospital quickly. The child saw the distraught look on the flight medic's face as he hovered over her. Despite her own pain, the young girl reached up and placed her hand on his face to comfort him.

There, in the middle of a war zone, Pineda witnessed a gesture of pure compassion that she never imagined she'd see.

"It was really emotional to see this tiny girl who had gotten hit, and she was an innocent person in the war," said Pineda. "My flight medic later told me his daughter was about her age, and so it was hard for him to witness that. Just going through those kinds of things makes you appreciate what you have."

Pineda, like many military nurses, wasn't just a caregiver in that moment – she was also a counselor to her fellow Soldier. Military nurses are part of a versatile group of well-trained and well-educated professional leaders who take care of the people around them, both at home and on the front lines. In honor of the recent National Nurses Week, the Military Health System is highlighting the diverse places its nurses serve.

"Being a nurse in the military is everchanging and you have to be willing to adapt at all times," said Capt. Christine Kampas, a brigade combat team nurse who served as the lead medical adviser at a regional hospital in southern Afghanistan. "It keeps you on your toes."



Maj. Lani Pineda, an Army nurse in the Washington, D.C., area, shares insight into her experience as a critical care nurse in Afghanistan in 2013.

While deployed in Afghanistan, Kampas oversaw supplies, equipment, and patienttransfer logistics. She also helped with medical training and advised a colonel in charge of 27 Afghan National Army clinics. The experience taught her a lot about herself – how she responds to the unexpected, teaches, and learns - and gave her opportunities she wouldn't have had outside the military, she

"Be open-minded and ready for different experiences and challenges you wouldn't necessarily think you would have as a nurse, because you're not just a nurse," said Kampas, who will take over as Company Commander for the medical company of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. "You're a Soldier, too."

Pineda got her start in the Air Force and is now a nurse in the Washington, D.C., area. She never expected to continue in the military beyond the four-year obligation

she incurred through Air Force ROTC – let alone join the Army. But after working with wounded warriors in Germany, she decided to stay. While in Iraq a few years later, she watched Army helicopters bring in injured service members. She decided she wanted to be part of that mission and transitioned in 2012. A year later, she deployed to Afghanistan where she worked as a critical care nurse attached to a medical evacuation unit. Her job was to transport wounded warriors from the point of injury to the hospital.

"I learned more as a nurse in nine-and-ahalf months with my flight medics than I did in nine-and-a-half years as a nurse in a hospital back home," said Pineda.

While it's unusual for a nurse to participate in pre-hospital medical evacuation, the experience showed her what critical care is truly like and what the flight medics go through, she said.

Pineda's leadership instincts kicked into

full gear one day as she landed at a small base near the front lines in Afghanistan. She and her flight medic had prepared to evacuate six injured service members. But as they got there, they realized the heads-up they received beforehand had a typo: 60 injured warfighters streamed in - all urgently needing care. Despite the glitch, they pulled the mission off successfully with the help of Navy corpsmen.

"It was definitely a team effort," said Pineda. "The feeling of knowing there are people on the team that are depending on you forces you to put your own fears aside and dig deep."

Capt. Martina Taylor-Campbell, a nurse with almost 20 years of experience on active duty, said many people don't realize nurses do more than treat patients.

Taylor-Campbell began her active duty career as a field artillery surveyor, but shifted her focus within a few years. She entered Army Medical's Enlisted Commissioning Program for her nursing degree in 2003 and commissioned three years later. In 2015, she deployed to Afghanistan where she commanded a brigade combat medical company. She trained medics for combat zone operations, oversaw treatment for more than 3,000 people, participated in planning sessions, and helped her troops overcome the adversity they faced.

"As a nurse, when you get to go down range, you really understand what military medicine is all about," said Taylor-Campbell, who is about to start her doctorate in nursing at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Looking back, Pineda said she believes that going through such varied experiences on the battlefield and back home have enriched her career as a nurse in the Military Health System.

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to serve in various capacities and roles around the world: from the front lines to our hospitals and in our research labs.

"Today, in Section 21 of Arlington National Cemetery, this sacred place, on this sacred ground, we lay this wreath in recognition of all the nurses who exemplify selfless service ... and voluntarily chose to serve in harm's way to heal and help others," she said.

Hollyanne Milley, a cardiac nurse, also attended the ceremony. She is the wife of Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley. While she had never been a nurse in the Army, she has served as registered nurse in a civilian capacity for 30 years

"Nurses make a difference every day they go to work," Milley said. "They apply their clinical skills in their area of expertise and work with the entire medical team to deliver quality patient care. They are often the team member that spends the most time with patients, establishing a relationship with them and assessing and communicating their needs to the team."

