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SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS

Post raises \$130,000-plus for Army Emergency Relief

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Army Emergency Relief is designed to help Soldiers help Soldiers, and Fort Rucker did its part during this year's fundraising campaign to help Soldiers, family members and retirees in financial need.

The 2017 AER campaign season came to a close during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 31, raising more than \$130,000 on Fort Rucker through contributions from Soldiers, retirees and community members.

"You should be extremely proud of yourselves for the difference that you have made to our Soldiers, to our families and to our retirees," said Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander and AER campaign chairperson, during the ceremony. "Your compassion to our Soldiers and the Fort Rucker community have enabled us to raise [these funds] this campaign season, but it's truly not about the money, but the impact you all have made."

This year marks the 75th anniversary of AER and last year

the campaign gave out more than \$61 million in assistance and scholarships, helping close to 41,000 Soldiers, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory M. Chambers, Aviation Branch command sergeant major, all made possible through contributions.

In addition contributions from Soldiers, the Fort Rucker retiree population was one of the major contributors during the campaign season, representing 42 percent of contributed funds. Additionally, the Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union raised \$15,000 for the campaign through the 27th annual AACFCU Golf Tournament.

"Thank you to Bobby Michael, [AACFCU CEO], and the Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union for being that avid supporter for all these years," said the garrison commander. "For 27 years you have helped facilitate our golf tournament and provided the benefits to our AER campaign, and I have to say your generosity is just remarkable."

Miller went on to thank the unit coordinators, as well, for a job well done throughout the



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. Shannon T. Miller (second from left), Fort Rucker garrison commander and AER campaign chairperson, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory M. Chambers (left), Aviation Branch command sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey (far right), Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, present Beth Gunter, AER officer, a check for the dollar amount raised for the 2017 AER campaign season during the AER closing ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum May 31.

campaign, stating that the campaign's success would not have been possible without their support.

Chambers agreed.

"This is a direct reflection of your willingness to help take care of Soldiers," he said. "What you did during this year's campaign is absolutely phenomenal."

Chambers' experience with AER goes back to when he was a platoon sergeant, before he knew the full extent of the inner workings of the Army and what was available to Soldiers, he said. During his time as a platoon sergeant, he had a young Soldier who had a vehicle issue and didn't have the financial

ability to solve his problem.

"I called up our first sergeant and said I need to find a way to help take care of him," said Chambers. "[The first sergeant] told me I needed to go to AER ... and he pointed me in the right direction. We took the Soldier up there and we filled out the documentation needed, and that was my first introduction to AER."

"A great regimental commander once told me that our Soldiers deserve two things – a paycheck and good leadership," said the Aviation Branch command sergeant major. "Leadership is probably the biggest thing that we can give our Soldiers every single day and one of the ways

we can do that is to take care of our Soldiers. AER is one of those ways we can do that."

One of the major ways leaders can help their Soldiers is through the Commanders Referral Program, said Chambers. The program is designed for company commanders and first sergeants to be able to directly take care of their Soldiers on a daily basis.

"I want to personally thank the more than 1,100 Soldiers, retirees, civilians and organizations that contributed to our great AER campaign this year," said the command sergeant major. "Your efforts will not only help Fort Rucker – you're going to help the whole Army."

UNFORGETTABLE

MCOE Band Fort Rucker Detachment tunes up for Freedom Fest performance

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence Band, Fort Rucker Detachment rock band Crossfire is tuning up to ensure this year's Freedom Fest is an event to remember for the thousands of Wiregrass residents expected to attend.

The band will take to the stage during the Independence Day celebration at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields June 30 where it will perform a patriotic concert with a mix of rock-and-roll, funk and country music, according to Staff Sgt. William Peters, Crossfire NCO in charge.

"We want to be able to put on a performance that people will enjoy," he said. "For Freedom Fest, we're celebrating the Fourth of July, so it's a time for people to

relax, celebrate and watch the fireworks. We want them to get enjoyment out of the performance."

Crossfire consists of six band members: Peters and Staff Sgt. Stephen Gasset, who both play drums; Sgt. Jay Park and Sgt. Justin Smith, both playing guitar; Sgt. Shanti Chapman, who's on keyboard; and Staff Sgt. Jason Paull, on bass and vocals.

With six members who must be on the same level and on the same page, the performance can only be made right through hours and hours of rehearsals in the weeks leading up to the event, according to Sgt. 1st Class James Sproul, detachment sergeant for the MCOE Fort Rucker Detachment.

"Our board is full of rehearsals," said

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Crossfire band members Staff Sgt. Jason Paull (center), vocalist and bassist, Staff Sgt. William Peters (right), NCOIC and drummer, and Sgt. Jay Park, guitarist, practice during a rehearsal Tuesday as the band prepares for Freedom Fest.

MARCHING ON



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Warrant Office Candidates march back to the Warrant Officer Career College from the 1st Warrant Officer Company headquarters recently. When traversing near Soldiers in formation, motorists are reminded to exercise caution, slow to 10 mph, pass only when safe to do so and stop when road guards are in place at intersections.

Commissary brands promise low prices

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Commissaries across the nation strive to bring Soldiers, family members and retirees the best deal when it comes to their grocery shopping needs, but even more savings are on the way.

The Defense Commissary Agency is working to provide its own store brands that will be hitting the shelves in the coming weeks, according to a DECA press release.

"We are excited to finally begin offering commissary brands," said Joseph H. Jeu, DECA director and CEO in the release. "An overwhelming number of our patrons said they would purchase store brands if we had them. Well, that time is almost here."

The brand rollout will begin slowly with products such as bottled water, plastic bags and paper products throughout the month of June, and the products will be of equal or lower in price to commercial grocery brands.

The commissary brands will be sold under two names: Freedom's Choice for food items and HomeBase for non-food items, to be able to provide patrons with an alternative when purchasing goods, said Jeu.

"These products will give our patrons the quality they expect and the savings they deserve," said the DECA director.

The introduction of these commissary brands brings



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Kelly Handal, military family member, checks out with her items after a day of grocery shopping at the commissary Tuesday.

savings to customers because these products can be sold at lower prices compared to their national-brand equivalents by cutting out much of the marketing costs that are built into national-brand prices, according to the DECA website, www.commissaries.com.

Over the next few years, patrons can expect to see more and more of the commissary brands on the shelves, eventually adding 4,000 items of Freedom's Choice and HomeBase products. The inclusion of these products will not affect the availability of brands people have become accustomed to finding throughout the stores, according to

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PERSPECTIVE

SOLDIER FOR LIFE

Job search tip: Develop your 30-second commercial

By Bryan Tharpe
*Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Center
Transition Services Manager*

If you were fortunate enough to get into an elevator with a hiring official, could you successfully market yourself in the few seconds it takes for the ride up?

If not, you need to prepare a commercial about yourself so you can do just that.

Hiring officials are normally busy people with very little time to devote to interviewing people for jobs. They don't want to be bored with long-winded speeches about your life. They want to know quickly what you can do for their company's bottom line. Also, this will most likely be your first impression on the hiring official. Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions.

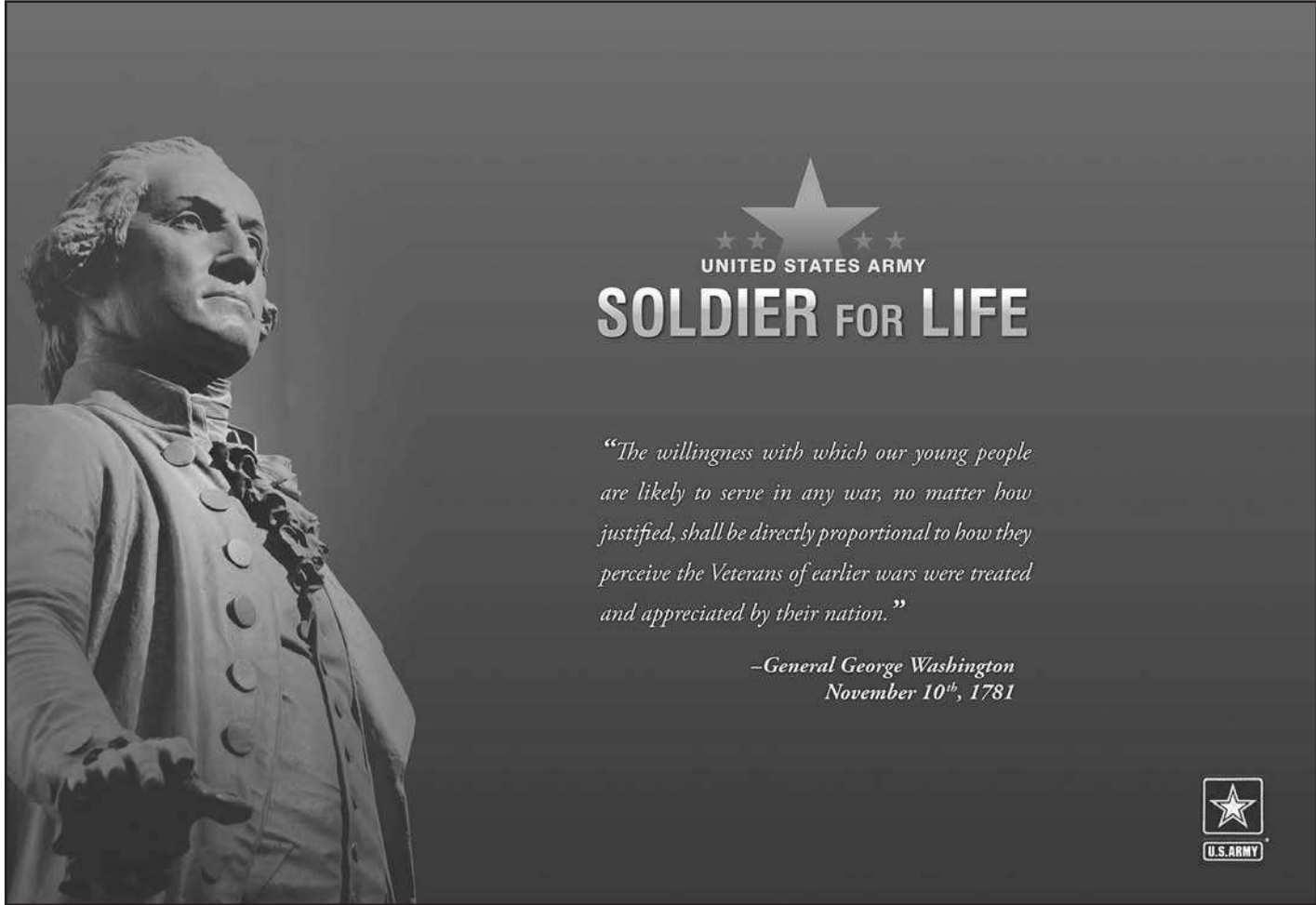
However, whether or not you are fortunate enough to get into an elevator with the hiring official, there are other times a 30-second commercial will come in handy for you in the job search process.

When you go for a job interview, many times the interviewer will begin by asking you to relax and tell him or her about yourself. Because you have done the necessary research on the company and have tailored your 30-second commercial to the company, you can use it here.

However, if you haven't done the research and don't have a commercial, you could reveal more personal information than what you intended.

For instance, it's not lawful for an employer to ask you certain questions, such as your marital status, number of children, etc., but given the opportunity to respond to the question, you may reveal that information voluntarily without even realizing it. If so, it could play a part in the interviewer not selecting you for the job.

Another time a 30-second commercial



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could benefit you is when you are networking. Networking is telling everyone you meet that you are looking for a job and asking them for their help in finding one.

Statistically speaking, this is the way most people find a job. A 30-second commercial is a succinct way to introduce yourself, and at the same time market your abilities and experience. Not everyone is an extrovert; therefore, an introduction to a new person can be awkward. But if you are armed with a 30-second commercial,

you can use it effectively on everyone.

Job fairs or career expos are excellent places to use your 30-second commercial, as well. Remember, there will be many employers gathered in one location to speak with you. There will be long lines and usually a crowd.

You may have to wait for a while before it's your turn to speak with a recruiter, so listen to the people who go before you to see how they handle the introduction. Then, when it becomes your turn, walk right up, shake hands and begin

your 30-second commercial. Hopefully, you've tailored your 30-second commercial for each company representative that you plan to speak with. If so, the company representative can't help but be impressed, but, if not, it could bomb for you.

For more information on how to construct a great 30-second commercial, transitioning Soldiers and their adult family members should contact the Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center at 255-2558, to make an appointment with a counselor.

Rotor Wash

“The center library’s Summer Reading Program kicked off Monday to keep children’s literacy skills sharp throughout the summer. Why do you think it’s important to keep children reading when not in school?”



**Katherine Dehnel,
military spouse**

“It helps keep them stimulated. Some kids watch too much TV and you need to get them away from technology sometimes, so keep them stimulated and keep their creativity alive and growing.”



**W01 Michael Jones,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.**

“If you take into consideration how much free time goes into kids’ electronics, a lot of times they’re getting a lot of information at once. They need to sit down and read a book to absorb information better and give them the opportunity to really learn something that’s relevant.”



**CW3 Dana Perdue,
E Co., 1st Bn.,
212th Avn. Regt.**

“It’s important to keep them reading because a lot of kids get out of school and turn learning off. It’s good that you continue doing that with them, so [their learning] doesn’t shut down during the summer time. That’s the foundation you build for later on in life.”



