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## HONORING NATION'S FALLEN

### Post embraces Gold Star families

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance to honor Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation, but it's also a day to remember the family members who also sacrificed.

Survivor Outreach Services hosted a Gold Star Family reception for Gold Star Family members and survivors at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum following the Memorial Day ceremony Friday as a way to honor the family members of fallen service members, as well as provide support, according to Charice Thomas, SOS support coordinator.

"This is just an opportunity for us to get together with our Gold Star and survivor families to show our support of them and our care for them," she said. "It's also an opportunity for them to get together and connect with each other, as well, on a day of remembrance.

"It's extremely important that they know that we are here for them for as long as they need, especially today on a day that is so difficult for so many families – we're here to embrace them," she continued. "Throughout the year, our office is there, but on days like this it's just extra special that we can all come

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Kristy Stanley, Gold Star Family member, and her daughter, Destry, speak with Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and his wife, Michele, during the Survivor Outreach Services Gold Star Family reception at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.



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Maj. Gen. Gen William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, CW5 Joseph B. Roland, chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory M. Chambers, command sergeant major of the Aviation Branch, lay a wreath to honor fallen Soldiers during a Memorial Day ceremony Friday.

### Ceremony honors duty, sacrifice, family

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Since the Revolutionary War, nearly 1.2 million service members have given their lives in service to the nation, and Fort Rucker honored those sacrifices during its Memorial Day ceremony Friday.

Held at Veterans Park, people came together at the ceremony to honor not only the Soldiers who paid the ultimate price in service, but also the families of those service members.

"When individuals set themselves apart to serve their country, when they rally behind a set of values and a most noble cause, when they are willing to sacrifice, they create a lasting legacy of service that our whole country recognizes

and needs," said Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, during the ceremony. "As we reflect on the true meaning of this holiday weekend, we realize again the gift that has been given – a proud legacy of service and the freedoms that it has wrought."

During the ceremony, Gayler, along with CW5 Joseph B. Roland, chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory M. Chambers, command sergeant major of the Aviation Branch, laid a wreath in honor of fallen service members and the legacy they left behind.

"When you look in the dictionary under legacy and it describes people, it describes a gift that peo-

ple pass from one to another," said Gayler. "It takes people to lead others. It takes people to be mentors, to be an instructor, to pass on knowledge and to influence a young aircrew member somewhere along their journey. It takes people to instill values in others to leave that legacy that inspires future generations."

Last month marked the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I, and this year also marks the 75th anniversary of Army Aviation, said Gayler, adding that as those milestones pass, we are reminded that freedom comes at a price.

"Our focus today is as it always should be – honor our nation, its

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## CELEBRATING FREEDOM



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

A scene from the fireworks show at last year's Freedom Fest. This year's event is scheduled for June 30.

### Freedom Fest to feature music, food, fireworks

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Freedom Fest returns to Fort Rucker June 30 when the skies over the installation will be lit with one of the largest fireworks show in the area.

This year's event will run from 4-10 p.m. and feature live music, food vendors and activities for family members to enjoy – from static displays to rides for children, according to Katie Oskey, Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation recreation delivery system program manager.

"This is a great event to bring your family to," she said. "There are a lot of different food vendors out there, activities for the kids and it's a safe, fun environment for everyone to enjoy."

Freedom Fest is open to the public and people are invited to enjoy the festivities that will include a Kids Zone for children, complete with inflatables and rides, said Oskey. Armbands for the Kids Zone can be purchased for \$10 with each additional band costing \$8, which includes unlimited rides and inflatable access.

In addition to the Kids Zone, the Warrant Officer Career College obstacle course will return, giving children the chance to test their mettle as they climb, jump and swing through the course.

The official opening remarks will begin at 7 p.m. followed by live performances from Enterprise State Community College, the Maneuver Center of Excellence rock band out of Fort Benning, Georgia, as well as the Fort Rucker detachment's rock band, Crossfire, said Staff Sgt. William Peters, NCO in charge and drummer for Crossfire.

The bands will perform from 7-9 p.m. and feature

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### Spouse club awards scholarships

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Having awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships over the past 12 years, the Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club continues to help local students fulfill their dreams of continuing education.

That mission continued with the FRCSC 2017 Scholarship and Community Grants Awards Ceremony May 9 at Divots located at Silver Wings Golf Course where \$17,500 in scholarships and \$2,500 in grants were awarded to local students, according to Megan Ishum, FRCSC scholarship chair.

Throughout the spouses' club's history, hundreds of students have been helped through the scholarship and grant program, including not just family members of active-duty service members, but Guard, Reserve, retirees, survivors, and Department of the Army and Department of Defense civilians, as well, said Laura McCormick, FRCSC first vice president.

"These scholarships are crucial to bridging the ever-increasing gap between tuition costs and what families can afford to spend on higher education," she said during her opening remarks. "Many of the scholarship recipients go on to attend local and state colleges, which boosts the local economies."

New to this year's program is the community grant program, said the vice president, which is meant to serve as an attempt to raise awareness of the club's community outreach, as well as thank the organizations that support the military community.

Funds for the scholarships and grants are raised through community events, such as the annual Holiday Bazaar, which brings together nearly 100 small businesses on Fort Rucker to share their wares and services with the community, and additional funding is provided by local sponsors, such as the Fort Rucker Thrift Shop, First Command, Sikorsky,

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# PERSPECTIVE

## DISTRACTED DRIVING – R U @ risk?

By Art Powell  
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

Say the words “distracted driving” and most folks think of teens who text or gab excitedly with each other while navigating the streets.

However, teens aren’t the only ones out there paying less than full attention to the road. Distracted driving can just as easily happen to anyone – maybe even you.

According to information at [www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov), there are three different types of distraction that can set up drivers for a crash:

- Visual – taking your eyes off the road;
- Manual – taking your hands off the wheel; and
- Cognitive – taking your mind off what you’re doing.

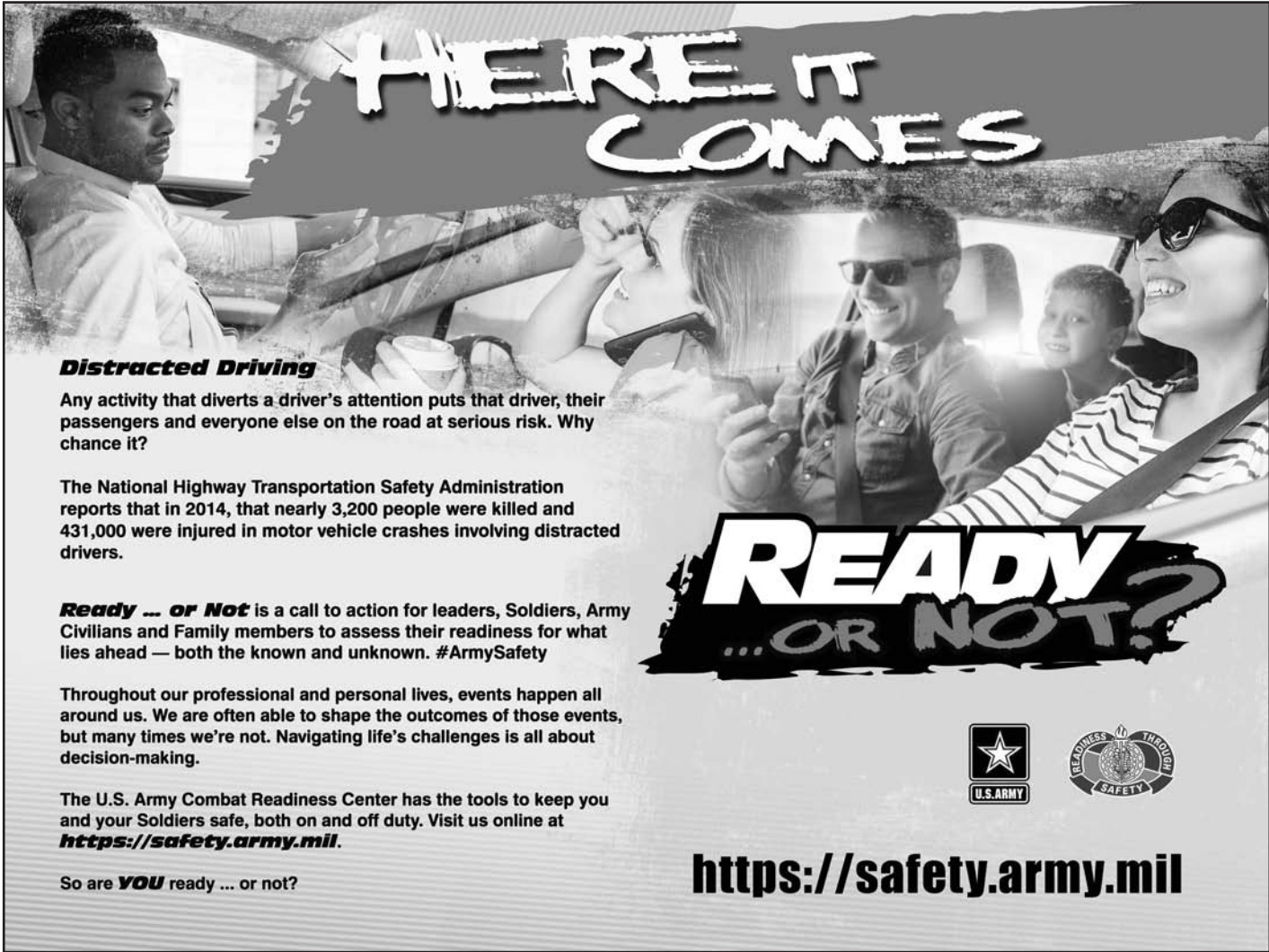
Texting is perhaps the classic example of distracted driving. What makes it so dangerous is that it involves all three types of distraction. Distracted driving is not limited to texting or talking on a cellphone, though. Here are some other examples that fit the description:

- Eating and drinking;
- Talking to passengers;
- Grooming;
- Reading, including maps;
- Using a navigation system;
- Watching a video; and
- Fiddling with the radio.