Milley said nurses are often the first to notice when a patient's condition changes, and are the ones who most often bring that to the attention of doctors. Nurses are also the ones that interact most often with patients' families, she said.

"Nurses have the opportunity to educate and empower patients and their families," she said. "They offer comfort, compassion and support during very challenging times."

As a nurse herself, Milley recognizes the unique role Army nurses serve play

medical professionals.

"Army nurses are more than just nurses working in the Army," she said. "They are a unique brand of professionals who care for our Soldier's and their families in performing their professional responsibilities; but who also are always ready to deploy into harm's way to perform those same duties as Soldiers themselves, under the most austere conditions, to save lives and preserve function.

"Happy Nurse's Week and thank you for the meaningful work you do every day!" Milley said.

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points of contact and transitional rehabilitation programs. DVBIC will be able to learn from patients in San Antonio about what treatments are most effective.

The Fort Drum site in the Guthrie Ambulatory Healthcare Clinic in Watertown, New York, makes it easier for TBI providers in the northeast to learn about new treatments. Before this site opened, these service members traveled all over New England to meet with providers from DVBIC and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

IMPROVED TREATMENT PROCESS

Reducing patient wait times is an important goal for DVBIC. The Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon operates a TBI outpatient program for a significant number of patients with persistent brain injury concerns. DVBIC will now be on hand to figure out how this population and others like it can receive more efficiently targeted care.

"By looking at referral patterns and researching the range of treatment options throughout the military health care system, we are working with our service TBI partners to find solutions to match patients with the care they

need," Helmick said.

PROVIDERS BENEFIT

Providers appreciate the benefits of the growing DVBIC network. According to John Rigg, site director for TBI at Fort Gordon, the new DVBIC staff will help support and

prepare providers who care for TBI patients. "We've been kind of isolated," said Rigg. "By working together with DVBIC as a network site, we can participate in ongoing research, better collaborate with other experts in the field, and tap into some of the great work being done."

FORT RUCKER SPOR

Youth Extreme Fitness registration

Fort Rucker Youth Sports continues registration for its Youth Extreme Fitness program through Wednesday. The program will be both challenging and rewarding, according to youth sports officials. The program is designed to push children beyond their normal comfort zones, both mentally and physically. The program will be open to youth ages 8-18. The event will be held on the youth sports football fields Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Workouts will include low crawling, tire flipping, pulling rope, running and sled pushing. A current sports physical, and valid child and youth services membership are required for participation.

For more information, call 255-9638 or

Deep sea fishing

MWR Central will host a private charter deep sea fishing trip in Destin, Florida, Saturday. The private charter is a 45-foot walk-around boat that heads out for a six-hour trip. The cost of the trip is \$175 per person and includes transportation, bait, rod, reel, fishing license, fish cleaning and tip. The staff recommends people bring a small cooler with drinks and snacks (no glass). The bus departs from Fort Rucker at 2 a.m. - time subject to change based on fishing conditions.

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

British Soccer Camp

Super Crossword -Answers

The Fort Rucker Youth Sports Department is partnering with Challenger Sports to bring British Soccer Camp to the post Tuesday to June 2.

Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, soccer ball and evaluation form. A current sports physical, and a valid child and youth services registration are required to participate. If WebTrac was used for registration, parents should call 255-2257 to let the staff know what size shirts to order for their children. Full-day camp participants will need to bring lunch.

For more information, call 255-2257 or 255-

Survivors, Fallen Heroes Run

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host the Survivors and Fallen Heroes 5K June 3 starting at 8 a.m. The Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services program has stars noting the name of Fallen Heroes with Gold Star Family members in this area of coverage. Runners are

requested to pin a star to their shirt and run in honor and memory of these fallen heroes. In addition, stars will be available for runners to personalize with the names of fallen service members they would like to run in honor of. These stars are a visual reminder of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. The event also recognizes survivors of fallen heroes. Race-day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 7:40 a.m. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at either PFC. The fun run will begin after the 5K race is complete and is open to all children ages 12 and under, free of charge. Each fun run participant will receive a medal. T-shirts will be available while supplies last. The cost is \$25. Trophies will be awarded in various categories. For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-

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Answers

- 1. Income-tax evasion
- 2. Sony
- 3. Bob Dole
- 4.31 million
- 5. A shaved head
- 6. Society Islands 7. It classifies musical instruments.
- 8. Whoopi Goldberg 9. Amelia Earhart
- 10. Kneecap



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