**Sidney Blair, military
family member**

“From personal experience, if I don’t keep up with reading and learning throughout the summer I just lose my groove, then when you get back to school it’s hard to start over.”



**W01 Tyler Whittaker,
B Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn. Regt.**

“My wife is a special education teacher, so one big thing she always tells me is that summer is a time when children lose the most from what they’ve learned the previous year. Anything throughout the summer can definitely help them to retain everything they’ve learned for the upcoming year.”

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IMCOM leaders pledge to enable employees, build a culture of service

By U.S. Army Installation Management Command
Public Affairs Staff Report

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – An Army-wide campaign was publically launched May 31 at a headquarters town hall hosted by Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

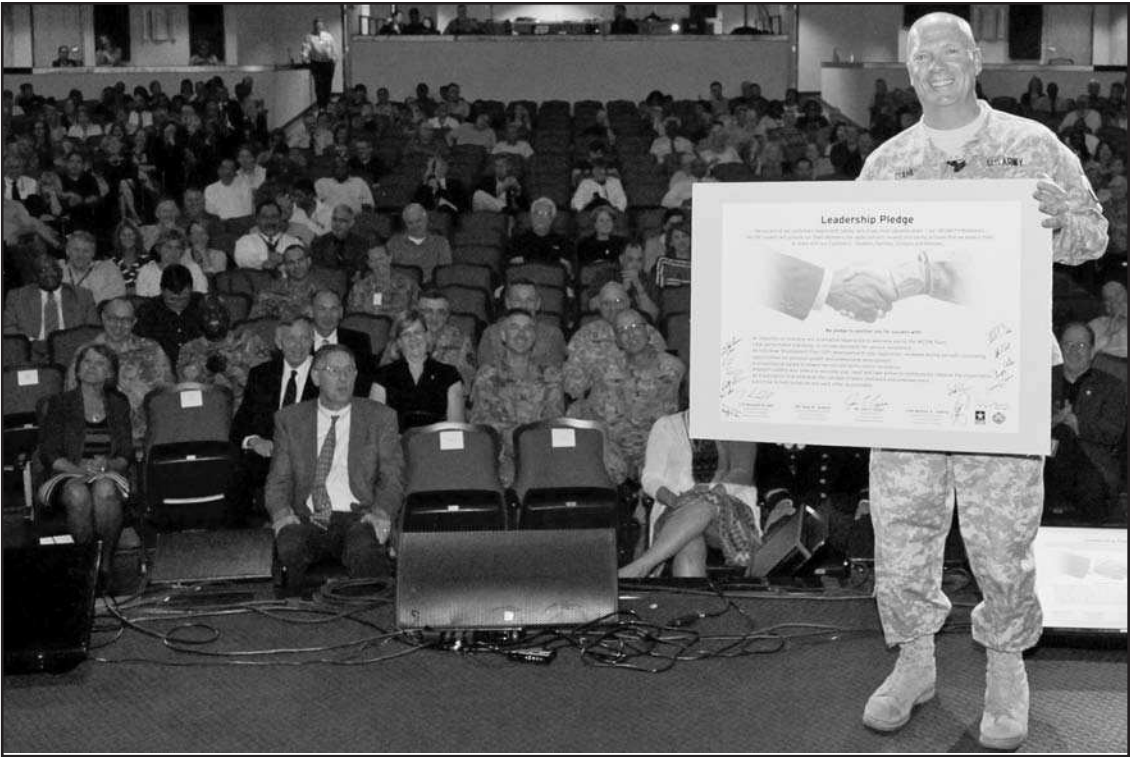
Officially known as the IMCOM Service Culture Initiative, the campaign represents the command's long-term commitment to providing the best possible customer service to Soldiers, families and communities. The campaign is based on the premise that excellence in customer service is a result of how an organization treats its employees. If employees have engaged and caring leaders, feel valued and respected for the work they do, are properly trained and live the Army values, they will in turn pass forward this positive attitude to their customers and to their co-workers.

"This will take the combined effort and commitment of every IMCOM professional to be successful," Dahl said.

Underscoring the importance of the campaign and acknowledging that IMCOM touches each and every Soldier and family every day, Dahl waited until he could personally address the workforce, and emphasize his commitment to the campaign by unveiling it personally and publically.

At the town hall, Dahl, along with other senior IMCOM leaders, signed the first Leadership Pledge surrounded by his headquarters workforce.

The pledge serves as a visible



Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl displays the signed U.S. Army Installation Management Command Leadership Pledge in front of the IMCOM headquarters staff May 31 during an IMCOM HQ town hall meeting at the Fort Sam Houston, Texas, theater.

symbol and a reminder to leaders that all employees deserve respect and the basic tools needed to be successful, including proper on-boarding, performance standards, training opportunities, recognition programs, empowerment and a commitment to hold one another accountable.

"The pledge and the principles defined signify a return to the basics – Leadership 101. The pledge serves as a reminder of the importance of these ideals and a reaffirmation that we, as leaders, have a responsibility to ensure you are successful," Dahl said.

The campaign relies on actions related to four basic focus areas to reach that goal: team member sense

of belonging to their organization, leader engagement, on-boarding and team member recognition.

"We want to establish a culture where members of the IMCOM team take pride in the organization, fully understand and live by our organizational values, feel valued and respected, and are led by engaged and caring leaders," said Matt Margotta, program manager for the Service Culture Initiative.

"While most of the command is already doing this in some fashion, codifying and standardizing the principles, the process, and providing the tools and training to assist leaders and employees at all levels helps ensure we establish a culture of service excellence across the

70 plus installations around the world," Margotta explained.

In informal communications to the staff as the campaign was being developed, both Margotta and Dahl were quick to point to examples of great employee and customer service throughout the command.

"This is going to help us define who we are as an organization," Dahl said. "When it comes to taking care of our customers – our Soldiers and their families – we've done a marvelous job and really have become experts at customer service."

"But when you think about it," he continued, "those of you working in human resources, operations, range support, emergency services, public works, MWR ... you all

PAYING RESPECTS

President leads nation's remembrance on Memorial Day

By Jim Garamone
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump paid the nation's respects to those American service members lost in war during Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery May 29.

After placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, he said, "Words cannot measure the depth of their devotion, the purity of their love or the totality of their courage. We can only hope every day that we prove worthy, not only of their sacrifice and service but of the sacrifices made by their families and loved ones they left behind."

The president spoke of the sacrifice of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly's family, whose son Robert was killed in Afghanistan in 2010. "We grieve with you, we honor you, and we pledge to you that we will always remember Robert and what he did for all of us."

Trump also paid tribute to World War II veteran and former Sen. Bob Dole during the speech, and acknowledged today's wars by remembering Spc. Christopher D. Horton, an Oklahoma National Guard sniper who was killed in Afghanistan in 2011, and Army Maj. Andrew D. Byers, a Green Beret officer killed in action in Afghanistan last year.

Horton's widow, Jane, and Byers' parents, Rose and David, were at the ceremony. The president promised that America's gratitude to them "is boundless and undying. We will

always be there."

Since the founding of the United States, more than 42 million Americans have stepped forward to serve their country in uniform, said Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during his remarks at the memorial ceremony.

"Their story is one of selflessness, it is one of courage and it is one of sheer commitment," Dunford said. "But their story is also one of extraordinary sacrifice. More than 1 million Americans who answered the call to duty gave their last full measure of devotion so their fellow citizens could live in freedom and raise their children in peace."

Their sacrifices, and the sacrifices of their families and friends, must have meaning, the general said. "They were people who stood for something larger than themselves," he declared. "They were people who embodied the most important values and traditions of our nation. They were people who understood that what we have in our country is worth fighting for. They were people who made a difference."

Dunford urged all Americans to work together with those sacrifices in mind. "If we truly want to give meaning to the sacrifice of those who gave all on our behalf, each of us will leave here today determined to find, in some small way, a method of serving our nation and our communities in their honor."

During his remarks, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis quoted Robert L. Binyon's poem



President Donald J. Trump, right, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, render honors during the 149th annual National Memorial Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, May 29.

written during World War I: "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old," the secretary read. "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Mattis also said he wants Americans to unite around the sacrifice of the service members and the sacrifices of their families.

"The empty chair on a holiday is empty every day," he said. "The photograph that goes wherever you do – the picture fades, but the person in it does not. Their fighting

spirit persists. Passed on through the ranks, their spirit echoes in those that serve today in the air, on land and at sea. In a world awash with change, some things stand firm. Some things are as Plato said: 'good and true and beautiful.'"

Mattis urged Americans to ensure the loss of the nation's service members has meaning. "Unite your sorrow to their awesome purpose."

After the ceremony, the president visited with families in Section 60 of the cemetery, where most of those killed while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are buried.

News Briefs

ACOE recognition

Fort Rucker will host a recognition ceremony June 19 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum to celebrate workforce contributions that led to the post's recent selection as the Chief of Staff of the Army's Army Communities of Excellence Silver Award winner.

Change of responsibility

The 1st Aviation Brigade will host a change of responsibility ceremony Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field.

Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close June 23 at 11:30 a.m. The pharmacy and lab will also close at this time. Lyster will remain open all day June 21.

PTSD group

A post traumatic stress disorder education group meets Tuesdays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center in Bldg. 8939 on Red

Cloud Road. The group follows the Veterans Affairs protocol PTSD Recovery Program and is for anyone interested in learning more about PTSD.

For more information, call 255-3903.

Changes of command

- The 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment will host a change of command ceremony June 16 at 8:30 a.m. on Howze Field.
- 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.

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.

ID card section closure

The Fort Rucker ID Card Section will close from 2:15-4:15 p.m. for training the second Wednesday of every month.

Specialty printing requirement

Due to a change in printing procedure, document printing services now requires that all documents for printing that require specialty paper be

submitted three weeks prior to the requested delivery date.

For more information, call 255-1363.

Yoga classes

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers free yoga classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Lyster Activity Center, Rm. J-100, of the clinic. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mat.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Rm. 147 of Bldg. 4502. For more on the group, call 334-237-1973.

Tobacco cessation program

The Lyster Army Health Clinic tobacco cessation program consists of four weekly sessions each month. Each class is one hour. Classes are Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon at the Army Wellness Center.

For more information, call 334-255-7930.

Army budget request asks for raise in Soldier pay, housing, subsistence

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — If Congress approves what was asked for in the Fiscal Year 2018 defense budget request, Soldiers can expect to see a bump in their paycheck come January.

The FY18 budget request, released by the Army May 23, includes \$58.3 billion for military personal funding to support an Army of 1,018,000 Soldiers across the total force. This increase is \$2.8 billion over last year’s enacted budget, and that extra money will not only pay for sustaining the additional Soldiers authorized in the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, but will also pay for an increase in Soldier compensation.

The FY18 budget asks for a 2.1 percent increase in Soldier basic pay, a 2.9 percent increase in basic allowance for housing, and a 3.4 percent increase in basic allowance for subsistence. If enacted, those increases will go into effect Jan. 1.

Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Horlander, director of the Army budget, provided highlights of the Army’s \$137.2 billion FY18 base budget request May 23 at the Pentagon.

“The funding levels of the recently enacted FY17 budget and this FY18 base request are consistent with the administration’s goals for the U.S. Army to rebuild readiness, reverse end strength reductions and prepare for future challenges,” Horlander said, adding that this year’s budget request is designed to provide combatant commanders with the “best trained and ready land forces that we can generate.”

A \$38.9 billion request for operation and maintenance dollars in the FY18 budget – a \$2.7 billion increase over the enacted budget last year – is designed to “resource a more balanced readiness across the force,” Horlander said.

That includes funding for 19 combat training center rotations for both the regular Army and the National Guard, as well as funding for increased home station training that will focus on both decisive action and counter-insurgency operations.

EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT AND MAINTENANCE

That O&M budget for the regular Army also provides funding for equipment sustainment, with an increase in depot maintenance “to help bring our equipment to a greater level of repair, and by enhancing Army prepositioned stocks that will improve global responsive capabilities,” Horlander said.

The recent release of the Strategic Portfolio Analysis and Review spelled out the top Army priorities in modernization. From that review, the Army has documented 10 top-level areas on which to focus limited modernization dollars. Chief among those areas are air and missile defense, long-range fires and filling a munitions shortfall.

All three of those priorities are adequately addressed in the FY18 budget proposal, where \$26.8 billion has been requested for procurement, as well as research, development, testing and evaluation. In that RDA budget, procurement dollars requested actu-



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ally decreased from last year, while the requested amount for research has increased, Horlander said, “to enable the Army to retain our advantage against advanced adversaries and to address a broader range of potential threats.”

Within the procurement dollars, he said, air and missile defense, as well as long-range fires, represent “the most urgent and pressing capability needs. Given the possibility of confronting a force with substantial anti-access and area-denial capabilities, the Army needs to advance its short-range air defense and long-range fires capabilities.”

In keeping with that priority, he said, the FY18 budget funds procurement and installation of 131 Patriot Missile modification kits, as well as investment in Avenger surface-to-air missile system support.

For long-range fires, Horlander explained that the FY18 budget supports a 10-year service life extension of 121 currently expired Army Tactical Missile Systems, procurement of 6,000 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, and continued enhancement for 93 Patriot Missile systems with the Missile Segment Enhancement program, which increases altitude and range of the rockets.

MORE MUNITIONS

As part of the Strategic Portfolio Analysis and Review, the Army identified a munitions shortfall as one of the top three priorities it hopes to address. Horlander said the FY18 budget request “will help ensure the availability of critical munitions for the combatant commands.”