To combat the distracted driving problem, the Department of Defense has banned drivers from using handheld cellphones on military installations. Also, most states and many municipalities have joined the campaign to eliminate distracted driving by imposing their own restrictions.

What about you? Have you ever done anything while behind the wheel that would be considered distracted driving? Be honest. If you travel onto a military installation every morning like I do, chances are you have driven distracted.

One morning, after showing the guard my common access card and passing through the gate, I realized I put myself



**Distracted Driving**

Any activity that diverts a driver’s attention puts that driver, their passengers and everyone else on the road at serious risk. Why chance it?

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration reports that in 2014, that nearly 3,200 people were killed and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

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in a distracted driving environment every time I enter the post. The simple act of placing my CAC back into its slotted carrying case was the problem. As I fumbled with my card, I did the three things you are not supposed to do: I took my eyes off the road, my hands off the wheel and my mind off what I was doing.

My solution to this CAC distract was to either put it in my shirt pocket, toss it onto the empty passenger seat or put it into the cup holder in the console. Whatever you choose, it’s a lot safer to put it back in the card holder after arriving at work and shutting down your vehicle.

A closer look at 2013 data from [distraction.gov](http://distraction.gov) reveals some surprising facts from agencies such as the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- 10 percent of fatal crashes, 18 percent of injury crashes and 16 percent of all police-reported motor vehicle traffic crashes were reported as distraction-affected crashes.
- There were 3,154 people killed and an estimated additional 424,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.
- Ten percent of all drivers 15 to 19 years old involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the crashes.
- There were 480 non-occupants killed

in distraction-affected crashes. It is unknown how many of these non-occupants were potentially distracted, as well.

So how badly does distracted driving impair a driver’s skills? The University of Utah found drivers using cellphones, including hands-free models, had similar reaction times to motorists with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 percent. The statistics prove distracted driving is dangerous.

But the real question is the one you’ll have to ask yourself: “What am I doing behind the wheel that I treat as more important than driving?” And then ask yourself, “Is it more important than living?”

## Rotor Wash

“The Survivors and Fallen Heroes 5k run is Saturday at 8 a.m. Why is it important to show support for Gold Star Family members?”



**Kenyetta McKinnon,**  
civilian

“The family is here, too, and they need the support like Soldiers do. They have to sacrifice as family members, too.”



**Christy Avant,**  
civilian

“Their Soldiers were brave enough to fight for our country and everybody needs help through the grieving process, so if you can help someone out in that situation, then why not?”



**John Courtney,**  
civilian

“Just like service members who are putting their lives on the line, the family has to make sacrifices, too. They deserve just as much recognition because of their sacrifice.”



**Melissa Parker,**  
military spouse

“It’s important because Gold Star Family members are the ones who really bear the burden of the people who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Without the sacrifice of the fallen Soldier, we wouldn’t have the freedoms we have, and the families are the ones that truly feel the weight of that sacrifice.”



**Staff Sgt. Richard Copeland,**  
NCO Academy

“They continue to need support because they are still part of the military family.”

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# Army leaders: Multi-domain battle requires non-stovepipe solutions

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

HONOLULU — During a recent allied military exercise involving Australian soldiers and their U.S. counterparts, it took the Australian forces two hours to establish connectivity with U.S. systems, said Gen. Robert B. Brown, commander of U.S. Army Pacific.

Speaking at the Land Forces in the Pacific symposium sponsored by The Association of the United States Army Institute of Land Warfare, Brown said the exercise demonstrated just one example of the challenges of preparing for and participating in multi-domain battle.

The MDB concept encourages units to engage the enemy in all domains — air, sea, land, cyber, space — in the context of a joint, multinational combined effort, Brown explained.

Systems that don't communicate with each other are unable to successfully engage in MDB, he said, referring to this problem as "stovepiping."

Members of each branch of a nation's armed forces "grew up in stovepiped" organizations, he said. Each service has its own unique culture and systems that often don't communicate with the other services. That all needs to change because the world is rapidly evolving.

The internet is connecting more people than ever before, and bad actors abuse that connectivity to spread lies, rumors and chaos, he said.

Brown cited an example of



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Special warfare combatant-craft crewmen with the help of Aviators conduct a Maritime External Air Transportation System training evolution in Moses Lake, Wash., May 21.

such cybercrime in the so-called Wanna Cry ransomware virus that spread a week ago.

The frequency of these types of black swan attacks will only increase in the future, he said, explaining that black swan events are "high-impact, hard to predict and rare events beyond realm of normal expectations."

Brown highlighted the Spanish Flu pandemic at the end of World War I as another example of a black swan event that put countless soldiers out of the war on the Western Front in Europe.

Adm. Scott H. Swift, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, agreed with Brown's assessment that stovepiped systems present ram-

pant communications problems that need to be swiftly addressed.

Swift recommended that continued participation in exercises with allies and sister services will demonstrate which systems are proactively communicating with one another, and which ones need improvement.

"I want weapons systems that can reach out and touch," he said. Yet he pointed out that too many disparate systems exist that are not interconnected, from radars to missile systems.

Swift added that it's important for Soldiers all the way down to the E-1 level to understand the importance of MDB and to develop solutions in a joint context

with sister services and multinational partners.

Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, air component commander of U.S. Pacific Command, said the importance of system interconnectivity hasn't been embraced by all services yet, as they continue purchasing systems that don't connect with counterparts. He encouraged AUSA attendees, including those from industry, to build systems that connect.

Maj. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commander of Special Operations Command Pacific, emphasized that once systems are able to communicate with each other, leaders can operate in a more decentralized fashion and leverage

the capabilities within each of the domains, irrespective of which service owns them.

Gen. Rajendra Chhetri, chief of the army staff of the Nepalese army, said his nation participates in numerous multinational exercises that include the U.S. and agreed that it would be beneficial if all of the communications systems were standardized.

During the nation's devastating 2015 quake, he said his army circumvented the interconnectivity problem by using cellphones with coalition partners; however, these devices were not secure.

Besides interconnectivity problems, there were language barriers, as well. Chhetri noted that the Chinese pilots who helped with the humanitarian effort didn't speak Nepalese or English, so they couldn't communicate with the respective tower.

The good news is that once different services resolve their technological, policy and systems communications issues,, the beauty of MDB will become clear, according to Gen. David G. Perkins, commander of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

MDB will allow brigades to utilize multiple domain options with multiple partners to keep the enemy guessing and ineffective, he said.

Perkins added that the policy and technology pieces will be implemented as they are developed, but, for now, the best weapon in the Army is the Soldier who is adaptable and able to operate independently within the parameters of the commander's intent.

## ‘SEXTORTION’

*Investigators urge vigilance as scam continues to target Soldiers*

By Sean Kimmons  
Army News Service

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — Social media has countless benefits for Soldiers, with finding romance being one of them. But the person on the other end of that so-called love connection may be a scammer.

With ongoing cases of "sextortion" occurring across the Army — a cybercrime where someone threatens to expose a sexual image in order to gain money or something else from a victim — Army investigators have issued a new warning to Soldiers so they don't fall prey to the crime.

"They know that service members often have security clearances and are held to a higher standard of conduct, so that's why they're vulnerable targets," said Chris Grey, spokesman for the Army Criminal Investigation Command.

Typically, a perpetrator quickly elicits a video chat or exchanges sexually explicit images with a victim. A criminal may also try to gain the trust of a victim by pretending to share a mutual friend found on their open social media account.

"Many times, it's a person who within just a couple of chats will immediately be in the state of undress or engaging in some type of sexual act and try to encourage the victim to do the same," Grey said May 24. "It's not like this happens months later — it's pretty quick."

Once the criminal has compromising images of a victim, they try to blackmail the

victim with threats of posting the images online or showing them to the victim's supervisors, friends or family members. Criminals have also been known to pose as law enforcement officials, attempting to get the victim to pay a fine for exposing themselves online.

"If the victim pays, then they're very likely to come back for more money," Grey said, adding that Soldiers could find themselves in a never-ending cycle of demands.