Inside that request, he said, the Army asks for funding to buy 88,000 unguided Hydra 70 rockets, as well as 480 M982 Excalibur guided bombs for war reserve inventory replenishment. The budget also asks for funding to support modernization of the Army’s ammunition industrial facilities, including

a multi-year effort to improve the Holston Army Ammunition Plant in Tennessee.

On the ground, the Army aims to improve mobility, lethality and protection for its brigade combat teams. The FY18 budget request supports combat vehicle modernization for the Abrams, Stryker, Bradley and Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle, as well as the Howitzer fleet. Horlander said the Army plans to procure 42 of the AMPV systems within the FY18 budget request, as well as purchase active protection systems for Abrams tanks within Europe-based BCTs.

Aviation, which makes up the largest portion of the FY18 procurement request at about \$4.2 billion, asks for funding for 50 remanufactured AH-64 Apache aircraft, 13 new Apaches, as well as funding for 48 UH-60M Black Hawk aircraft and six CH-47 Chinooks.

The \$9.4 billion in RDT&E funding, he said, aims to “put technologically advanced equipment and more lethal weaponry in the hands of Soldiers sooner,” Horlander said.


Focus in that portion is on continued development of air and missile defense, long-range precision fires, and weapons and

munitions technologies, he explained. The Army is planning on investing in the Stinger Product Improvement Program as well as the Patriot Product Improvement Program.

The Army is “investing RDT&E funds to increase range, volume of fire, and precision and guidance of our cannon and missile systems and to further enable precision fires in a GPS-denied environment,” he said.

Operations in GPS-denied environments are also a priority, Horlander stated, as RDT&E has a focus on development of assured position navigation timing – which will allow for navigation even if adversaries deny use of GPS systems.

Overall, the Army’s FY18 budget request, supports a “vast complexity of requirements needed to restore and rebuild America’s Army for today’s and tomorrow’s missions,” Horlander explained. “It represents a balance between the size of the force, current readiness requirements, and the necessary investment in modernization to ensure our Army remains the premier ground force of the future, capable of protecting the national security interests of our country.”



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MULTI-DOMAIN BATTLE

Concept maximizes capabilities, improves interoperability

By David Vergun
Army News Service

HONOLULU – Imagine an enemy intent on destroying U.S. ships, say, somewhere in the western Pacific.

A novel but technologically feasible concept called multi-domain battle, or MDB, could frustrate that intent, said Gen. David G. Perkins, commander at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Perkins spoke at the Land Forces in the Pacific: Advancing Joint and Multi-National Integration conference May 24. The Association of the United States Army Institute of Land Warfare sponsored the symposium.

Perkins described MDB as a concept that maximizes utilization of all five domains: air, sea, land, space and cyber, in a joint coalition effort.

For MDB to work, the military needs to do away with domain “hogging,” he said.

Perkins described domain hogging in the following way: When a crisis occurs in a land domain, the Army or Marine Corps is considered the owner of that domain and is expected to respond in a traditional manner, perhaps with mortars or howitzers. If a crisis occurs at sea, the Navy is viewed as owning that domain, so a ship or sub-surface solution is applied.

To demonstrate the usefulness of MDB as an alternative to domain hogging, Perkins described a fictitious MDB-type scenario in the western Pacific.

Enemy ships armed with mines, torpedoes and missiles are pursuing friendly vessels. The enemy knows the whereabouts of U.S. ships that might come to the aid of friendly vessels. What the combatants not aware of are the presence of Army howitzers or missile batteries, located on islands in the area, which are armed with anti-ship precision fires.

So now, the enemy isn’t just worried about the U.S. Navy – they’re also worried about the U.S. Army, which can emplace its guns in hard-to-detect areas on land.

This type of scenario gives the combatant commander multiple options and the enemy multiple dilemmas, Perkins explained.

MDB also provides the option of relying on partner nation capabilities, in addition to those of sister services in the U.S. military.

Royal Australian Army Maj. Gen. Roger Noble, who is on loan to the U.S. Army as deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, provided an example of partner nation-based MDB.

IN a previous assignment last year, Noble was attached to the 101st Airborne Division, which was assisting the Iraqi army in its drive to push the Islamic State out of Iraq. During the fighting, the U.S. Army wanted to use its offensive cyber capabilities to perform a mission that is still classified.

The U.S. Army didn’t have the proper authorities and permissions in place to use that capability, however, but Australia and the United Kingdom did. So, the Army relied on its partner’s capability in the cyber domain, Noble said.

Perkins added that cyber or space domains, regardless of which service or nation owned those assets, could also be used to shut down the enemy’s naval navigation system or anti-ship missiles. It doesn’t matter which partner owns the domains – the assets should be available to whoever needs them, he said.

Some partner nation leaders look at the busy slides Perkins uses to explain MDB, and are intimidated by the complexity. They think “ray guns and flying saucers,” Perkins said.

They believe MDB to be complicated and expensive, but Perkins said he tries to reassure partners that they don’t need to be equipped with the most modern hardware



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In the Multi-Domain Battle concept, howitzers might one day protect U.S. ships from enemy vessels by firing anti-ship projectiles. Shown here, two CH-47 Chinook helicopters assigned to 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division perform tactical maneuvers to place two M777A2 Howitzer’s in position for onlookers during the 82nd ABN Div. All-American Week Airborne Review on Sicily Drop Zone at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 25.

to provide MDB assets within a multi-partner force.

For example, a small Pacific nation without a large navy might have a number of small, shallow-water vessels that could contribute to force protection in areas where U.S. and coalition forces are operating.

Or, some small nation with hardly any assets at all might have land located in a strategic area from which land, air and naval power of the coalition forces might be projected. Everyone, he assured, has something to bring to the fight.

Perkins explained that the DOD rolled out the MDB concept last October. Noble said that the first time he saw Perkins’ slides, he immediately understood the concept from his previous experiences.

Noble described that when he was in Iraq last year, coalition forces utilized MDB even before the concept went by that name. Naval aircraft, launched from ships, delivered precision ground fire as multiple nations and military services were worked in and shared multiple domains.

Perkins said there’s nothing like a war situation to test concepts like MDB and to flesh out problems, such as when one nation’s radios don’t communicate another.

The next best learning environment, he said, is conducting rigorous exercises like the ones U.S. Army Pacific Command does year-round in the Pacific with various partner countries.

“We see multi-domain battle as something to put in place right now,” Perkins advised.

He added that the Pacific region is a perfect place to test out MDB in rigorous exercises because all domains are well-represented there and there are multiple coalition partners available to bring multiple capabilities.

Perkins said he’s working with Gen. Robert B. Brown, commander, U.S. Army Pacific, to establish an MDB task force “to try to take stuff we have in the Army now and repurpose it,” he explained. For example, USARPAC has equipment that could be used in anti-access, area denial.

Perkins added that Brown comes from TRADOC, so he understands MDB and has been an advocate of the concept.

Brown’s supervisor, Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., commander, U.S. Pacific Command, said he’s excited about MDB.

“I want to see the Army shoot down a missile fired from a plane that launched from a ship,” he said. “Then, I want to see the Army shoot down the aircraft that launched the missile and then I want the Army to sink that ship.”

“I’m convinced this is the way to fight, particularly when you don’t have a clear advantage over our adversaries,” he said. “Adversaries are now fielding new weapons in quantities approaching the zombie apocalypse.”

MDB “must be incorporated in the way we train year round,” he emphasized.

Harris added that MDB will be hard, risky and expensive, but it will be essential to winning the next campaign in a complex battlespace.

“We can’t be afraid to fail in public,” he said, pushing for experimentation with out-of-the-box ideas.

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RoMan

Army teaching robots to understand language

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Earlier this month at the Pentagon, a robot called RoMan, which stands for robotic manipulation, demonstrated how it could pick up a tool box and then put it back down. Nearby, a scientist from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory manned the robot’s controls.

The future of Army warfare will likely involve robotics deployed to perform an array of functions that Soldiers today perform for themselves, ARL researchers say. But what will likely not be part of that future, are Soldiers who operate those robots with a controller or stick. Instead, those robots will operate independently, after having been issued verbal instructions by a Soldier.

Dr. Stuart Young, who serves as the chief of the asset control and behavior branch at ARL, was at the Pentagon in May as part of the annual Lab Day exhibition. Along with other DOD researchers, he manned a booth in the Pentagon courtyard where he met with military personnel to discuss his team’s current projects and innovations.

Young said his team’s project involves making robots more capable of understanding natural language, so that they can function more like members of a team rather than just tool that has to be controlled by a Soldier.

Robots, he explained, should be more like teammates to the Soldiers they work with, and should, like the Soldier, understand the intent of the mission they are executing.

“We are focusing on natural language dialogue, which is a bi-directional conversation we can have with the robot,” Young said. “I want to be able to naturally engage with the robots. So, if I, for example, say go to that building over there, you might say ‘which one?’ And I could say ‘the tall one.’ It’s a way for us to have a dialogue and disambiguate what you intend for the robot to do.”

Right now, Army robots are tele-operated and require Soldiers to control them directly. With the current technology, Soldiers who are operating the robot must stop their other duties to focus on directing the robot. To operate a robot, for instance, the Soldier might have to put down his own gun and pick up a controller. This might mean that another Soldier has to provide security for that Soldier while he controls the robot – so operating a robot might take two Soldiers out of the fight. That’s got to change, said Dilip Patel, a researcher from General Dynamics who works with ARL.

“Now you have a Soldier managing and operating a robot, instead of having their fingers on the trigger,” he said. “We don’t want that. We want these robots to be autonomous, so you just tell the robot, ‘Robot, go in that building. And if you have to break down the door, break down the door. Go inside and communicate with the occupants and tell me what is going on in there.’ So the robot is looking at the Soldier and listening, through natural language communication, and knows exactly what to do.”

Patel is part of the Robotics Collabora-



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The robot, RoMan, short for robotic manipulation, on display in the Pentagon Courtyard during the May 18 Lab Day.

tive Technology Alliance Program managed by the ARL. He explained the goal of their program – which focuses on robotic perception, intelligence, human-robot interaction, and dexterous manipulation and mobility – is to provide autonomous, robotic teammates to dismounted Soldiers.

“When dismounted Soldiers are approaching an area that requires somebody to go in and either break down a door or interact with an improvised explosive device, we don’t want our Soldiers doing that,” Patel said. “We want the robots doing that. That’s the purpose of this program, to lay the foundation, the research, that’s going to make this happen.”

There’s a lot more work to be done to get robots to respond to Soldiers the way other human Soldiers do, Young said. And there’s a lot of work to be done getting robots to perform like Soldiers, as well.

“The robots don’t have common sense,” Young said. “So we use tools like knowledge bases to be able to imbue the robots with that common sense understanding of the world, so they can understand what the human wants them to do, in context. And once we understand that, then the robots have the difficult challenge of being able to understand the environment. It’s perception of the world.”

Young said that robots must understand their environment beyond just knowing what things are – like a building, or stairs or asphalt, for instance. They must understand what those things mean to them, as well.

“The grass, the concrete: Those are not just things. They are things you can walk on, or you can drive on,” Young said. “If

I detect mud, well mud is something you can drive on, but it might not be as optimal, or it may have a higher risk – I might get stuck. So that’s the type of thing we have to look at. And then that goes into some sort of cognitive architecture so we can do intelligent behaviors.”

Young also said those robots need to be able to adapt to environments without having prior experience in that particular setting, and they must do so at a speed that allows them to keep pace with Soldiers performing the mission.

“We need platforms that can manipulate the environment and maneuver with the Soldiers at operational tempo, at the speed they need to operate at, so the robots are not slow and deliberate, but are able to keep up

and have resiliency,” he said.

Dr. John Fossaceca, a research scientist at ARL, predicts that the robot as a teammate concept is about 20 years away for the Army.

“In the future, I envision that Soldiers and robots will be working together as teammates, fully dismounted, and robots will be able to understand the intent of the commander, and will have a feedback loop where the robot can get clarification of instructions and understand even the tempo of the operation, understand the context of the environment we’re working in, be able to do automatic exploration, come back with reports, and basically save Soldier’s lives,” he said. “In 20 years, this will be working.”

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Band

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Sproul. “We have a brass quartet here, a Jazz combo and Crossfire, and we try to get each group to have at least two rehearsals a week. When something like Freedom Fest comes around, our rehearsals are significantly more. We add maybe two additional rehearsals a week and it’s close to 10 hours a week of [practice].”

In addition to the scheduled rehearsal times, Sproul said each band member must not only conduct individual practices, but the band must find time to work out the logistics of their sets, as well, including working on the order of their songs and the transitions.

According to Peters, much more work goes into producing a set list for a concert like Freedom Fest than just picking out songs to play.

“When deciding on a set list to play, a lot of it comes from our strengths and our weaknesses as a band,” said the Crossfire NCOIC. “It really depends on our group members, like depending on who we have singing, it varies what we can or can’t do.”

Another deciding factor is the crowd that the band will be playing too, as well, said Peters. If they are set to play for an elementary school, the songs will be tailored toward that demographic, but for Freedom

Fest, the goal is for people to have a good time.

“People are trying to have fun, so we pick songs that we can do comfortably and that we think the audience will enjoy, so the set list just kind of evolves around that,” said Peters.

When choosing the songs, it’s also taken into consideration the complexity of the song and if it can be adapted by the band to fit its members. Peters said that, oftentimes, it’s difficult to emulate the sounds of a song people hear on the radio because the music can be overproduced, making the sound difficult to reproduce in a live setting.

“We tailor it to our needs,” he said. “Sometimes a song might have three keyboard players and we only have one, so we have to figure out how to transition that song.”

“A lot of times it’s a group effort and we just kind of mess with the song and try different things to see what works,” he continued. “It’s a lot of trial and error.”

Out of all of the hard work they put in, though, comes a performance that promises to be memorable for all who attend the celebration, which is what Sproul said he hopes the band is able to accomplish.

“We want people to remember the performance and go away from [the concert] thinking about it,” he said.

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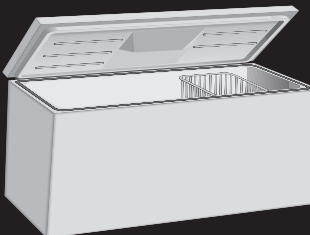
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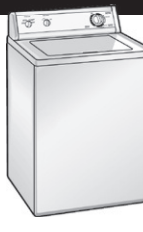
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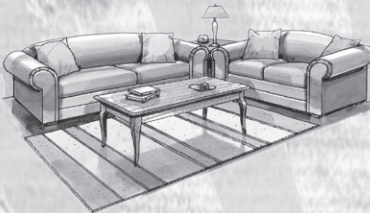
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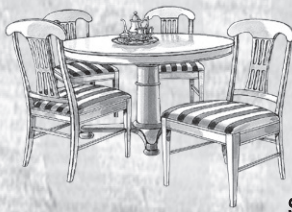
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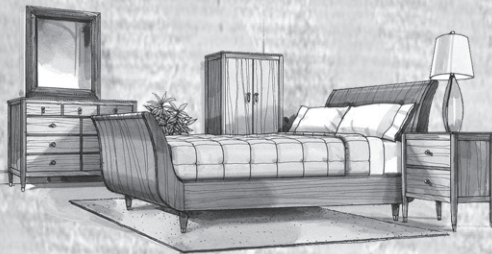


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DIRECTIONS: From Dauphin Street toward Boll Weevil Circle turn right on Timberlake. House is 4th on left.

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OUT OF THIS WORLD

Astronaut duo aims to take Army to new heights in space

By Sean Kimmons
Army News Service

HOUSTON — Like the out-of-this-world missions they train for, the career paths taken by the Army's only two active-duty astronauts may also boggle the mind.

Lt. Col. Drew Morgan, a Ranger-tabbed doctor with several years' experience in special forces, now heads the Army Space and Missile Defense Command's small but skilled astronaut force. And while he once fed his adventurous spirit by flying into stadiums as part of West Point's parachute team, he looks forward to the ultimate adrenaline rush — being blasted off into space.

His comrade, Maj. Anne McClain, has also acquired a stacked resume in her 14 years of Army service. With over 2,000 flight hours on 20 different rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, along with piloting the OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter in combat, she's no stranger to air travel.

On top of that, she was a Marshall scholar who earned two master's degrees while studying in England. During her time across the pond, she also fine-tuned her rugby play before later landing a spot on the U.S. women's national rugby squad.

Both Morgan and McClain agreed that without the Army, those unique opportunities likely would not have happened.

"I owe that back to the Army," the 41-year-old Morgan said of his accomplishments during his past two decades in uniform. "Everything that made me a good candidate to become a good astronaut came from the Army."

McClain also joined the Army first and foremost to serve the nation, not necessarily to travel to space. "It was the path I wanted to take even if I had not become an astronaut," the 37-year-old said. "The Army is probably going to have to kick



PHOTO BY SEAN KIMMONS

Maj. Anne McClain, one of two active-duty Army astronauts, stands inside a mock cupola, a multi-windowed observatory attached to the International Space Station, before she simulates bringing in a cargo load with the station's robotic arm during training at the Johnson Space Center in Houston March 1.

me out at some point because I'm not going anywhere."

SPACE SOLDIERS

The talented duo is part of a team of nearly 50 astronauts, some of whom are retired Army officers, in NASA's human spaceflight program.

One of those seasoned officers, retired Col. Patrick Forrester, profoundly influenced McClain's military career years before she was selected for the program in 2013, along with Morgan and six others.

When McClain was a 19-year-old cadet at West Point, she heard Forrester speak about his experience during a talk at the academy. He told the cadets that the Army was too important to simply be a stepping stone to something greater, and if they truly paid attention to their job and did the right thing for their Soldiers, they would be rewarded.

"It'll work out for you in the end if you do that," she recalled of his speech. "That was best advice I could have gotten at that time and he was absolutely right."

Shortly before coming to Johnson Space Center as an astronaut candidate, she was surprised to see Forrester's familiar name again in her reporting instructions. The person who had inspired her 15 years ago was now the supervisor of her class. "To me, that was just full circle," she said.

Almost 20 Soldiers have become astronauts since Maj. Robert Stewart paved the way in 1979, before he went on to do the first untethered mission in space using a jetpack in 1984.

"They were people that I looked up to and followed their careers from afar as I was growing up as a young cadet and young officer in the Army," Morgan said of Forrester, former Col. Jeff Williams and the others who came before him.

As the years have passed, so have the missions, especially when the space shuttle program ended in 2011. Today, American astronauts are launched into space on Russian Soyuz rockets and typically stay in space for six months to help maintain and conduct science experiments on the International Space Station with other foreign partners.

Army astronauts have embraced the longer trips, as shown in their almost continuous presence in space over the past two years. "We're very well suited for that," Morgan said of the lengthy missions. "The Army has quite a good reputation in the astronaut corps and I look forward to seeing more Army presence on the International Space Station."

IN TRAINING

While they wait to be assigned to a space mission, Morgan and McClain constantly train so that they are prepared for when their time comes.

Recently, inside a simulator dome with a 180-degree viewing angle, McClain practiced grabbing a cargo load with the space station's robotic arm.

While peering out of a mock cupola, a multi-windowed observatory attached to the space station, McClain operated the controls and brought in supplies from a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft that would normally deliver food, clothing and science experiments to the crew every six months or so.

The day before, Morgan had used virtual training equipment to mimic maneuvering outside the space station with a jetpack. Although such a spacewalk is one of the most difficult and dangerous tasks to do in space, he said, he'd still jump at the chance to do one in real life.

"It's an exciting, tense and physically demanding period of time while you're

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SHADOW PLAY

UAS operators show hasty landing abilities

By Capt. Scott Walters
3rd ABCT, 4th ID

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — As an RQ-7B Shadow unmanned aircraft system buzzed down towards a 500-foot stretch of dirt road on the outer reaches of the training area, its smooth touchdown created a small cloud of dust while also making history.

This was the first time that Soldiers of the Unmanned Aerial Systems Platoon of D Company, 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, had ever attempted to land one of their Shadows on a hasty landing strip. While they routinely log hundreds of hours of flight time annually, the platoon had always conducted take-offs and landings from a traditional airstrip, said 1st Lt. Max Voth, incoming platoon leader of the UAS Platoon.

But the proof of concept for a hasty landing conducted May 16 showed that the UAS operators can move entirely to a field environment. This mobility is a key aspect to how the entire brigade has trained to fight should a potential conflict arise as the 3/4 ABCT serves as U.S. Army Europe's regionally allocated land force under the Atlantic Resolve mission, he said.

"We came out here to see what the Shadow system can actually do versus what we've used it for in the past. Pushing our capabilities forward, especially when we talk about fighting on a moving battlefield

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PHOTO BY CAPT. SCOTT WALTERS

Pfc. Alexx Madsen and Sgt. Eric Blanton, UAS repairers, assemble an arresting gear net used as a secondary catch in preparation for a landing of an RQ-7B Shadow.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KATHLEEN V. POLANCO

Soldiers conduct an air medical evacuation exercise during training in Grafenwoehr, Germany, May 22. Around 600 Soldiers participated in the training, which tested the ability to deploy worldwide on short notice.

12th CAB supports president, 1st lady at G7 Summit

By Capt. Jaymon Bell
12th Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

SIGONELLA, Italy — The 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment General Support Aviation Battalion, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade conducted air movement in support of President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump, along with senior White House staff and security personnel May 24-29 during their visit to the 43rd G7 Summit in Taormina, Sicily.

A Company, 1-214th Avn. Regt., conducted five air movement missions alongside Marine Helicopter Squadron One. Marine Helicopter Squadron One is a United States Marine Corps helicopter squadron that is primarily responsible for the transportation of the POTUS, vice president of the United States and cabinet members. GSABs provide lift, ambulatory and



ARMY PHOTO

Soldiers from A Co., 1-214th Avn. Regt., 12th CAB pose with First Lady Melania Trump May 26 near Sigonella Naval Air Station, Italy, during her visit to the 43rd G7 Summit in Taormina.

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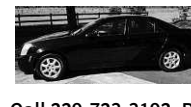
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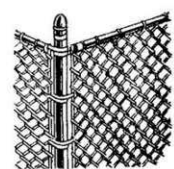


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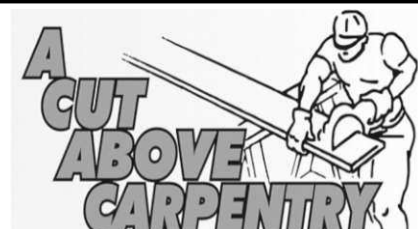
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Astronaut

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out there outside the space station for six or seven hours,” said Morgan, who was born to a military family in a city with whom he shares his namesake – Morgantown, West Virginia.

In preparing for a spacewalk, astronauts also train at the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory, which is basically a huge pool that holds a replica of the space station. Using a specialized spacesuit that simulates microgravity, astronauts stay underwater for hours completing tasks, such as replacing the station’s heavy batteries.

Astronauts also train to fly a T-38 Talon jet trainer, learn about space systems and a whole new set of acronyms, and receive in-depth lessons on the Russian language, which along with English are the official languages onboard the station.

“One of the most challenging and cool things we do at NASA is that we don’t do the same thing any two days,” McClain said.

With all sorts of moving pieces going on, astronauts must rely on an elevated level of teamwork. The ability to lead, but also to follow, are strong traits for an astronaut to have when working in close quarters for long periods of time on specialized, costly missions.

Already well-trained, Soldiers come to NASA with a good exposure to these types of teams, according to Chris Loop-er, a NASA training integrator who helps instruct astronauts.

“Being able to bring that team together so it can be a high-performing team, and not just a group of individuals who are all trying to perform at a high level, that makes a big difference,” he explained.

A successful astronaut, he said, should have an easy-going attitude and be able to roll with the punches when things don’t go right. Another helpful characteristic is endless thirst to be proficient in their tasks through continuous training.

“[So,] when you do something real in space, it will feel like a practice run,” Loop-er said.

FUTURE SPACEFLIGHT

While the space station mission has been a top priority for the past 17 years, other added elements to NASA’s human spaceflight program may be in the near future.

In February, NASA officials announced a study to look at launching two crew members around the moon in 2019, as part of the Orion spacecraft’s maiden flight with a NASA rocket. The ambitious goal for the spacecraft is to one day enable human exploration of asteroids and deep-space destinations, including Mars.

NASA’s Commercial Crew Program also has SpaceX and Boeing developing two launch vehicles to send astronauts into space, rather than sharing rides on Russian Soyuz rockets.

“We’re on the cusp of some pretty amazing times in the space program,” McClain said, “and we’re going to see



PHOTO BY SEAN KIMMONS

McClain simulates bringing in a cargo load in space with the station’s robotic arm during training at the Johnson Space Center.

things that we’ve never seen before.”

The current space station mission, a joint effort of 15 nations, is projected to last until 2024. But for Morgan and McClain, it doesn’t really matter what mission they end up serving.

An optimistic McClain said that there are no bad assignments. “When I look at all of the different jobs I could do, I’d be thrilled to get any of them,” she said.

After all, she didn’t expect to end up in her current role when she first learned she had been selected while working as a test

pilot at the Redstone Test Center.

It was bittersweet for her to leave the Army ranks and not be able to wear her military uniform every day, she said. But whatever she does as an astronaut, she still brings a little “hooah” with her.

“The space program has always been so inspirational to me and I love contributing to it,” she said. “But what really makes it special for me is to be able to do it as a Soldier.”

“There are many paths to being a Soldier, and this is [just] one of them.”

Shadow

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and moving the system with the front line going forward, this is the future of UAS and the future of the Shadow,” Voth said.

“We do a lot of survivability tactics inside our brigade by moving around and keeping our forces fluid on the battlefield,” he added. “But having a stationary UAS paints itself as a very large target. By necessity we’re going to have to jump to avoid getting targeted in a fight.”

Prior to the landing and later a re-launch of the Shadow from the field, the platoon was put on the clock to set up equipment like the Tactical Automatic Landing System and arresting gear. Within a

half-hour of arriving on site, UAS operators had the gear in place to guide the unmanned aircraft safely to the ground and harness it after landing.

But preparation of the landing strip itself was a team effort within the 588th BEB, as engineers from B Co. prepared the dirt road for an aircraft landing. That included grading the road to smooth the surface and building four pads to support the Shadow’s landing gear.

“The best part about whenever we get to dig or do a breach is everything we do it’s in support of somebody else within the 3rd Brigade,” said 1st Lt. Mike Taylor, a platoon leader for the sapper company. “In this case,

it was particularly nice because we were able to support our own battalion, the BEB, and to build something we don’t normally get to do.”