### LARGER IMPLICATIONS

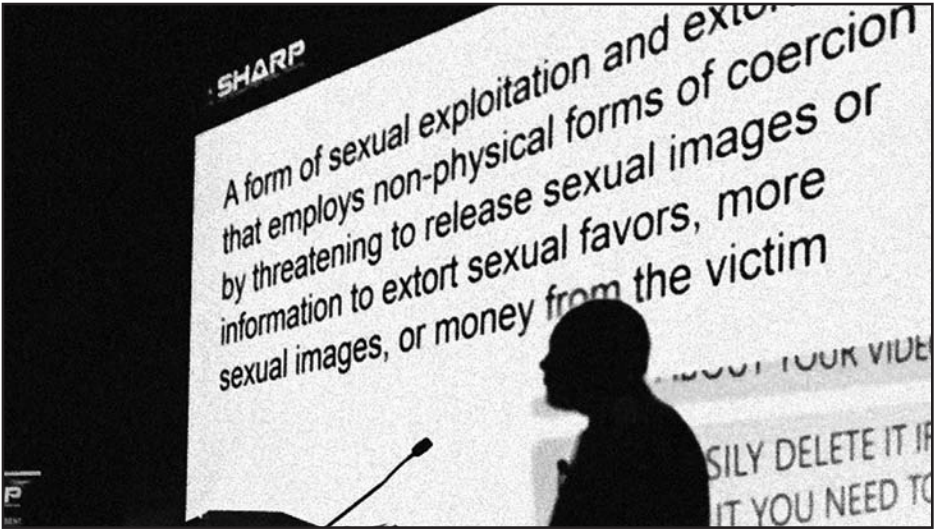
While some Soldiers have handed over thousands of dollars of hush money in the scam, others have looked to ending their lives as a way to escape from it. There have been documented cases of Soldiers who committed suicide or attempted suicide because of it, Grey said.

Besides money, criminals may also target Soldiers to gain sensitive military information.

"They have been targeted, like other scams, because the perpetrators know that they have money and have a career and may have military information and access to military installations," Grey said.

The scam is not just solely focused on the Army, but it also targets service members in the other branches, as well as the entire civilian population.

"It's a widespread scam," Grey said, "but we want to make sure the force is ready and this helps protect the force by getting the word out so our Army community doesn't become victims."



ARMY PHOTO

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### DON'T BE A VICTIM

In the Army, the crime has mainly targeted young males, although there have been reports of female victims, investigators say.

If a Soldier or an Army civilian employee is targeted, they should not send any money to the perpetrator. Instead, they should report the crime to the Army CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit at [usarmy.cciuintel@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.cciuintel@mail.mil) or 571-305-4478.

Family members and others not associated with the military can report the crime to their local police department, to Department of Homeland Security investigators at [Assistance.Victim@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Assistance.Victim@ice.dhs.gov), or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

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To help prevent the crime, the Army CID uses social media and press releases to get the word out, while agents often give sextortion briefings across the service. The Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, or SHARP, also educates Soldiers about the crime as part of their regular training.

The goal of these campaigns, Grey said, is to encourage Soldiers to remain vigilant when online.

"There are perpetrators trolling the internet just like there are people on the back alleys of streets," he said. "So [Soldiers] have to be extremely careful."

## News Briefs

### 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.

### Change of command

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

### Lost and found

People who have lost or misplaced property while on Fort Rucker can call the Directorate of Public Safety's lost and found point of contact

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

### Pay office closure

The Defense Military Pay Office now closes at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Also, beginning Tuesday, DMPO office hours will change to 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays-Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

### Vacation Bible School

Fort Rucker Religious Services will host its Vacation Bible School Monday through June 9 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the main post chapel complex — Bldg. 8939 and Bldg. 8940 — for children in grades kindergarten through sixth. The theme is Secrets

in the Sand and the event will feature Bible lessons, crafts, music, recreation, snacks and daily celebrations. The children will focus on learning about the Bible and also develop close friends within the chapel while having a great time, according to organizers.

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

### Pharmacy change

The Lyster Army Health Clinic Pharmacy no longer accepts drop-off forms for all refill requests. It is mandatory to phone in all prescription refills. Call 1-877-520-1623 or 334-255-7671.

### Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop needs people's unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) lo-

cated in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, call 255-9595.

### Change of responsibility

The 1st Aviation Brigade will host a change of responsibility ceremony June 14 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.

### Weight control

The Lyster Army Health Clinic Fit for Performance Weight Control Program consists of six sessions taken over a six- to 12-week period. The program is available to all active-duty military, retirees and family members. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 255-7986.



# SURE SHOT

*Auto-targeting technology to reduce ‘aim error’ in crew-served weapons*

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers may now pride themselves on being a good shot, on scoring high in marksmanship, but one day that may not be as important as it is now.

Earlier this month, during Lab Day at the Pentagon, Terence Rice, a researcher with the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center out of Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, demonstrated an engineering model of what one day might make it into the field for Soldiers.

What Rice had on display was a plastic M4 rifle replica that was cradled inside a larger, rifle-like shell. A lot of Soldiers and Marines had gathered around his tent in the Pentagon courtyard to hear what he had to say.

“We’re trying to attack the problem of aim error. When you want to hit a target, you have to take into account the weapon, the ammo, the environments and the shooter,” Rice said. “And given the fact that we’re using sensors, computers and hardware ... we can engage targets faster now. What this concept does is reduce aim error and engage targets quicker.”

What Rice was demonstrating was technology that automatically aimed the M4 rifle at the target, so Soldiers could be a more effective shooter without actually being a good aim. A series of sensors and motors in the outer shell that held the M4 were responsible for moving the rifle around and keeping it pointed at the target.

All the Soldier had to do was aim the entire setup in the general direction of a target. The motors and sensors took care of making sure the M4 was accurately aimed, so that any bullets fired by the Soldier would hit their target.

The engineering model was heavy and it’s certainly not ready for prime time, Rice said.

“This is just a prototype demonstrator. It’s not meant to be a fielded-type system,” he said. “But we want to get the concepts to folks to say, hey we have the ability to make computers smaller and faster nowadays, so embed this in a weapons system and see what we can do with it. So what we are do-



PHOTO BY SGT. JOSE TORRES

Terence Rice, a researcher with the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center out of Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., demonstrates an engineering model of what one day might make it into the field for Soldiers during Lab Day May 18 at the Pentagon.

ing here is using this system to find a target, engage that target and always be on that target at all times, whether you are standing prone, or moving, or in a vehicle, or a helicopter.”

While what Rice was demonstrating for individual weapons might be years away, that’s not the case for larger, crew-served weapons, such as what may be found on a boat or off the top of a Stryker combat vehicle, for instance.

“What we are looking for is to apply this more in a crew-served, or a vehicle, or a helicopter-type system, because you have the real estate in there, you have ability for more computing power and for more constant power,” he said.

Rice had a video on display that showed a person on a platform aiming a crew-served weapon at targets being projected on a screen. The platform moved back and forth as if on hydraulics. It was meant to simulate how a sailor, for instance, might aim a weapon while standing onboard a rocking boat.

“That’s a simulation of firing off of a boat, and trying to keep it steady and on target,”

Rice said. “It’s very difficult when you are going up and down.”

But in the demonstration video, the subject was able to have a computer help aim the weapon and keep a lock on the target, similar to something Luke Skywalker might have had access to when shooting at enemy fighters from within the Millennium Falcon.

“You use the computer to lock on to the target at all times,” Rice said. “That’s what we are working on here. All he does is pull the trigger.”

Rice said the Army isn’t quite ready to take the hand-held, individual weapon version of the system and field it to Soldiers.

“There’s a lot of work to be done to make this as light as an existing M4, and build in all these stabilization concepts,” he said.

But the software that is inside that system is the same software that’s inside the ver-

sion for the crew-served weapon. And the system to automatically aim a crew-served weapon is likely to be available to Soldiers sooner.

Rice said that in about two years, they expect a user assessment of the software to be applied for use in a crew-served weapon.

“There is a foundational technology with software that’s similar, no matter what system,” he said. “It doesn’t make any difference what caliber weapon either. It could be 5.56, 7.62, or .50-cal.”

Rice said that with either a crew-served weapon or, one day when the concept is further developed for individual weapons, the technology will make it easier to be a more effective Soldier.

Soldiers will be able to “engage targets quicker, kill them quicker and survive them,” Rice said.

## Scholarships

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S3, Enterprise Dental Associates, Edward Jones and Boeing.

The scholarships aren’t given out lightly, according to Ishum, and are awarded based on academic performance, community and volunteer involvement, work experience, career courses,

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# 3-D printed grenade launcher only tip of future manufacturing possibilities for Army

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Soldiers will probably not be 3-D printing entire weapons in theater anytime soon. Instead, they’ll continue to bring weapons into theater the old way: slung over their shoulder.

But the Army is exploring 3-D printing technology that promises to make it easier for Soldiers to complete their missions without being stymied by broken parts.

At a Department of Defense-sponsored “Lab Day,” May 18, at the Pentagon, James L. Zunino, a materials engineer with the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, showed off a 3-D-printed grenade launcher the Center had manufactured in its lab.

Like parts made on the 3-D printers that are common in many electronics stores today, most of the launcher was constructed of plastic. But the barrel was made of alu-



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**James Zunino, a materials engineer with Armament Research Development and Engineering Center, at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., discusses a 3-D printed grenade launcher during Lab Day May 18 at the Pentagon.**

minum and was also 3-D printed using “laser sintering.” In that process, powdered aluminum serves as the raw material, and a laser pointed at the powder heats up certain portions to melt it into a solid. Using this process, the printers were able to generate a complete all-metal barrel for the launcher, along with the plastic upper.

While Zunino said it’s unlikely the Army

will manufacture entire grenade launchers in theater, it is a valid possibility that parts could be manufactured to modify existing weapons to make them fit the needs of Soldiers who will use them.

“It’s for things the Soldiers could modify for themselves, you could do mass customization, you could print in the field,” he said. “If you prefer a 45-degree grip on the front ... you could print that in the field. Or if you wanted to use a 90-degree grip, you could have that. Then you can actually tailor a weapon for how the Soldier wants to use and operate it. If you want to add more Picatinny rails, to add your flashlight mounts, or different scopes, you could easily do that.”

While printed weapons are still in the developmental stages of production, Soldiers may soon see the Army’s Rapid Fabrication via Additive Manufacturing on the Battlefield capability in the field, also called RFAB.

With the RFAB, the Army has assembled

several commercial 3-D printing technologies into one portable facility that allows users to manufacture parts on-the-fly to repair broken gear in the theater. That way, those Soldiers can continue their mission and not have to wait for the logistics supply chain to deliver new parts.

The RAFB capability has already been to the Army Warfighter Assessment at Fort Bliss, Texas. Last October, it demonstrated the ability there to print up treads and flippers for the robots used to disable IEDs.

“Sometimes they have a hard time getting those parts fielded forward,” Zunino said. “So, we are telling Soldiers to make it, to get through the mission.”

Timothy Phillis, an engineer with Armament Research Development and Engineering Center at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, had a tiny plastic handle with him in the Pentagon courtyard. He said the part is worth about \$8,000 – sort of.

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# Future

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“This is a handle on a nitrogen purge pump,” he said. “When this handle breaks, and it breaks frequently, it’s an \$8,000 handle because the entire pump has to be replaced. So a unit got eight of them in and seven had handles that were broken. So they took the eighth one, they took the 3-D scanner that’s in RFAB, they scanned the good one, and then they printed the other seven. So now, from a readiness perspective, they’re not one-of-eight – they’re eight-of-eight ready.”

Phillis also offered another example of 3-D printing enhancing readiness at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where a forklift in use had a lifting pin break. A replacement

part was put on order. But to keep the mission running – and the forklift running – operators there opted to use 3-D printing to make a new pin, at least as a temporary stop-gap solution. Six months later, he said, they are still operating with the 3-D printed pin.

The actual part, he said, “is still on back order.”

An improved version of the RAFB, updated with input from Soldiers, will be used at the upcoming Pacific Pathways in Japan and Thailand this summer. The RFAB will also go to Joint Warfighter Assessment 18 in Europe next spring, Phillis said.

Also coming to RFAB, Zunino said, is “Raptor,” the name for a software catalog of nearly 500 commonly-broken parts that have already been stored as digital files

for 3-D printing.

“It’s a repository for additive parts for tactical and operational readiness,” Zunino said, as he demonstrated the software using a laptop computer.

“If you are looking for your part and you don’t know the exact model number of the piece that is broken, that’s okay. You know that you have a PackBot, and you can click on the PackBot picture. And you know the flipper system is bad and it will bring up all the components you can print.”

On the screen, there were several pictures of systems, and after clicking a system, several pictures appeared of commonly-broken parts that could be 3-D printed by just clicking on them.

# Gold Star

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together as a unit and be together.”

Throughout the reception, family members were able to enjoy breakfast as they spoke with other family members, as well as Fort Rucker senior leaders, including Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general; Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and CW5 Joseph B. Roland, chief warrant officer of the Aviation Branch.

For Quentin Doby Jr., Gold Star Family member who lost his father to a heart attack when he was 9 years old, keeping that connection to the Army is an impor-

tant part of his healing process.

“Being able to honor our fallen Soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice is something we have to do, and I definitely appreciate the service members coming to speak with us,” said Doby, adding that it was a good opportunity to bring his son, Quentin III, and show him how close the Army family is to him and the support it provides.

“Fort Rucker is an amazing place and the support that it’s given our family is amazing,” he said. “As an Army family it means a lot to have that support because you want to be able to instill that same type of values and the things they did for you into your children. Just to know that somebody other than your own family

has got your back is nice because this really is like an extended family.”

That sense of family is what Thomas said SOS strives to provide when giving families the support they need, whether it’s something a family is ready for right away or later down the line.

“From the very beginning they do a warm handoff to my office and we will be with them through support to find out exactly where they are in life,” said the SOS support coordinator. “We just let them know that we’re like a family and we’re here as their family.”

“Sometimes it’s a mother, a sister, a child or sibling – wherever they are at the time of their loss, it can be very different for each individual, so we’re here

to go through that entire process with them as long as they need, when they need,” she said. “We have some who may not be ready to engage, so when we get that initial warm handoff we let them know that we are here for them. If they just need us to just check in we will do that.”

Fort Rucker SOS serves over 400 Gold Star Families, and Thomas said staff members do their part to stay connected to each family member through a lifetime of commitment.

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# Ceremony

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incredible citizens and our freedoms,” said the commanding general. “We’re grateful today for all of our service members who have taken their place in the long line of service and sacrifice that stretches across our nation’s history. We also want to take moments to honor the families today as we honor their loved ones who served.”

During the ceremony, Gayler read a letter written by President Abraham Lincoln to a Gold Star Family member who had lost five sons on the field of battle.

“I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine, which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming, but I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found

in the thanks of the republic they died to save,” Lincoln said in his letter. “I pray that our heavenly father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.”

“This letter serves as a reminder that behind every Soldier is a family. It’s because the support of the families that we are even allowed to do what we do,” said Gayler. “No matter what era in our nation’s history, when we lose a Soldier, we mourn their loss. It is personal to each and every one of us. To our families today, we say ‘Thank you.’ It’s a very personal price that you have paid for our nation, and it has not gone unnoticed and they will never be forgotten.”

For Seth Chamberlin, veteran, remembering the

fallen is something that he feels is the duty of each citizen.

“The most important thing is that we never forget what was sacrificed in order for us to be able to live our daily lives without a care in the world,” he said. “Soldiers often suffer and sacrifice so that the citizens of our nation get the chance to not have to think of the horrors of war or what price has to be paid for freedom.

“But we have to think about that price and we have to think about the lives that were given for that freedom, otherwise I feel like all of those who came before us gave their lives for nothing,” he continued. “It’s up to us to endure and remember all of those who made that sacrifice, and to never forget what they did for our country.”

# Freedom

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music from different genres, including rock, funk and a bit of country, said Peters, during a show that promises keep people moving in their seats.

“We’re just looking to put on a good performance, especially since it’s the 4th of July and we’ll be celebrating our Independence Day,” said the NCOIC. “Our goal is to put on something that everyone can appreciate as we celebrate the holiday.”

Following the performances, the Fort Rucker skies will ignite in a colorful

display of one of the largest fireworks shows in the area to the sounds of patriotic music – a Fort Rucker tradition, said Lynn Avila, Fort Rucker special events coordinator.

“This is a family tradition for locals,” she said. “People should keep that tradition going and create that memory for their kids, and for military families, this is a great opportunity to meet new families and meet new people.”

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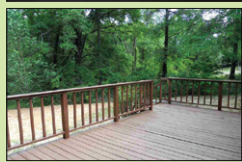
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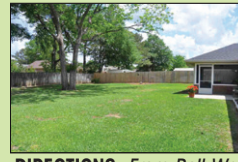
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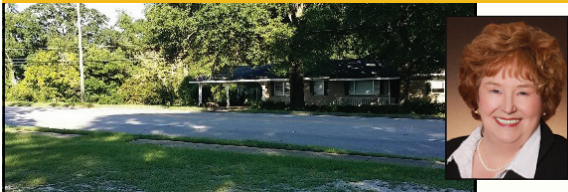
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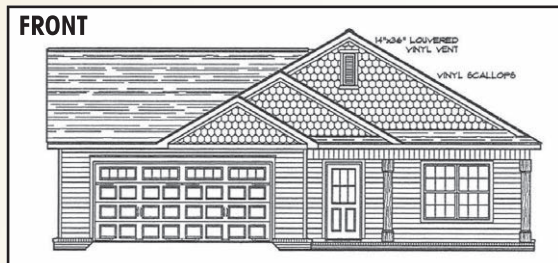
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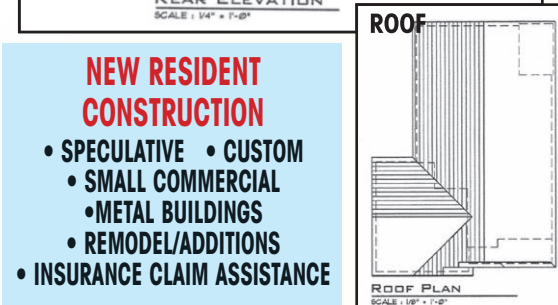
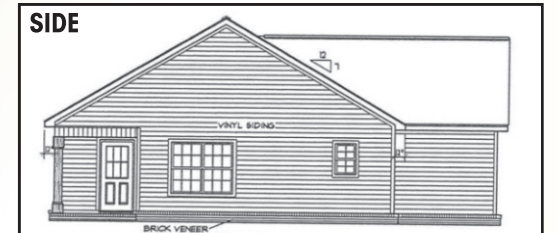
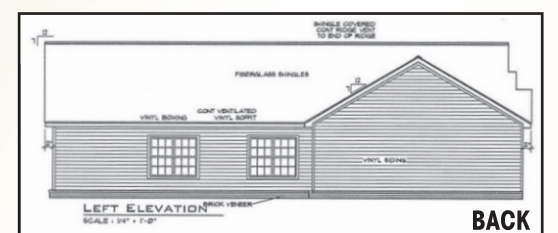
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# Army recognizes best Lean Six Sigma initiatives

By Donald Wagner  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Saving millions of dollars, the recipients of this year's Lean Six Sigma excellence awards reduced processing times, improved health of the force and increased readiness.