Taylor admitted he was nervous as the Shadow descended on the hasty landing strip. An otherwise serene Bavarian spring day could have turned messy if the patch of dirt road his engineers flattened turned the aircraft in a wrong direction upon touchdown.

“When it was coming in, it was like watching Game 7 in the finals. I was nervous. But seeing it land smoothly, it was an exhilarating moment,” Taylor said.

The UAS platoon’s outgoing leader, 1st Lt. Andrew Rotolo, said the unit has been attempt-

ing to conduct a hasty landing for some time now, including during the brigade’s rotation at the National Training Center in August 2016 prior to deploying to Europe this year.

He said support was crucial from Grafenwoehr Training Area’s range control and air traffic control, as well as receiving the green light from the 4th Inf. Div.’s Mission Command Element, which provides oversight of 3/4 ABCT’s Atlantic Resolve operations as the brigade serves as a deterrent to aggression in eastern Europe.

The faith and long preparation ultimately paid off for this and future hasty field operations. “The landing was as good as it could

have been. The Shadow landed exactly where it needed to be with literally no damage. It’s definitely a victory for not only the site being a success based on how it was prepared beforehand but also the Shadow being able to handle that,” Rotolo said.

Voth added the entire preparation time took about four hours, which falls well within a Shadow’s overall flight time.

“We found out we can build and emplace an airstrip and land a Shadow in that flight window. We can set up extremely quickly, and those are critical skills gained from an entire battalion perspective as we move forward and continue to train with the brigade to fight on the move,” he said.





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READING BY DESIGN

Program helps youth keep skills sharp

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

School's out for summer, but one program is looking to keep kids reading throughout the break to keep their literacy skills sharp.

The Fort Rucker Center Library's Summer Reading Program began Monday with its kick-off party, At the Drive-In, where children got the chance to get their hands dirty as they designed and painted their own cars made out of cardboard, according to Cameron Hill, Fort Rucker Center Library youth librarian.

"The Summer Reading Program is an incentive program designed to keep kids reading throughout the summer, so they don't lose their skills from the end of the school year to the next school year," said the youth librarian.

This year's program theme is Reading by Design, which is why children were able to design their own creations before taking them to the makeshift drive-in at the library to enjoy popcorn and a movie, said Hill, all as a way to get kids engaged and keep learning on their minds.

For Amy Mark, military spouse, the event was a great way to keep her kids occupied and keep reading on their minds.

"It was a lot of fun and I think the kids loved it," she said. "I just think it's great that they get to watch a movie in their little cars. They really loved it and I think the prizes were a fun addition to keep them motivated and engaged throughout – overall it was fantastic and we would definitely do it again."

Mark said it's refreshing to see more educational events geared toward young children to keep them motivated when it comes to reading or learning.

"This is really good because there really isn't a lot offered on post [to take your children to], so when there are things like this we jump at the opportunity," she said.

That opportunity is a summer of continued learning through the program, which has events scheduled throughout the summer to keep children coming back for more. But the program is about more than just taking part in activities – it also seeks to keep youth actively reading to keep their skills sharp, said Hill.

"There is no requirement on what they must read," she said. "As long as they are reading, they can read whatever keeps them



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Samantha and Jacob Baguly, and their friend Seth Dagley, military family members, work together as they paint their car during the center library's Summer Reading Program kick-off event Monday.

going and keeps them motivated."

The more children read, the more chances they have at winning prizes, and parents must keep track of how long their children are reading and record the times. All who wish to participate must be registered and all times must be recorded online.

Participants can register and log times at <https://ftruckercenterlibrary.beanstack.org>.

After children are registered, they can begin logging in their minutes for prizes.

"They keep track of the time that they read," said Hill, "and after a certain amount of minutes, depending on their age group, they will receive a prize."

In addition to prizes, more events throughout the summer will be held at the center library to keep children motivated.

The events include:

- Fun with Science, June 15 from 1-2 p.m.;
- Library Video Blitz, June 21 from 1-3 p.m.;
- Mad Scientist Workshop; Speedometry, June 22 from 1-2 p.m.;



Children sit in their makeshift cars that they designed and painted as they watch a movie.

- Animal Tales: Animal Architects, June 29 from 10-11 a.m.;
- Take the LEGO Challenge, July 6 from 1-2 p.m.;
- All Day Anime, July 12, all day; and
- Makey Lab, July 18 from 1-2 p.m.

The program will end with an awards ceremony July 28 at 3 p.m. to award the top readers in each category.

For more information, call 255-3885.

GAME ON

DFMWR, AAFES event supports single parent families

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation seeks to help single parents make the most of their free time during Single Parent Family Game Night June 15.

The free event, which takes place from 5-7 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Post Exchange food court, is open to single parents – military or Department of Defense civilians – and their children.

"This is an initiative of Fort Rucker Community Health Promotions Council Community Resiliency Work Group," Joy McCormick, New Parent Support Program social worker, said. "They are promoting programs that build or enhance single parent families and enhance the parent's ability to interact more effectively with their children. This will create and maintain a safe home environment where self-esteem and learning are encouraged."

Registration is open to the

first 20 families and parents are encouraged to sign up early secure their spot. The deadline to register is Monday.

"The family advocacy program, in partnership with Army and Air Force Exchange Service, will conduct a Family Game Night for single parents," McCormick said. "This is to provide parents with a fun night out with their children, with no cost to them. AAFES will supply sub sandwiches, drinks and the venue for this event. All who pre-register will receive a voucher

for a free movie at the post theater at a later date.

"Each registered child will be able to pick out a game to take home with them," she added.

According to McCormick, the event is a perfect opportunity to for single parents to spend quality time with their families and strengthen familial bonds.

"It enhances the parent-child attachment, provides a positive role model, and also fosters skills development. (It also creates) information-sharing opportunities that enhance parents' ability to interact more effectively with their children, and to create and maintain a safe home environment in which self-esteem and learning are encouraged," she said.

Aside from attending single parent family events on post, McCormick said single parents can take other small steps to make the most of their time with family. She offered the following tips.

1. Set priorities – Dedicate your time and energy to those areas that are most important.
2. Set a good example – Be the kind of person you want your child to be – they learn by watching you!
3. Help your child build positive self-esteem – Show your child affection every day and love without conditions. Praise and encourage your child's efforts.
4. Be honest with your child, but don't involve them in

unnecessary adult matters.

5. Be involved in your child's education – Attend open houses (if possible), meet your child's teachers, and assist with homework.
6. Set aside time to spend with your child every day – Dedicate at least a few minutes every day to give them your complete attention and really listen carefully to them. Don't rush or interrupt.
7. Plan outings and activities to do together – They don't have to cost money – go for a walk, visit a park, play a game.
8. Encourage personal responsibility in your child – Make a list of chores for your child that is appropriate for their age.
9. Discipline with love – Set firm, fair rules and be consistent. Discuss the consequences for breaking the rules and make sure they understand what is expected.

If parents miss the opportunity to attend June's family game night, McCormick said there will be more opportunities in the future.

"We are trying to offer a single parent family event each quarter," she said. "The [FAP NPSP] offers services to our single parents that can benefit from extra support and educational services."

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



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Thia, Emma and Mari Ramirez, and Tyson Armstrong, Army family members, play a game during a past family game night.

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School Age Center Summer Camp

The Fort Rucker School Age Center hosts its summer camp through 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.

International Spouses Get Together

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

Rock’et Out Summer

The Fort Rucker Youth Center host its Rock’et Out Summer – offering rocketry, robotics, sports, cooking, arts and animation – through June 30. Field trips will be included in the camp fees and will be to: the Rosa Parks Museum and Eastdale Mall, Wednesday; 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 sign-up for membership, call 255-9638 or 255-2260.

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 Friday. 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 Day craft session Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to the first 40 children to register. The event is open to authorized patrons and Exceptional 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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. The session is designed to allow parents to gather the information they need, view curriculum and meet other homeschool families. The free session will be open to authorized patrons. For information or to register, visit the



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Tactical Throwdown

CW2 Justin Davis, Army Reserve, works through burpees. The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host its Tactical Throwdown second quarter challenge June 19-23 – the kettlebell burpee challenge. Participation in the challenge is free and open to all Fort Rucker active-duty Soldiers. Official attempts will be conducted during posted dates and times, or by appointment with functional fitness specialists. Official rules for each challenge will be posted after the previous quarter’s challenge has been completed. For more information and a complete listing of challenge rules, call 255-2296.

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Tot Time

Army Community Service hosts its Tot Time playgroup Wednesdays from 9:30-11a.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950. The playgroup is for children 12-36 months and their caregivers. The playgroup provides programs and activities that enhance caregiver-child interaction, and stimulate child growth and development. For more information, call 255-9647 or 255-3359.

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 Monday 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.

Newcomers welcome

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for June 16 from 8:30-11 a.m. at The Landing. Active-duty military, spouses, foreign students, Army civilians and family members are encouraged by post officials to attend the newcomers orientation. A free light breakfast and Starbucks coffee will be served. For free childcare, people can register their children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the newcomers welcome. For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-2887.

Shipwreck Island day trip

MWR Central will host a day trip to Shipwreck Island Water Park in Panama City, Florida, June 17. The cost of this trip is \$49 per person and includes transportation to and from the park, and admission to the park. Guests under 35 inches only pay the transportation fee of \$20. The trip will depart from Bldg. 5700 at 8:30 a.m. and arrive back at about 7 p.m. For more information or to sign up, visit MWR Central or call 255-2997.

Blended Retirement System seminar

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a Blended Retirement System seminar June 20 from 6-7 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 282. The seminar will be a discussion of the significant changes to the current military retirement system, including how retirement pay will be calculated, continuation pay and the Thrift Savings Plan with matching

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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 re-

gional 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.

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‘THE ARMY ADOPTED ME’

Iraqi native proudly serves as U.S. paratrooper

By Sgt. Anthony Hewitt
For Army News Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — In the capital city of Baghdad during the 1980s, a family of six brothers and one sister spent their childhood playing in the streets and parks.

The following decades, however, would bring many changes to their simple life-style.

One of these Iraqi children, Sgt. Ali Alsaedy, has grown up to become a sergeant and a paratrooper assigned to the 307th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. He describes his journey from his time as a young college student in Baghdad to becoming a paratrooper in America’s Guard of Honor.

Alsaedy, the son of an officer reservist in the Iraqi Army Ministry of Defense, says Iraq was an agreeable place to grow up. “We played basketball, walked to school, all the children in the neighborhood were close,” recalled Alsaedy. “There were negatives in politics, but we believed in our father and everything was fine.”

Alsaedy dreamed of frequent traveling. “Everybody’s goal [in high school] was to travel the world, places like the U.K., U.S. and Europe,” said Alsaedy. He kept that dream with him before pursuing a degree in biochemical engineering at the University of Baghdad.

“I was in my second year of college when everything happened- the troops arrived,” said Alsaedy, referring to the arrival of U.S. forces in Iraq in 2003. “It was a year later when it seemed things began to settle down. We all were trying to educate ourselves on the matter because we believed - and still do - that the U.S. forces and allies were there to transform the country and help. We felt there was not going to be any more tyranny system or sects of families taking over the country, doing whatever they felt they wanted ... so we believed in the change and welcomed it.”

After graduating college, Alsaedy tried to find employment, preferably in the engineering field. He said it was extremely difficult to find a job due to the political and cultural nature of the country, when most employers only hired within their ethnic or religious sects.

“I did not know exactly what to do or what I wanted to do, but I did know that I wanted to work for and with the service members,” Alsaedy said, referring to the U.S. forces. “It was not just about money or security, it was about being a part of something important to me.”

Unable to break into the U.S. contractor market, Alsaedy expanded his search to the private sector. In 2005, he found a position in the information technology field as a networking specialist for satellite communications.

“Then one day a man came into the shop and it changed my life forever,” Alsaedy recalled. “He enquired about an internet network to be installed on a military base in Baghdad. I took the job. After the work was complete, they were very satisfied and needed more, so they hired me full-time. My English was very fluent and I became a translator for them, too.”

In the following years, Alsaedy’s experiences and connections made him a well-known and popular name among the ranking U.S. officials in Iraq.

“I saw in the Soldiers what very few of us [natives] see,” said Alsaedy. “They were trustful, pleasant and respectful – they integrated me into their brotherhood.”

“I remember the insurgency propaganda, it stated, ‘The Americans are here to destroy everything ...’,” said Alsaedy. “But they were not, they were building. They built infrastructure for the population and barracks for the Iraqi Army. They supplied resources increasing our livelihood – creating jobs for husbands and fathers.”



PHOTO BY SGT. ANTHONY HEWITT

Sgt. Ali Alsaedy, a paratrooper assigned to the 307th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, poses for a photo in front of his unit’s proud engineer castle at Fort Bragg, N.C., March 3.

At the end of 2007, Alsaedy received some life-changing news. That year, President George W. Bush signed and passed a declaration allowing vetted contractors – who had worked for a minimum of five years for the U.S. government – to be granted a special immigrant visa for them and their families. The visa would allow them to live and work in the United States.

To qualify for the program, however, Alsaedy needed to work three more years as a contractor. The deteriorating security situation in his home country added urgency to his work.

“I slowly started to see things change,” said Alsaedy, following the slow withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. “The protection was decreasing and so was the structure. I knew if I stayed, my family and I were going to die soon.”

In 2010, Alsaedy met the five-year requirement and moved with his family to United States.

They settled in Norfolk, Virginia, surrounded by a new country and culture. A life of war gave way to a life of peace. Alsaedy quickly found new employment at an oil and gas company.

“I did not hurt for money, I did a lot of international travel, but I did not feel grateful,” said Alsaedy. “At this time, I owed the U.S. government nothing. I fulfilled my obligation. But I felt grateful for everything they gave me in Iraq and the United States. I wanted to give them more –for my daughter, for myself and for those brothers that I became a part of overseas.”

He enlisted in the Army as a combat engineer in August 2013, and attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Due to his quick learning abilities and outstanding physical fitness, the Army offered him the opportunity to attend airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia, upon graduation.

“I found out that I was going to be assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division,” said Alsaedy. “I knew it was an honor and a prestigious unit. I remember seeing the ‘Double-A’ patch in Iraq. And to realize that I am now one of those paratroopers, along with my family, I was beyond excited and humbled. However, it truly did not hit me until I came to Fort Bragg and

walked through the division’s museum – that’s when I realized I was a part of something special.”

In 2014, Alsaedy returned to Iraq as a member of A Company, 307th BEB. “My real dream was to return to Iraq,” he said. “I wanted to be an asset to the unit. I had the language, the background, and culture. I knew if I ever went back I would put myself out there to be as valuable as I could for the 307th.”

In early 2015, the 3rd BCT deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. At the time, it was the newest campaign in the fight against the Islamic State. There, paratroopers assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division provided advice and assistance to Iraqi Security Forces.

In a twist of fate, Alsaedy’s unit operated in the same neighborhood in which he spent his childhood.

Alsaedy’s background and capabilities proved to be assets for his battalion commander, all the way up to higher ranking officials in multiple tactical operations centers around the area of the campaign.

Due to his hard work and commitment, Alsaedy received the first battlefield promotion to NCO during the OIR campaign. He was pinned with the rank of sergeant in fall 2015 when the unit returned to Fort

Bragg.

“When I became an NCO, great things began to happen for me and my family,” he said. He attended the Warrior Leader’s Course soon after his promotion, learning the correspondence and technical skills he would need as an NCO.

Alsaedy further challenged himself by attending the Fort Bragg Pre-Ranger Course, a two-week course that evaluates and prepares future candidates for the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning. He was selected for Ranger School and successfully completed the grueling 62-day course.

“I have been busy, that’s for sure,” said Alsaedy. “But I felt the more I accomplish as an NCO and a paratrooper, the more I am giving back to the Army. I am just so grateful.”

“I cannot put into words how I feel,” he continued. “Landing the opportunity during the mid-2000s, to becoming a citizen, a Soldier deployed to my hometown and a Ranger. My wife and child love the installation, the people, and my daughter is receiving a great education from the schools on Fort Bragg. The Army adopted me and I am forever in debt to the most professional and perfect organization – the 82nd Airborne.”

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HONORING SACRIFICE

82nd Airborne commemorates 73rd anniversary of D-Day in France

By Spc. Kelsey M. Little
For Army News Service

SAINTE-MERE- EGLISE, France — “There are moments in a nation’s history when its future course is decided by a chosen few who walked bravely into the valley of the shadow of death,” said Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (NATO) and commander of U.S. European Command, speaking at a D-Day memorial celebration Sunday. “In such moments, young men and women pledge their lives so that their nation can live.”

This year marks the 73rd anniversary of the infamous D-Day landings, which took place on June 6, 1944. U.S. Army paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 82nd Airborne Division, gathered with Scaparrotti and foreign military, local French nationals, family and friends to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Iron Mike Memorial site in remembrance of the sacrifices made on that fateful June day.

The statue’s moniker, Iron Mike, evokes the brave and resilient reputation of the American paratroopers and infantrymen who lost their lives in this area of France during the D-Day operation.

The memorial site is located in St. Mere Eglise, near the La Fiere Bridge, where an intense battle took place June 6-9, 1944. Approximately 254 allied Soldiers died and 525 were wounded during this particular combat incident as part of the larger liberation of Normandy.

“The Battle of La Fiere was the most significant operation of the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II,” Scaparrotti said. “It was also the costliest small-unit action in the history of the U.S. Army.”

This 500-yard stretch of causeway transformed a unit, defined its character and inspired an Army, Scaparrotti declared.

The small bridge over the Merderet River served as a strategic point for the Americans to expand their beachhead in Normandy. The Germans, however, wanted to gain control of the bridge in



PHOTOS BY SPC. JOSEPH AGACINSKI

Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division salute to the playing of ‘Taps’ during the 73rd D-Day ceremony in Picaucville, France, Sunday.

order to break up the Allied landing at Utah Beach. Even though the Americans were lightly armed, the Germans were never able to take the bridge.

“Several hundred airborne warriors seized a causeway that helped free a continent and end a war,” said Scaparrotti.

The National Commander of the American Legion, Charles Schmidt, noted that each of the attendees and participants who gathered at the memorial stood in the same place as those who fought and died for the liberation of Normandy during World War II.

“Our promise is that no matter how many years pass the world will never forget their sacrifices,” Schmidt said. “We, as a nation, are committed to this memory.”



Sgt. Jonathan Bosarge performs ‘Taps’ during the ceremony.

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Army chief of staff discusses impact of technology at Military Invention Day

By Devon L. Suits
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Not everyone realizes that many components of today’s smartphones originated as defense technology, said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, during the Smithsonian’s 2017 Military Invention Day May 20.

Inventors, scientists and engineers representing the Army and other services had the opportunity to demonstrate their cutting-edge technology at the National Museum of American History. Additionally, subject-matter experts were able to explain their design motivation, invention process, and challenges they face in producing first-rate equipment for the armed forces.

This year, Military Invention Day coincided with Armed Forces Day, and Milley reminded visitors to take a moment to greet the service members in attendance and remember those deployed around the world.

INVENTION vs. INNOVATION

“The theme for today is invention and how it is linked to the military,” Milley said. “But I want to distinguish between technological inventions and innovation.”

Innovation, he said, refers to the “doctrine, organization, leadership and training that goes into making the technology applicable to everyday life or military operations.”

“Invention,” however, refers to the creation process behind technology.

While the U.S. government was behind contributed to the creation of many of the components that found their way into the iPhone and other similar smartphones, Apple and other technology companies have been responsible for the innovation process which “illustrates the symbiosis between the government and the civil society,” Milley said.

For example, today’s smartphones use a liquid crystal display



PHOTO BY SGT. JAMILL FORD

Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley receives a short explanation about dismounted Soldier power and the energy-harvesting technology currently in development at Military Invention Day held at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History May 20.

technology that was originally developed by the DOD, and the signal compression technology used by many phones originated within Army research labs. Technologies like micro hard drives, RAM cache, and SIRI also got their start at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, he said.

“We know for the past decades that the military has been the origin for technologies ranging from GPS, to medicines, to the internet,” said Arthur Daemmrich, director of the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. Those technologies now “shape our daily lives.”

TECHNOLOGY MASS PRODUCTION

In the 1820s, the Army made a request for more uniform gun parts so that Soldiers could easily swap out broken pieces, Daemmrich said. At the time, if a Soldier broke his weapon, a highly-skilled

machinist would need to craft that particular replacement part.

“That led to the invention and production of some high-performance lathes,” Daemmrich said. “In turn, it eventually would lead to a unique American contribution to the industrial revolution. Machining of precision parts would lay the stage for mass production, not just of guns, but of bicycles, sewing machines and thousands of other consumer products, and turn the United States from an agrarian nation into an advanced industrialized one.”

The creative technological growth continued in the following decades, as “the Army’s call for new inventions put out to the general public [during World War I] led to a more systemized research and development program. It quickly responded with some remarkable technologies. Ultimately, WWI would introduce some major changes in warfighter tactics and in the technologies,”

Daemmrich said.

Additionally, the advent of Aviation contributed a third dimension of warfighting to augment ground and sea forces. Air power capabilities provided the armed forces with the ability to fight over long distances that were previously unimaginable.

In World War II, memorable technological advances led to the creation and deployment of the atomic bomb, as well as to the invention of the first mine detector, Daemmrich added.

THE EVOLVING CHARACTER OF WARFARE

As technology continues to evolve, it will change the character of warfare, Milley said. The Army must understand coming changes and adapt its organizational operating structure based on future technology deployment on the battlefield and throughout the world.

Milley pointed out that one

of the best examples of a fundamental change in war technology happened between World War I and World War II when the world shifted from human- and animal-powered technologies to wheeled and tracked vehicles, airplanes, and radio communications technology.

The Germans’ ability to innovate technology and apply a martial doctrine that combined infantry, armor and artillery led to Blitzkrieg, Milley added. It provided them the operational and tactical advantage during the first half World War II, as they overran Europe from 1939 to 1942.

“Today, we are in the middle of another change in the character of warfare,” he continued. “The result to which we don’t know yet, but at some future point in time, there is a very good possibility that whoever [brings] together these technologies, these ideas, in the most innovative way will prevail and their nation will be secure.”

“I am looking toward to the future and the security of this nation,” Milley said. “We will need to continue to invent and innovate in order to secure the nation that has given us the liberties we have today.”

Military organizations that participated in Invention Day at the Smithsonian included:

- The Army Medical Research and Material Command;
- Army Natick Soldiers Research Development and Engineering Center;
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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, stand-up paddleboard demonstration, hands-on sailing techniques, Jet-Pack Fly Board Guy demonstration and food vendors.

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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.

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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 – Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3073 Wiregrass Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters at 1426 Taylor Road every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. There is a fish fry every Friday night from 5-7 p.m., then karaoke beginning at 6 p.m. Breakfast is served Sundays from 8-11a.m. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells.

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ONGOING – The Weevil City Cruisers Car Club

hosts its monthly Cruise IN downtown in front of Milky Moo’s the first Saturday of every month at 4:30 p.m. For more information on the club, send an email to weevilcitycruisers@gmail.com, visit www.facebook.com/Weevilcitycruisers, or call 334-347-8680 or 334-477-6806.

ONGOING – Reformers Unanimous, a national Christ-centered addictions program headquartered in Rockford, Illinois, is starting a chapter in Enterprise. Faith Baptist Church, 4481 Rucker Boulevard, will host the program Fridays from 7-9 p.m. The program is open to all adults who struggle with an addiction. For more information, call 790-2058.

ONGOING – Mondays through Thursdays each month, Aqua Zumba and EPRD water aerobics will be held by instructor Natalie Showers from 7-8 p.m. Price is \$5 per class and registration is not required. For more information, call 348-2684.

GENEVA

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

MIDLAND CITY

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

NEW BROCKTON

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

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

OZARK

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.

PINCKARD

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

SAMSON

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

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

TROY

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

WIREGRASS AREA

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

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.

Beyond Briefs

NASA in the Park

The fourth annual NASA in the Park event will be held June 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Big Spring Park East in downtown Huntsville. Admission is free. NASA and Marshal Space Flight Center representatives will show the public what they have been working on, as well as conduct experiments for people to watch.

For more information, visit <http://www.downtownhuntsville.org/featured-events/>.

Helen Keller Festival

The 39th annual Helen Keller Festival will be held June 22-25 in Tusculumbia. The event will kick off with a parade down Main Street and will also include musical artists, arts and crafts vendors, athletic events, and a car and truck show. Other events will include Keller Kids educational activities, historic tours and trolley rides.

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

USS ALABAMA living history

History will come alive aboard the USS Alabama when the ship’s living history crew reports for duty June 24-25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Mobile. The historical re-enactors will portray life aboard the ship during WWII. They will wear

some of the ship’s original gear, conduct drills and even swab the deck. They will re-enact call to battle stations and simulate fighting enemy airplanes during the YAK attack using the restored 20mm and 40mm guns mounted on the deck. The Deep South Amateur Radio Club will also broadcast live from the ship during drill weekends. Admission is free for children 5 and younger, \$6 for children ages 6-11 and \$15 for ages 12 to adult.

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

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/>.

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/>.

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://slocombtomatofestival.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.

Blue Angels Practice

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

Open bleacher seating is available for 1,000 people. Chair service is provided at each practice session—chairs are available for a fee of \$3 per chair good for that day’s practice session. Concessions and merchandise are also available, and there is a 100-percent ID check for all visitors 16 years old and over to access the museum flight line. Backpacks, day-packs, luggage and similar items are not allowed on the flight line. Small purses, bags containing medications, and diaper bags are allowed, but are subject to search by Naval Air Station Pensacola Security personnel.

Cancellations due to weather or maintenance are made at the team’s discretion and may not be made until the morning of the practice.

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

JUNGLE WARFARE

U.S. Soldiers enhance readiness through Ghana-led school

By Staff Sgt. Shejal Pulivarti
For Army News Service

ACCRA, Ghana – Caked in mud, dripping with sweat and carrying minimal survival tools, Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment moved through the humid and thick brush of the Achiasse Jungle during the Jungle Warfare School in Akim Oda May 20-29.

The Soldiers were a component of U.S. Army Africa regionally aligned forces who participated in the training conducted by the Ghana Armed Forces. This is the first time that an African country taught the USARAF’s regionally aligned forces.

“In 1976, our forefathers and the military high command also thought it wise to also establish a school to train the personnel of the Ghana Armed Forces in jungle warfare, so that in case the situation arise where we have to apply ourselves in jungle warfare, we will be able to do so,” said GAF Maj. Jacob Codjoe, the school’s course commander. “So that is how the school came to be established to be able to train people.”