The awards program in the Pentagon May 18 recognized 13 of the best process-improvement initiatives completed during fiscal year 2016. The ceremony was hosted by Karl Schneider, the senior career official performing duties of the under secretary of the Army, and Lt. Gen. Edward Cardon, director of the Office of Business Transformation.

"We are here to recognize some very extraordinary organizations and extraordinary individuals for the work they have done," Schneider said to the audience.

The money saved by the 11 organizations and their 13 initiatives can be "ploughed into war readiness," Schneider said. He stressed that in order to pay for readiness, the military must reform the way it does business.

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PHOTO BY SGT. STEVEN GALIMORE

Soldiers assigned to 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade unfold the main rotor blades of an AH-64 Apache as part of the 82nd Airborne Division's deployment readiness exercise on Fort Bragg, N.C., Jan. 9. The CAB received recognition from the Army for its Lean Six Sigma project.

## SLING LOAD



PHOTO BY SGT. STEVEN GALIMORE

Soldiers maneuver after attaching an M119A3 howitzer to the belly of a CH-47F Chinook during sling-load operations at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 4. The Soldiers are assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment. The helicopter is assigned to 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

# ATLANTIC RESOLVE

*Aviation Soldiers refuel Finnish jet to accredit airfield*

By Sgt. Shiloh Capers  
7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

LEILVARDE, Latvia — U.S. Soldiers from E Company, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York, refueled a Finnish F/A-18 Hornet at the airfield on Leilvarde May 18.

The forward-arming and refueling point's mission was part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, a U.S. endeavor to fulfill commitment to NATO interests by rotating units throughout Europe.

The Finnish F/A-18 Hornet was completing tests at Leilvarde after service was completed on the emergency brake system — similar to the brake system used by aircraft carriers — by Latvian soldiers.

Latvian medics were standing by to respond to any unexpected emergencies.

Since 2008, U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Wohlfore, Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Michigan Air National Guard, has routinely deployed to Latvia for training purposes. He deploys as part of the State Partnership Program, a federal program executed by the states. Latvia has been paired with Michigan since the beginning of the program in 1993.

The program is managed by the National Guard Bureau, guided by the U.S. Department of State foreign policy goals, and executed by the state adjutants general in support of combatant commander and U.S. Chief of Mission security cooperation objectives and Department of Defense policy goals, he said.

Wohlfore was at the event to per-



PHOTO BY SGT. SHILOH CAPERS

Sgt. Jacob Dwight Weston-Girardin, petroleum supply specialist for E Co., 3rd GSAB, 10th CAB, signals his team members to release fuel into the lines at the Leilvarde, Latvia, airfield May 18.

form a quick emergency egress class on the F/A-18 Hornet for the Leilvarde Air Base fire department.

If the pilot were incapacitated in some way or there was an inflight emergency, the fire department will be the personnel to arrive on scene and remove the pilot. The firefighters will also know how to shut down the aircraft, said Wohlfore.

"Firefighters have to be able to

know how to do that, and they've never seen an F/A-18," he said. "So I have to walk them through that kind of stuff."

Testing the emergency brake system was only part of the reason why the F/A-18 Hornet was at the air base. Members of the Finnish air force flew down to the air base to conduct

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# HONING ELITE SKILLS

*10th CAB, Latvian SOF train together to strengthen teamwork*

By Spc. Thomas Scaggs  
10th Combat Aviation Brigade  
Public Affairs

LIELVARDE, Latvia — For an entire week in Latvia, parachutists caught countless gusts of wind, ropes were thrown from hovering helicopters and slammed into the ground below, and the sound of training scarcely stopped for the short pause between night and day.

Aviators from C Company, 2-10th Assault Helicopter Battalion, and B Company, 3-10th General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI), provided air support to Latvian special operations forces soldiers May 15-19 to train jointly on paradrops and fast-roping techniques.

The week-long training focused on some of the most elite types of troop insertion operations, simultaneously giving crews from the brigade a chance to qualify their skills in preparation for future operations, and further develop the interoperability being cultivated on a daily basis in the Baltics.

"This training is very valuable because we do things a little differently than they do and vice versa," said CW3 Pete Latham, a UH-60 Black Hawk standardization pilot with C Co. "It's great for us to come together and mesh our training plans, developing a product that maximizes training effectiveness in order to properly set the theater."

Despite the fact that sun doesn't begin setting until almost 10 p.m., which means it isn't dark enough to qualify on night-vision tasks until even later in the evening, crews maintained a rigorous schedule, and continued to qualify themselves and Latvian SOF members well into the night on multiple occasions.

Two types of parachute drops were executed throughout the week, and crews and jumpers were required to operate during the daytime and nighttime to fully qualify themselves. The first type, called static-line jumping, automatically opens the parachute as the jumper exits the aircraft because the parachute's deploying cord is attached by clip to a fixed point

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PHOTO BY SPC. THOMAS SCAGGS

A Latvian special operations forces jumpmaster directs a member of his team to exit the back of a CH-47 Chinook from B Co., 3-10th GSAB, 10th CAB in Lielvarde, Latvia, May 17.



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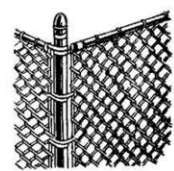
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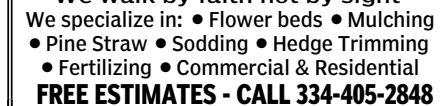
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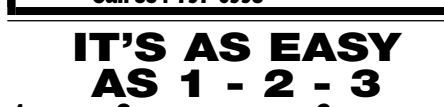
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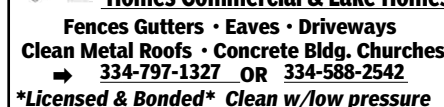
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# Lean Six Sigma

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“We want people to think the way these people thought and do what these people did,” Schneider said of the recipients who used Lean Six Sigma principles and practices to adopt new ways of doing business and streamlining processes.

“The Army makes a conscious effort to analyze and improve the processes that undergird our core mission to fight and win our nation’s wars,” said Dr. Charles Brandon, director of the Continuous Process Improvement Office within the Army’s Office of Business Transformation.

“Eliminating billions of dollars in waste and delivering readiness at best value makes us Army Strong,” Brandon said.

Three organizations won the prestigious Process Improvement Deployment Excellence Award.

- The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller executed improvements for fiscal year 2016 that resulted in an estimated cost avoidance of \$1.7 million, cost savings of \$9.5 million and revenue generation of \$55 million.

- The U.S. Army Medical Command executed initiatives ranging from improving Relay Health enrollment to improving Transition Care. During FY 2016, the projects resulted in an estimated net financial benefit of \$5.7 million.

- The 21st Theater Sustainment Com-

mand, U.S. Army Europe successfully transformed its Lean Six Sigma program with greater emphasis on commander involvement and introduced several problem-solving tools. For FY 2016, the projects resulted in an estimated net financial benefit of \$2.9 million.

Ten Process Improvement Program Team Excellence Awards were presented at different levels.

Two awards at the Enterprise level were presented to the Human Systems Integration Directorate, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs/Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. One team reduced the process lead time in transferring the remains of service members to families from 22 days to 14 days.

Another team from the same office received an award for increasing its engagement on Soldier for Life programs by 60 percent. They improved awareness about employment, education and health care opportunities.

“We spent many hours trying to figure out how we could reach more civilians, more veterans and retirees,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Young, who accepted the award for the team. He pointed out that the office is now reaching nearly three times the audience it did just a year ago.

Non-enterprise black belt-level projects recognized included the following.

- The 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army Forces

Command reduced internal lateral transfer process times by 97 percent from 245 days to seven days with an estimated net cost avoidance of \$943,300 for FYs 2016 to 2021.

The 82nd CAB streamlined the handling of thousands of helicopter parts, electronic components, tools and machinery.

“We developed better processes to make our unit more healthy and highly combat effective,” said Army black belt champion CW2 Mande Mintz, 82nd CAB property-book accounting technician. “Going through the Lean Six Sigma process allowed us to use these improvement tools effectively to enhance our lateral transfer of excess property, and fill to critical shortages in supplies and equipment.”

- The 21st Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army Europe improved accuracy in personnel tempo reporting from 0.75 percent to 60 percent for unit readiness, resulting in a net cost avoidance estimate of \$703,000 for FYs 2016 to 2022.

Non-enterprise green belt-level projects recognized included the following.

- Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Regional Health Command–Europe, U.S. Army Medical Command improved the screening time for patients with traumatic brain injury by 50 percent, decreasing the wait time for Soldiers to be evaluated.

- Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, U.S. Army Forces Command improved the G-2X performance reporting time by 63 percent

from 39.5 hours to 16 hours and improved the defect rate from 13.9 percent to nearly zero, thereby improving unit readiness.

Timothy Mersereau at FORSCOM G2 took his green-belt Lean Six Sigma training in Spring 2016 and soon began working with his colleagues on how to improve G-2X performance reporting.

“The biggest take-away from this project was communications and the importance of communicating clearly,” Mersereau said. “It saves valuable time every month. This was a good learning experience and a great chance for my team as we worked together.”

“Anything we can do that frees up time to allow Soldiers to conduct training is significant for Army readiness,” said FORSCOM G-8’s Steven Sawicki, a master black belt specialist with the Business and Readiness Improvement Division.

For example, the 82nd Airborne Division conducted its deployment readiness exercise in January. About two months before that exercise began, FORSCOM and the 82nd Airborne Division’s Operations Research and Systems Analysis and Lean Six Sigma team began planning. They ultimately had 12 to 15 people located at sites during the training exercise to collect over 40,000 data points – particularly studying six nodes of exercise activities.

Non-enterprise, non-gated-level awards recognized projects that do not follow the formal Lean Six Sigma methods.

# Elite

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inside. Military freefall parachuting, which is usually completed at higher altitudes, requires the jumper to deploy his or her own parachute once they reach the proper altitude.

Each type of jump was performed in both the CH-47 Chinook and the UH-60 Black Hawk at a variety of altitudes, the highest being 12,500 feet.

The third task trained during the week, called Fast Rope Insertion and Extraction System, is an air assault technique whereby ropes are deployed from the hovering aircraft and Soldiers quickly slide down them to the desired drop zone below.

“I think it’s been a great training opportunity, especially for the younger pilots and crew chiefs,” said CW3 Nicholas Daniels, a CH-47 Chinook instructor pilot with B Co. “It’s also a fantastic opportunity for us to develop an un-

derstanding of our NATO allies’ forces’ capabilities and how they integrate with our Aviation operations.”

About 20 flight hours were logged throughout the week while supporting the training. With a total of over 200 jumps qualifying the Latvian SOF members and multiple U.S. Army aircrews, both allies finished the week with heightened levels of readiness and a greater understanding for how to work successfully in the future, according to CAB officials.

# Resolve

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a NATO certification at Leilvarde. It was the first time the Finnish air force landed an aircraft on the airfield.

“Landing one of every variant of aircraft they plan to land is part of the NATO Alliance,” said Capt. Ryan Campbell, E Co.

commander. “From what I understand, this is the last aircraft they needed to certify. We’ve already certified this airfield for all our American aircraft, specifically from the 10th CAB.”

The 3-10th GSAB is providing Leilvarde full support to help accredit Leilvarde as a fully functional air base. Logistics support,

distribution of supplies, maintenance and repair, command and control in the tower, the U.S. Army and Air Force are working together to ensure Leilvarde is a capable air base within safety standards.

“We’re also establishing a fuel testing lab here – they just got NATO certified on that,” Campbell said. “We’re going to

have the Defense Logistics Agency come up here in the next month or so and certify their fuel so that we can do all our refueling operations directly from this installation.”

The crew at Leilvarde have come a long way, from having zero training and limited capabilities to the progress they show now, said Wohlfore.



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## SCHOOL'S OUT

Fort Rucker Elementary School students bring down the flag for the last time during the last day of school May 25. The day also marks the last day children of FRES will meet in the current building as it is slated for demolition this summer to begin construction on the new school building.

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## SPLASH!

### Post starts summer swim season

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

As longer days lead to warmer waters, Fort Rucker's Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports, Fitness, and Aquatics Branch offers several options for the summer swimming season.

Patrons can seek aquatic relief from the heat at the SPLASH! Outdoor Pool and Spray Park, located behind The Landing on Novosel Street.

"This location is our 'family' facility and comes complete with an AquaClimb rock wall, a diving board, water slides and a spray park for the younger kids," Rob Koren, DFMWR aquatics manager, said.

According to Koren, SPLASH! is open Wednesdays-Mondays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The park will be closed on Tuesday's for maintenance and cleaning.

"There is a fee upon entrance to SPLASH! based on age, and if you are active duty or retired, DOD civilian or contractor, or general public," Koren said. "Fort Rucker aquatics also sells season passes to this facility that can be purchased at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center on Andrews Avenue or at MWR Central on the first floor of the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700.

For more information on pricing and entrance fees for SPLASH!, call 255-2296.

SPLASH! will also host the Summer Luau Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"(The event) will have many activities for the entire family to enjoy," Koren said. "There will, of course, be swimming. However, the event also features an inflatable water slide, line dancing, limbo contests, a bookmark craft activity from the Center Library and a dunk tank.

"Patrons can purchase food and snack items at the tiki bar on the upper pool deck," he added.



FILE PHOTOS

Children play with the water cannons at the SPLASH! Spray Park.

In addition to swimming at SPLASH!, Lake Tholocco's West Beach swimming area, located on Johnson Road, will also open to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

"Lake Tholocco's West Beach swimming area is another great natural escape for children and families alike," Koren said.

Swimming will be permitted Fridays-Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This natural swimming area offers a sandy beach, waterslides and an inflatable water trampoline. There is an entrance fee to use the swimming area. For information regarding fees, please contact Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation at 255-4117.

Flynn Outdoor Pool will be undergoing some renovations and repairs this summer and will not be open. The indoor swimming pool located at the Fort Rucker PFC, Bldg. 4605 Andrews Avenue, will be open year round for physical training and fitness swimming. Recreational swimming will not be permitted beginning Monday through July 30.

"If families would like to take their children to a pool or enjoy recreational swimming, we urge patrons to utilize SPLASH! Outdoor Pool or Lake Tholocco," Koren



People enjoy the West Beach Swimming Area at Lake Tholocco in this file photo.

said.

Before dipping toes into the water, Koren urges patrons to take a few simple precautions to ensure their aquatic experience is both fun and safe.

"No one should ever swim alone," he said. "Everyone should either swim with a buddy or in a supervised area with a trained lifeguard on duty. Lifeguards are a great asset to safety at any swimming facility, but parents should always know where

their child is and what their swimming abilities are. If the child cannot swim, parents are expected to be within arm's reach of the child at all times. Do not assume the lifeguard will watch your child as they have other patrons to watch as well. Safety is everyone's responsibility and should be taken seriously at all times."

For more information about swimming facilities and opportunities on post, call 255-9162.

## WIRED TO BE HIRED

### Workshop aims to change how jobseekers approach employment

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

An upcoming interactive workshop aims to boost the employment campaigns of job seekers in the Fort Rucker Community.

Wired to be Hired, an informative and interactive Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program workshop, is scheduled for June 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to Mike Kozlowski, Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program manager, who added that the free workshop offers a new twist to traditional workshops by featuring a line-up of guest speakers.

"I dislike lecture-style presentations,"

he said. "I didn't like them in college and I don't like them now. That's why I have always believed that interactivity serves to create an environment conducive to effective learning. Each workshop session speaker will afford the audience a chance to ask practical questions about their expertise areas, either during the sessions proper or during breaks between sessions.

"I chose these topics because they continue to be the most-requested ones on evaluation sheets I've received," he added. "Having them presented by experts in the field gives those topics a relevance you can't get from a textbook."

Jobseekers interested in attending the workshop need only bring their thirst for

knowledge, according to Kozlowski.

"Many in the past have brought their résumés to my workshops, thinking that I'll have the opportunity to review them for effectiveness," he said. "The [workshop] is on a tight schedule and, while there will be breaks between sessions, there will not be adequate time for reviewing résumés, cover letters and the like. That's why I tell folks not to bring anything to the event except a mind open to some new ideas they'll gain from the guest speakers.

"I will furnish all workshop participants with padfolios and pens to allow everyone to take notes," he added. "It's my hope that the folks will take what they've learned home with them to review and apply to

their job campaign documents. Once they have accomplished that, then their next step will be to contact me for an appointment to review these documents with them. Typically, résumé review sessions last about an hour and a half.

The workshop is offered free of charge. Childcare services for the workshop are available at that facility. Individuals requiring that service are requested to pre-register at Parent Central Services no later than one week prior to the workshop. Parent Central Services is located in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 193. For more information, call 255-2958.