More than 55 U.S. Soldiers participated in the challenge survive in the harsh Ghanaian jungle during the 10-day course. The GAF instructors equipped the students with practical knowledge specific to the local terrain and environment.

“How to adapt themselves to jungle training is very difficult for them because their type of jungle in the U.S. is very different from the type of jungle that we have,” Codjoe said. “We have taught patrolling, which is a key to jungle training ... (we) also taught them how to fight insurgents in the jungle terrain, how to combat guerillas in jungle terrain, raid operations and attack on enemy camp operations.”

The Soldiers, performing the various squad and platoon level tactics, quickly realized the difficulty in navigating the jungle and adjusting to the climate.

“We’ve always been prepared for Iraq and Afghanistan and desert environments, and even the mountainous environments, so this is like nothing we’ve dealt with before,” said 2nd Lt. Hugh Smith, the platoon leader for D Company. “The terrain and the thickness and how kind of unforgiving the jungle can be – they have to change and tweak things and make it a little different from what we do. There is no way we could prepare for the terrain, there is no way we could prepare for the humidity, but we can be as physically ready as possible.”

According to GAF Sgt. Michael Agyemang, the JWS NCO in charge, the American Soldiers were determined to soak up knowledge from the expert jungle instructors.

“It’s been a fast learning experience between myself and the students – they are just fast. Anything you tell them, they just grab it at once,” he said.

Instructors pointed to a sign at the school stating “The Jungle is Neutral,” to explain that the jungle takes no sides – everyone within it is treated the same way. The American Soldiers learned tools to effectively navigate and make the jungle cooperate with them rather than against them, thereby increasing their readiness potential.

Smith said of the course, “I think it’s definitely enhanced the readiness. I think coming to a different environment a different terrain that we’ve never really dealt with before and learning the tactics, learning how to move, learning how to navigate through the jungle has very much helped us in our readiness.”

Soldiers faced multiple obstacles that



PHOTO BY SGT. BRIAN CHANEY

Spc. Jake Burley, 1-506th Inf. Regt., 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Division, maneuvers through a river during United Accord 2017 at the Jungle Warfare School on Achiasse military base, Akim Oda, Ghana, May 26.

challenged their alertness, such as navigating the dense, visibility-limiting vegetation and uneven ground, traversing waist-deep ponds, crossing unstable improvised bridges and watching for hidden dangerous wildlife.

“The instructors here at Jungle Warfare School take their job very, very seriously. They treat everything we do as if it’s life or death because when you are in the jungle environment it really is,” said Spc. Bryan Young, an infantryman assigned to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

“You constantly have to be very vigilant,” he said. “You have to look out for your surroundings – you have to be situationally aware. Otherwise, the jungle environment will eat you up.”

The fast-paced, physically and mentally demanding course accelerated the bond between the students and instructors.

“This training has been extremely important to partnership operations, allowing us to share out doctrine and tactics with the Ghanaian Armed Forces, as well as allow us to learn their tactics and doctrine, enhancing our ability to operate in the future, if necessary, as a cohesive group,” said Capt. Matthew Cavanaugh, the D Co. commander.

“We know what to expect if we were to come to this country again and built those relationships,” he said, “allowing for more effective interoperability in the future.”

Sleep deprived, covered in ant bites and physically exhausted, the group relied on each other to boost effectiveness during the grueling course. The instructors motivated the students through chants and the students rallied to finish the course.

“I have enjoyed working with them because of the teamwork,” Codjoe said. “I’ve realized that even when they are not able to move, they encourage each other to be able to move through. Just like we witnessed today, they were able to sustain themselves, which was very good for them. So, their teamwork has been very great.”

The opportunity to participate in the training created lasting memories, according to Young.

“I will absolutely remember being at Jungle Warfare School for the rest of my life,” he said.



PHOTO BY SPC. VICTOR PEREZ VARGAS

Ghanaian armed forces Cpl. Kingsley Anyeala explains rope climbing techniques to Spc. Jake Burley, 1-506th Inf. Regt.



Lyster Army Health Clinic

will close at

11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 23

Pharmacy and Lab will also close at this time.

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June, the 21st**

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HONORING SACRIFICE

Survivors and Fallen Heroes 5K helps keep memories alive

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Hundreds of Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians came together to take part in a run to pay tribute to those who died while serving their nation, and to honor the families left behind.

The Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the 2017 Survivors and Fallen Heroes 5k run in front of the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center Saturday to help keep those who sacrificed in service in the hearts and minds of those who enjoy the freedoms they fought for.

“Today is an opportunity for us to come together as a community, as a whole, as we represent over 400 fallen service members in the Alabama and northwest Florida areas,” said Cheareice Thomas, Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services coordinator.

“We have so many Gold Star Family members who are in the local community, but also all across the state and northwest Florida. They live with the sacrifice every single day,” added Beth Gunter, SOS financial counselor. “For people to understand that these families are here in our community and recognize the sacrifice that they’ve given for



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Runners clad with gold stars representing fallen service members make their way through the course during the Survivors and Fallen Heroes 5k run Saturday at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center.

us is very, very important. We just want to honor them and keep their service member’s memory alive.”

During the 5k run, runners were invited to wear gold stars with the names of the service members they wished to honor. For Rachel Wagner, Gold Star Family member, she wasn’t running for just

one Soldier, but many.

Wagner was running for her first husband, CW2 David Averez, who was killed in an accident in Italy in 2007. She also ran with the names Capt. Christian Skoglund and Capt. Cartize Durham, who were also killed in the accident, and a family friend, Sgt. Phil Svitak.

“I think this is just a way to remember the sacrifice that they made and that freedom is not free,” she said. “It’s very touching to me that people are out here running in honor of those Soldiers who have died.”

For Jessica Holmes, civilian, who has never experienced the loss of an immediate family

member, she felt it was her duty to come out and support those who had.

“I run a lot as just a hobby, but I figured this is a good way to run for a cause,” she said. “To be able to run in honor of so many who have given their lives for this country and our freedom is as good a cause as any. It’s a privilege for me to be able to do so in their honor and to support the family members who have also sacrificed in their loss.”

Building that type of awareness and community outreach is exactly what Thomas said is the purpose of the run – to help people understand the sacrifices the families have made, as well.

“When people see these Gold Star lapel pins on family members in the area, ask about it and tell others about it – we can’t stress that enough,” she said. “We want more and more [Gold Star Family members] to be able to come out and know that we’re supporting them.”

“The Gold Star Family members want to talk about their service members,” she added. “If you see that Gold Star pin, ask about their service member and ask about the sacrifice that they’ve given. It can give them significance and shows that their loved ones matter.”



CDC GRAPHIC

RISK REDUCTION

Fun in the sun includes protecting skin

By Jenny Stripling
Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs

With the arrival of the warmer summer months, it’s time for people to start thinking about how to protect themselves from the sun.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, this year alone, more than 160,000 Americans are expected to be diagnosed with melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

The good news is most instances of skin cancer are preventable.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States with more than 3.5 million cases diagnosed annually. Ninety percent of all skin cancer diagnoses are associated with sun exposure. If you think your risk for developing skin cancer is low, the fact that one in five Americans is diagnosed in their lifetime may prompt you to better care for your own skin and that of your family.

“Sun safety is important for everyone. Anyone is at risk for skin cancer,” said Rich Gabehart, Lyster Army Health Clinic safety manager. “By simply taking a few precautions, it is easy to enjoy the great outdoors this summer while also protecting yourself from risks associated with sun exposure.”

Precautions people can take include the following.

- Wear clothing that covers skin – to include wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses that advertise ultra-violet radiation protection.
- Wear protective clothing that contains a UV Protection Factor of 30 or greater.
- Spend periodic time under a UPF umbrella.
- Take advantage of shaded areas when possible, particularly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is the most intense.

Use plenty of sunscreen:

- Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen (UVA/UVB);.
- Choose a water-resistant sunscreen;
- Select a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor 30 or higher – SPF 30 provides protection from 97 percent of UVB rays;

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DOD vaccine research saves military, civilian lives

By Rick Docksai
Defense Media Activity

SILVER SPRING, Md. – Americans rely on the U.S. military to keep them safe from human actors who would do them harm.

What Americans might not know is that some service members work around the clock to protect them from microscopic bad guys – deadly viruses and bacteria.

Personnel at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, a Defense Department biomedical facility in Silver Spring, Md., are researching and developing vaccines that can save military and civilian lives.

DISEASE PREVENTION

The military has a personal interest in disease prevention. U.S. service members deploy to areas rife with malaria, Zika and other dangerous pathogens. Troop infections happen, and when they do they require costly, time-consuming medical leave and hospitalizations. Effective new vaccines can consequently be the key to healthier troops and better-operating units.

Civilians receive these treatments, too. Both Glaxo-Smith-Kline and Sanaria are close to rolling out new vaccines for malaria, a disease responsible for 300,000 deaths worldwide every year.

WRAIR is a research partner for both companies, and has been a proven research partner in the development of every existing malaria medication on the market today, according to Kayvon Modjarrad, WRAIR’s director for emerging infectious diseases.

“Every single licensed therapy for malaria has somehow made its way through Walter Reed Army Institute of Research at some point in its development: it was tested, validated and developed within our institution,” Modjarrad said.

IMPORTANT VACCINES

WRAIR developed the first effective licensed vaccine against meningitis in the 1970s. And in recent years, WRAIR has tested several vaccines against Ebola, according to Modjarrad. One of these vaccines was used in communities in Guinea during the West African Ebola outbreak of 2014, with highly positive results.



PHOTO BY RICK DOCKSAI

Col. Paul Keiser, director of Walter Reed Army Institute of Research’s Viral Diseases Branch, holds one of the insectary’s mosquito habitats at WRAIR in Silver Spring, Md., May 31. Around 250 adult mosquitoes live in each bucket.

“It did save lives,” Modjarrad confirmed. “Wherever we tested it, those people did not get Ebola.”

Modjarrad is co-leading a WRAIR program to develop a Zika vaccine. The program has made rapid progress, moving from an initial experimental vaccine in early 2016 to a preliminary human trial last November that is still screening new volunteers. Modjarrad attributed the fast turnaround time to earlier work WRAIR researchers had done on vaccines for dengue and Japanese encephalitis, which are in the same family of viruses as Zika.

“We were able to use the knowledge we had gained from that platform and make a Zika vaccine with the same methods and the same general platform,” Modjarrad said.

MILITARY-CIVILIAN PARTNERSHIP

WRAIR is also finishing trials of a vaccine for Middle East respiratory syndrome and is planning another malaria vaccine trial that will start in the fall of this year. The institute is also partnering with Themis-GmbH, an Austrian-based biotech company, to test a vaccine for chikungunya, a mosquito-borne disease that has appeared in countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Indian and Pacific oceans, and islands in the Caribbean. Although rarely fatal, it can leave infected persons with long-lasting joint pain. And its vast geographic spread has caused military leaders significant concern for their troops.

“When you take a whole bunch of personnel and put them in an area where there’s ongoing chikungunya transmission, a lot of them will get sick at the same time. And then you can’t carry out your missions, because too many of your Soldiers are having joint pain,” said Paul Keiser, director of WRAIR’s viral diseases branch. “Not only do you have short-term mission compromise, but you have long-term disability.”

Themis-GmbH CEO Erich Tauber praised WRAIR’s expertise at vaccine testing, which he said greatly accelerated the chikungunya research. Tauber forecasts that the vaccine could be ready in less than five years, thanks to WRAIR.

“The test that we used was very well established at WRAIR, and they have done this testing for us with exceptional expertise. WRAIR’s involvement has greatly helped us to advance the project,” Tauber said.

PaxVax, a U.S.-based pharmaceutical company, is working on its own chikungunya vaccine but will work with WRAIR to carry out its next human clinical trial, according to John Smith, chief scientific officer at PaxVax. Smith credited WRAIR with providing “significant funding to further this vaccine effort.”