For more information on the workshop, call 255-2594 or visit <https://wiredtobehired.eventbrite.com>.



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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.

**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: Butter & Egg Adventures, Wednesday; Rosa Parks Museum and Eastdale Mall, June 14; bowling, June 15; Big Kahunas Water Park, June 21; Wonder Works, June 28; and Water World each Friday. Camp will run Mondays-Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youth must be a child and youth services member (ages 11-18 and grades six-12) to participate.

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

**Employment readiness class**

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room, with the next session June 8. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about 11:30 a.m. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

For more information, call 255-2594.

**Resilience Training**

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

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

**Wired to be Hired**

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

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

**Father’s Day Craft**

The Center Library will host a Father’s Day craft session June 13 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to the first 40 children to register. The event is open to authorized patrons and 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 June 14 during lunch time in celebration of the Army’s 242nd birthday. Free pieces of cake will be given out while supplies last. For more information, call 255-0768.



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## SPLASH! Summer Luau

**SPLASH!** Outdoor Pool and Spray Park will host its Summer Luau Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include a DJ and music, a limbo contest, a T-shirt tie-dyeing station (participants bring their own T-shirt from home or buy them for \$5 each), a create your own bookmark station, a dunk tank, corn hole, inflatable water slide and swimming. Food will also be available for purchase at the Tiki Bar on the upper-deck. Door prizes will be given away throughout the event in addition to a grand prize drawing at 3:45 p.m. Participants must be present to win door prizes and the grand prize. Cost for this event will be the daily admission fee for non-season pass holders. Season-pass holders will pay a small fee – 50-percent off the appropriate tier rate – for this event due to extra activities taking place at the facility on this day, according to organizers. For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-9162.

**Homeschool Q&A**

The Center Library will host a homeschool question and answer session June 14 from 1-2:30 p.m. The session is 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 library or call 255-3885.

**Single-parent family game night**

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

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

**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 government contributions. This discussion will be facilitated by ACS accredited financial counselors. Pre-

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registration is required by June 19. Free childcare is available with registration.

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

**Freedom Fest**

Fort Rucker will host its Freedom Fest June 30 from 4-10 p.m. at the festival fields. The event will feature one of the largest firework displays in the area, a children’s zone with inflatables, rides, games, and a variety of local and regional vendors, along with static aircraft displays. The

Army’s Maneuver Center of Excellence Fort Rucker Detachment Band will provide musical entertainment throughout the evening with a Patriotic Concert starting at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free and it is open to the public. People who attend do need to have a gate access pass. Prohibited items include coolers, backpacks (except for medical and baby care items), pets, fireworks of any kind, glass containers, weapons, and bicycles, scooters, roller blades and skateboards. For more information, call 255-1749.

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# SecDef to TAPS members: ‘You represent best of our country’

By Terri Moon Cronk  
*Defense Media Activity*

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis welcomed family members of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors to the Pentagon Friday as part of the organization’s 23rd annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp.

“I cannot tell you what an honor it is to have you here,” the secretary told the many families of the fallen when they arrived at the Pentagon’s famed River Entrance overlooking the Potomac River and downtown Washington, D.C.

This year marks the third annual tour and camp for TAPS members, who visit here every Memorial Day weekend.

“We get a lot of important people in this building, but no one is more important to us in

our hearts than all of you,” Mattis told the group of men, women and children.

The River Entrance is where the secretary greets visiting foreign-country ambassadors, presidents, prime ministers and kings, he told the group. “I will remember these steps much longer [because of] you standing on them than anyone [else], and they too would understand,” he said.

Mattis said when they come here, they know they are talking to and seeing people who understand the loss of their spouses, father, mother, sister or brother.

“There is compatibility between us that brings honor to us just by your presence here,” he added.

“We understand you, we recognize what you have given, what your families have given and we stand with you,” the secretary said.

“The reason is you represent



PHOTO BY E.J. HERSON

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors members react to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis’ welcome speech at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., Friday.

the best of our country, you represent everything that makes this country different in the world. And as long as we have families who are willing to carry the patriots’ burden like you, this experiment that we call America will continue to survive and continue to thrive,” Mattis told the group.

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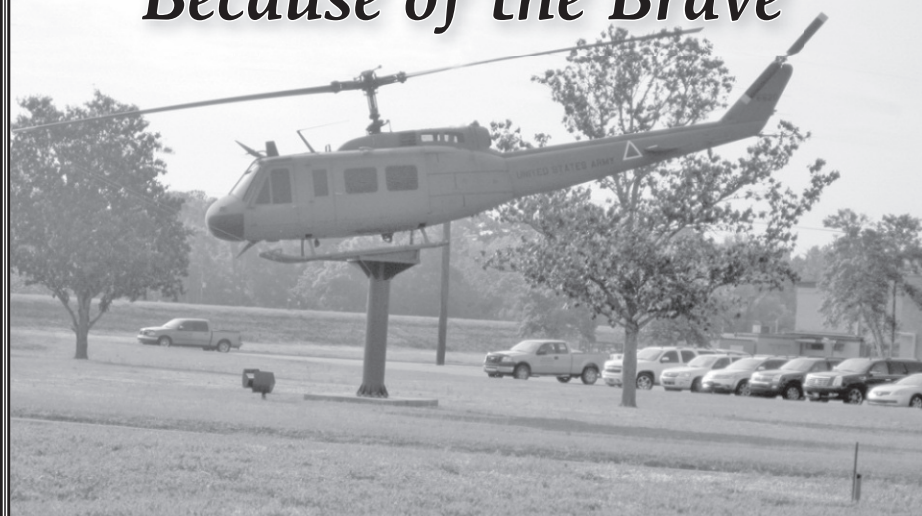
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# Slocomb set to host annual tomato festival

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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/>.

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

### DALEVILLE

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

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

### DOTHAN

**ONGOING** – Disabled American Veterans Dothan Chapter 87 maintains a service officer at its office at 545 West Main St. (Mixon Business Center) Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The chapter will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims and other veterans benefits. All veteran services provided are free of charge. For more information, call 836-0217, Ext. 123, or send an email to [davchapter87@gmail.com](mailto:davchapter87@gmail.com).

**ONGOING** – Disabled American Veterans Chapter 87 will host a dinner and meeting at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Doug Tew Recreation Center. For more information, call 836-0217, Ext. 123, or send an email to [davchapter87@gmail.com](mailto:davchapter87@gmail.com).

**ONGOING** – American Legion Auxiliary Unit 12 hosts a pancake breakfast the third Saturday of each month. Pancakes will be served from 7-10:30 a.m. for \$6 for the general public, \$5 for military members and veterans and free to children 8 and under. Proceeds go toward helping veterans, military members and their families. The post is located at the intersection of S. Park Street and Hwy. 605 (Brannon Stand Road). For more information, call 334-

400-5345.

### ENTERPRISE

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

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

**ONGOING** – Military Order of Purple Heart meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at American Legion Hall on East Lee Street. For more information, call 334-347-2727 or 334-447-6954.

### 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

[www.brewtonchamber.com/](http://www.brewtonchamber.com/).

### Florida Panhandle Boat Show

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

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

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/events/403539403336878).

### Date Night Movie on the Green

A date night movie will be played on the big blow up screen at Montgomery’s Riverfront Park starting at dark on the first Friday in June. People are welcome to bring chairs or blankets for seating. Food vendors will be available, or people may bring their own food. People must be at least 18 years or older. Pets are welcome. Tickets are \$5 per person and must be purchased online or at the gate. The movie for June 2 is “Dirty Dancing.”

For more information, call 334-625-2100 or visit [funinmontgomery.com/announcements/movies-on-the-green](http://funinmontgomery.com/announcements/movies-on-the-green).

### Jacksonian Guard Colors Ceremony

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For more information, visit <https://downtownpensacola.com/businesses/jacksonian-guard>.

### Montgomery Biscuits baseball

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## Beyond Briefs

### Mud run

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

For more information, visit <https://www.justforthemudofit.org/>.

### HerpFest

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

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

### Capitol Sounds - Summer Spectacular Concert

The Capitol Sounds Concert Band will host its Summer Series Spectacular Concert June 6 from 7-9 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church in Montgomery. The band will perform selections from “The Planets” by British composer

Gustav Holst, and the “Slavonic March” by Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky. In addition, the band will perform a medley from the Gershwin opera “Porgy and Bess,” as well as a Symphonic Suite from “Star Trek.” Another highlight of the concert will be a tribute to the legendary songwriting duo of the Beatles’ John Lennon and Paul McCartney, titled “A Lennon-McCartney Portrait.”

The event is free and open to the public, but donations are gladly accepted and will go towards performances for the band’s upcoming 2017-18 season. For more information, call 334-625-4661 or visit [capitolsounds.org/](http://capitolsounds.org/).

### 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.

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# Skyhawks ground Warhawks, 11-0

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker intramural softball teams continue to battle it out through the regular season as they prepare for the playoffs.

The 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group Warhawks took on the 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment Skyhawks at the Fort Rucker Intramural Softball Fields Tuesday, but the Skyhawks would come out on top with superior offense and defense to dominate their opponents, 11-0.