NETWORKS OF SUPPORT

WRAIR is DOD’s largest disease-research center. But the institute doesn’t work alone. Fort Detrick hosts

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DOWN TIME



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pennsylvania resort mountains
 - 8 Puts glittery metal strips on
 - 15 Hollywood's Hawke
 - 20 Small cousin of the flute
 - 21 Patronizes, as a store
 - 22 Bit of poetry
 - 23 Baseballer's paranormal power?
 - 25 Brown ink
 - 26 Yalies
 - 27 Island group near Fiji
 - 28 Gillette brand
 - 30 Phone no.
 - 31 Posed
 - 32 Baseballer doing roadwork?
 - 37 Drops seen at dawn
 - 38 Be litigious
 - 39 Citadel of a North African city
 - 40 Baseballer with film and TV roles?
 - 47 Bygone ruler
 - 49 Be obligated
 - 50 Dog sounds
 - 51 Catch on film
 - 52 "Amazing!"
 - 53 Namia lion
- DOWN**
- 55 "Green-eyed monster"
 - 56 Yearly period when a baseballer is gleeful?
 - 60 Strip off
 - 61 Barn bag bit
 - 62 Bow's shape
 - 63 Soup legume
 - 64 Neophyte
 - 65 Baseballer working as a highway patrol cop?
 - 70 No-hitter king
 - 74 Serengeti grazer
 - 76 Prefix for "the same"
 - 77 Always, to Keats
 - 78 Paltry
 - 79 What a baseballer plays in a band?
 - 86 Nastase near a net
 - 87 See 57-Down
 - 88 Trailways transport
 - 89 No-frills river vessel
 - 90 Sought morays
 - 91 — laude
 - 92 Pet food brand
 - 94 Two things at a baseballers' snack bar?
 - 97 Kind of earring or tie
 - 99 College coach
 - 100 FBI title: Abbr.
 - 101 Baseballer's hamper contents?
 - 108 Bit of lifting lingerie
 - 111 Up to, in ads
 - 112 "Why am — surprised?"
 - 113 Huxtable family mom
 - 114 Foot 115-Acrosses
 - 115 Thumb, e.g.
 - 117 Baseballer's time to shine?
 - 121 In the bag
 - 122 Was uncaged
 - 123 "— Pie" (Oscar-winning short)
 - 124 Nash of verse
 - 125 Ursula of "Dr. No"
 - 126 Absorption processes
- BASEBALL BATTY**
- 2 City in Florida
 - 3 "Hush!"
 - 4 Table scraps
 - 5 Naught
 - 6 Not anybody else's
 - 7 Fallen angel
 - 8 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
 - 9 Start of a rumor report
 - 10 Pre-Q queue
 - 11 Health club
 - 12 Grand home
 - 13 Actress
 - 14 Lead-in to foam
 - 15 Hectic hosp. locales
 - 16 Letters after etas
 - 17 Certain curve in math
 - 18 From pretty far off
 - 19 Pro-school org.
 - 24 Typesetting widths
 - 29 Crooner Paul
 - 32 Middle marks
 - 33 Not waste
 - 34 Snarling dog
 - 35 Wine server
 - 36 "— a good time for you?"
 - 37 Make no sense
 - 40 Cleaned with a broom
 - 41 Brooklyn's — Island
 - 42 Nomad
 - 43 Be fuming
 - 44 Give — (heed)
 - 45 Follower of Mar.
 - 46 "Oy —!"
 - 47 Wee kid
 - 48 "Hush!"
 - 52 Previously
 - 54 Most unctuous
 - 56 Iraqi city on the Tigris
 - 57 With 87-Across, soon-to-be-inducted city official
 - 58 Round body
 - 59 Dizzying designs
 - 66 Smooch
 - 67 Winter hrs. in D.C.
 - 68 Hull hazards
 - 69 — car (Hertz service)
 - 71 Mello — (soda brand)
 - 72 Neighbor of Pisces
 - 73 "I — drink!"
 - 75 Republic
 - 79 Pilgrimage destination
 - 80 Wailing in grief
 - 81 Stiff, but not inflexible
 - 82 Aptiva maker
 - 83 Letters after mus
 - 84 Mystifying
 - 85 Google Earth image
 - 90 Skittish
 - 93 Me, myself —
 - 94 Utter loudly
 - 95 Linden of TV
 - 96 Loses width
 - 98 Cops
 - 99 Wait upon
 - 102 Prefix with mural or net
 - 103 Realm in "The Lord of the Rings"
 - 104 Summits
 - 105 "— Gold" (1997 film)
 - 106 Delhi bread
 - 107 "The same"
 - 108 Boxing matches
 - 109 Knot anew
 - 110 Fire residue
 - 114 Palm smartphone replaced by the Pre
 - 115 Scooby- —
 - 116 KO count
 - 118 Producer: Abbr.
 - 119 Metal deposit
 - 120 Opposite of masc.

TRIVIA

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: Who was the first female prime minister of India?
- GEOGRAPHY: Mainland Australia is divided into how many states and territories?
- ENTERTAINERS: What actress was born with the name Demetria Guynes?
- MUSIC: What band was singer Peter Gabriel lead singer of before he went solo?
- AWARDS: Which organization won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1944?
- PROVERBS: What is the ending of this famous proverb: "There is nothing new ...?"
- U.S. CITIES: What U.S. city is often called Little Cuba?
- ANATOMY: What are the names of the arteries on either side of the human neck that supply blood to the brain?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the 1962 book "Silent Spring," which revealed the dangers of pesticide use?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president's administration was involved in The Teapot Dome bribery scandal?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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KID'S CORNER

Riddle Card

1. Why did the fly fly?
2. Why is my cup of tea stronger than yours?
3. Why is the letter "E" like London?
4. If a chicken could talk, what kind of language would it speak?
5. Why is a loaf of bread four weeks old like a mouse running into a hole?

Answers: 1. Because the spider spider her. 2. Because it is stale (tail). 3. Because it is the capital of England. 4. Because it is the capital of England. 5. Because it is the capital of England.

IT'S ALPHABET SOUP TIME!

To solve this problem you must replace the letters in our AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition expression. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.

Our answer: C=6, H=5, E=8, F=3, O=2, M=9, A=0, L=7, (6583 + 2224 + 9807)

DON'T WORK OVERTIME SOLVING THIS ONE!

Picture below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

1. Found out about.
2. Keen interest, greedy.
3. Heard in church.
4. To listen to.

Answers: 1. Out-toon, 2. And-dive, 3. Amen-name, 4. Hear-there.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T GET ANTSY TRYING TO SOLVE THIS ONE!

You'll find all kinds of ants in the dictionary. We have 14 words in mind that end with "ant." The "elephant" in our picture should give you an idea of what to look for. Try to find them using the following hints.

- What ant helps to put out fires?
- What ant is found in car engines?
- What ant reminds you of puff pastries?
- What ant smells nice?
- What ant pours wine?
- What ant buys and sells?
- What ant is worn on a chain?
- What ant makes the air dirty?
- What ant provides all kinds of food?
- What ant is dull and never goes anywhere?
- What ant hates school?
- What ant is good with numbers?
- What ant never changes?

Answers: 1. Fire-ant, 2. Engine-ant, 3. Pastry-ant, 4. Perfume-ant, 5. Wine-ant, 6. Ant-ant, 7. Chain-ant, 8. Dirty-ant, 9. Food-ant, 10. Dull-ant, 11. School-ant, 12. Numbers-ant, 13. Never-ant, 14. Change-ant.

Wishing Well

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Boy is missing, 2. Boy is missing, 3. Boy is missing, 4. Boy is missing, 5. Boy is missing, 6. Boy is missing, 7. Boy is missing, 8. Boy is missing, 9. Boy is missing, 10. Boy is missing, 11. Boy is missing, 12. Boy is missing, 13. Boy is missing, 14. Boy is missing, 15. Boy is missing, 16. Boy is missing, 17. Boy is missing, 18. Boy is missing, 19. Boy is missing, 20. Boy is missing, 21. Boy is missing, 22. Boy is missing, 23. Boy is missing, 24. Boy is missing, 25. Boy is missing, 26. Boy is missing, 27. Boy is missing, 28. Boy is missing, 29. Boy is missing, 30. Boy is missing, 31. Boy is missing, 32. Boy is missing, 33. Boy is missing, 34. Boy is missing, 35. Boy is missing, 36. Boy is missing, 37. Boy is missing, 38. Boy is missing, 39. Boy is missing, 40. Boy is missing, 41. Boy is missing, 42. Boy is missing, 43. Boy is missing, 44. Boy is missing, 45. Boy is missing, 46. Boy is missing, 47. Boy is missing, 48. Boy is missing, 49. Boy is missing, 50. 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All-Army boxing coach teaches deployed Soldiers

By Pvt. Nicholas Vidro
For Army News Service

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania — A glowing set of gloves flash about each other as two men circle warily. Using a succession of rapid jabs and calculated hooks, their feet dance in a concrete ring against the backdrop of the Romanian sunset. Their earnest focus is directed at one another, but the voice guiding them isn't their own. They're working off the lessons of Sgt. 1st Class Joel Vallete, their mentor.

Vallete is the signal section chief for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. After the duty day is through, he spends his free time training fellow Soldiers in the art of boxing.

"I love being able to teach Soldiers about something I love. I'm really just here to spread knowledge about something that not everyone gets to do," he said.



PHOTO BY PVT. NICHOLAS VIDRO

Sgt. 1st Class Joel Vallete, signal section chief of Headquarters Company, 1-8th Inf. Regt., 3rd ABCT, 4th Inf. Div., conducts boxing mitt drills with one of his trainees May 11 at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.

Hailing from Stockton, California, Vallete joined the Army at 27 and found boxing soon after. He was introduced to it during a boxing smoker, which is a non-professional bout, in the early years of his military career.

"I was deployed and it all started with a boxing smoker. I did that at the age of 32, so I started real late in

my life," he recalled.

Although he took to training with a natural spark, his duties came first, leaving him with little time for competition. Luckily, he was able to give himself to his passion in another way. He began coaching in 2013. Giving his free time while on deployment to teach others about boxing allows him to spread some

of the important life lessons the sport can teach.

"Boxing taught me a lot of discipline and a lot about myself as far as my physical capabilities, as well as my resilience. That's something I can apply in the ring and in life," he said.

This eventually gave Vallete the opportunity to be hand-selected for a coaching position on the All-Army Boxing Team, an opportunity he accepted in a heartbeat. As a coach on that team, he went on to train with the boxers who would dominate the national competition, walking away with five victories as a squad.

Boxing wasn't only a part-time passion for the NCO. He was able to find ways to inject his boxing philosophy into his everyday life, and using that to help train his Soldiers in the field and also offering them personal advice.

"I know if you do take a hard hit you have to get back up and finish out the round. You have to finish what you started," he said.

This style of teaching has resonated deeply with his Soldiers and gained him admiration from all parts of his unit. 1st Sgt. Ernest Ramirez, company first sergeant, spoke highly of Vallete's effect on other Soldiers.

"Some of my Soldiers have been training with him and they come back and tell me [Vallete] gave us a good one today, first sergeant." Overall, it's a positive thing he's doing here. He even trains my son back home, so his work means a great deal to me," he said.

It's no secret that the Soldiers trained by Vallete are grateful for his guidance. Even though they work hard, smiles are always shared in the ring. Vallete trains students for a variety of reasons, ranging from wanting to compete to just staying in shape. As long as they have a goal in mind he'll work with them. He's even taken on new students on his current deployment to Romania. It helps him spread his love for boxing and it shows in all of his trainees.

Reduction

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- Apply it to the entire body – before you put on a bathing suit to ensure full coverage – 30 minutes before sun exposure;
- Re-apply every two hours or immediately after swimming, toweling off or excessive sweating; and
- Sunscreen is recommended for use on infants who are 6 months or older.

Vaccine

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the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity, which also researches new pharmaceuticals and is aiding WRAIR and PaxVax's vaccine-development efforts.

"It takes all of these activities working in concert to efficiently develop new vaccines," Smith explained. "PaxVax very much appreciates the expertise that has been made available from each of these activities, and has a high level of confidence

that effective vaccines will result from the close interaction that has been possible in this partnership."

Developing vaccines is expensive, and private-sector pharmaceutical companies are not always in a position to pursue them on their own. Private investment can be hampered, Keiser noted, because a vaccine a patient takes only once typically has a lower profit margin than that of a maintenance drug that a patient takes repeatedly.

WRAIR mitigates this problem, he added,

Proper and routine sunscreen use helps prevent sunburn, reduce skin cancer risk and helps prevent early signs of skin aging.

In addition to sun exposure protection, the American Cancer Society and the Skin Cancer Foundation recommend avoiding UV tanning booths, examining your skin once a month and seeing a physician once per year for a professional skin evaluation.

During the monthly self-examination, you should

look for spots or sores that itch, hurt, scab or bleed; an open sore that does not heal within two weeks; and a skin growth, mole, brown spot or beauty mark that changes in color or texture, increases in size or thickness, is asymmetrical or irregular in border, is larger than 6 millimeters (size of a pencil eraser), or appears after age 21.

Reducing your risk of skin cancer should become a matter of habit, part of the daily routine.

FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

Fort Rucker Hunting Incentive Program

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation offers a hunting incentive program to help control the coyote and feral pig population on post. The program is targeted to controlling these invasive species. The hunting runs through Aug. 31. The first five registered hunters who kill five coyotes or 20 hogs and turn them in will be given a doe tag for deer season. In order to get credit for the kill and have it count towards the incentive, hunters must be signed into Hunt-Trac, so their location is known and can be verified. Hunters will be allowed to email pictures in after hours to

outdoor recreation with the hunter and the harvest killed in front of one of the weigh stations. Hunters on post are required to have an Alabama State Hunting Permit, a post hunting permit and must have completed the hunters' education course. Hunting on Fort Rucker is open to the public.

For additional information on how to participate, including the email addresses for emailing the photos, call 255-4305.

Deep sea fishing private charter

MWR Central is giving people the chance to

kick off red snapper season on its private charter deep sea fishing trip June 24.

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. Organizers recommend 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.

Independence Day Golf Tournament

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Independence Day Golf Tournament July 4. The format is four-person team scramble. Registration, a continental breakfast and range open at 7 a.m. Announcements will be at 7:45 a.m. and there will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$45 for non-members and \$35 for members. Entry fee includes tournament course fees, range balls, tee gifts, tournament meals and prizes. The tourney is open to the Public.

For more information, call 255-0089.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

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6	2	3	9	4	7	8	1	5
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Answers

1. Indira Gandhi
2. Six states and two territories
3. Demi Moore
4. Genesis
5. The Red Cross
6. ... under the sun.
7. Miami
8. Carotid
9. Rachel Carson
10. Warren Harding

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