“We just played our game and put our runs on the board and everything fell into place,” said Spc. John Mason, Skyhawks team captain. “We’ve got good team chemistry, and we’re able to make subs in and out and we never miss a beat. Once we’re playing our game, we’re pretty solid.”

The Warhawks took to the plate first and got off to a decent start with a base hit, but followed up with a pop fly to first for their first out. They managed to keep the ball on the ground, but couldn’t beat it to the bag as the Skyhawks kept a tight defense, leading to the next two batters out at first, sending the 164th TAOG into the outfield and the 1-11th up to the plate.

The Skyhawks didn’t get off on the right foot with a pop up to center field for their first out, but made up for lost ground with a base hit to get their first runner on base.

They followed that up with



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Sgt. Nick Foust, player for the Skyhawks, connects with the ball during a game at the Fort Rucker Intramural Softball Fields Tuesday.

a double, and managed to keep the ball on the ground and out of the hands of their opponents for a 2-run shot to get on the scoreboard first.

The 1-11th continued with a string of base hits to bring in an

additional run, but a play at first ended their time at bat, leading 3-0.

The Warhawks needed to pick up the pace if they wanted to stay in the game, and they got off on the right foot with a shot to left

field to get a runner on base, but a pop up to center field followed by a play at first slowed their progress.

Though they managed a string of base hits, they couldn’t seem to get through the 1-11th’s defense

and were sent into the outfield, scoreless again.

The Skyhawks seemed to lose a bit of offensive momentum and didn’t fare much better with their time at bat, quickly racking up three outs with a pop up and a play at second and first, giving the Warhawks a chance to catch up.

They didn’t have much luck with their time at the plate, though, as the Skyhawks defense remained tight and didn’t let a single runner slip through.

Neither team was able to make much headway during their times at bat as each team went scoreless for nearly four innings, although both teams managed strings of base hits, neither seemed able to get through the other’s defense.

The Skyhawks finally managed to break the stagnation with an in-the-park homerun, followed by another homerun, extending their lead.

The 1-11th found their stride as they managed to continue to bring in more runs with base hits and a string of home runs, both in the park and out of the park.

They managed to bring in 8 runs during their time at the plate to lead 11-0 going into the fifth.

The Warhawks had one final chance at redemption going into the fifth and needed to score at least two runs to remain in the game before the 10-run rule took effect.

Try as they might, though, the 164th TOAG couldn’t get through the opposing defense and the Skyhawks took the win, 11-0.



ARMY GRAPHIC

## Lyster commander seeks feedback to raise patient satisfaction

By Jenny Stripling  
Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs

Have you received a Joint Outpatient Experience Survey in the mail after an appointment at Lyster Army Health Clinic?

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These funds are absolutely critical to the clinic’s operations and allow the staff to continue to reach higher in delivering the “Gold Standard” of health care to patients.

Taking the time to fill out and return the survey allows the OTSG to see the clinic’s progress and ensure services delivered to Soldiers and their family members, as well as retirees and their family members, remain exceptional.

“We are missing out on valuable feedback from our patients on their experience at Lyster when these surveys are not returned,” said Lt. Col. Jon Baker, Lyster commander. “We are your clinic and ask you to tell us about your care through JOES when you receive it in the mail.”

People who receive a mailed survey in response to an appointment experience at Lyster should be sure to fill it out and return it. Clinic officials are working hard to ensure that they exceed people’s health care expectations and earn excellent ratings. The clinic staff wants to make sure it continually has people’s feedback. Giving the clinic and its staff members high marks when they meet or exceed expectations, or letting them know where they might improve, goes a long way in maintaining and improving services for beneficiaries – our Partners in Health.

# TRI-SERVICE EFFORT

## Military blood program surges into future

By Erin Longacre  
Armed Services Blood Program  
Blood Donor Recruiter

FORT GORDON, Ga. – Military medical professionals know that their field is a uniquely dynamic one – that innovation and flexibility are essential to saving lives in a forward setting, and that combat casualty care can lead to revolutionary approaches in health-care off the battlefield, as well.

This is especially true for the collection and transfusion of blood products, and Fort Gordon on the forefront of the military’s blood program.

Fort Gordon’s blood center, one of 20 military blood collection sites, is named Kendrick Memorial Blood Center after Army Maj. Gen. Douglas B. Kendrick, an innovator who helped shape the Army’s blood program during World War II. Kendrick would no doubt be proud to see his namesake center continuing his legacy by rapidly deploying a diverse range of life-saving products into theater, wherever and whenever needed.

Kendrick Memorial Blood Center personnel travel to military installations in Georgia and South Carolina to collect blood donations. Then they process and ship those donations into theater, as well as to the Eisenhower Army Medical Center and other military medical facilities. In addition to its role as the Army’s top blood collection facility, KMBC also collects apheresis platelets and plasma, provides service to Eisenhower Army

Medical Center patients who need to give blood for therapeutic reasons or for their own use during surgery, and participates in several cutting-edge projects to supply specialized blood products to special operations commands.

One of those projects involves working with the 75th Ranger Regiment to bring universally safe whole blood to far forward settings, available right at the point of injury.

Low titer Type O whole blood is a special type of blood donation. Whole blood means the blood donation isn’t separated into red blood cells and plasma, and low titer refers to low levels of antibodies that could cause a reaction in a patient of a different blood type.

The Ranger O Low Titer program involves prescreening personnel prior to deployment to determine their suitability as a universal donor. While deployed in a remote location, pre-identified Rangers could serve as a walking blood bank – someone able to give the safest, most effective blood product possible with the aid of a medic, even if they aren’t near a combat support hospital or other major facility.

Fort Gordon’s team began conducting screening drives with the 1st Ranger Battalion at Hunter Army Airfield in 2016, testing hundreds of Soldiers for potential participation in the program. In March, KMBC added another component of combat care by collecting and shipping low titer O

whole blood into theater weekly, in addition to the regular shipments of red blood cells and plasma.

Having whole blood ready to transfuse increases the available inventory for Rangers and gives them other options besides using the assault force as the only source for safe, universal whole blood.

Fort Gordon is one of four sites now providing whole blood for the program: three Army centers and one Air Force center. One Navy blood donor center is projected to come on board this month, as well.

“This is a great product that will certainly help save lives of our service members,” said Navy Capt. Roland Fahie, director of the Armed Services Blood Program. “By expanding this program and making it a true tri-service effort, we are able to increase the amount of low titer Type O whole blood we are producing, which, of course, equates to more lives saved.”

Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chief of Blood Services was Lt. Col. Melanie Sloan, who helped bring operational support for the ROLO and low titer O whole blood programs online at Fort Benning and Fort Gordon. She agrees with Fahie’s positive assessment.

“Our CENTCOM customers count on us to provide the best possible product and to make sure they have what they need, when and where they need it,” she said. “That’s why we’re here.”



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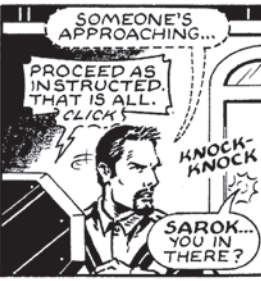
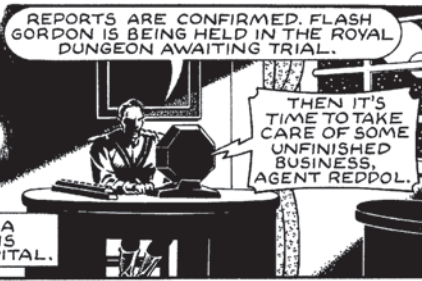
Sgt. Preston Campbell, blood drive for the 67th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, donates for the low titer Type O whole blood program at the Kendrick Memorial Blood Center on Fort Gordon, Ga.



# DOWN TIME



OUR STORY SO FAR...



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

# TRIVIA

1. MOVIES: Which 1974 movie featured a character named Jake Gittes?
2. LANGUAGE: What are three letters of the Greek alphabet that begin with the letter "p"?
3. HUMAN ANATOMY: What part of the brain regulates body temperature and controls the autonomic nervous system?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a hussar?
5. MYTHOLOGY: Which figure in Greek mythology possessed the gift of prophecy?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What artificial structure connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea?
7. TELEVISION: Who played the lead role in the drama "Columbo"?
8. MUSIC: What Barry Manilow song started with the line "'Her name was Lola"?
9. GOVERNMENT: What amendment to the Constitution authorized federal taxes on income?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What shape is the pasta called farfalle?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

### PEOPLE OF THE PAST

#### ACROSS

- 1 Ousts  
7 Fig. on a new car sticker  
11 Isle of Minos  
16 Pro music providers  
19 Lost lady in "The Raven"  
20 "That clarifies it!"  
21 Saabs, say  
22 Use scissors  
23 Enron scandal figure was inactive?  
26 Suffix of fruit drinks  
27 — Pie (cold treat)  
28 Sternward  
29 Lucas of film  
31 By way of, briefly  
33 "Three's Company" actor started dozing?  
38 See 82-Across  
40 Money owed  
41 Floral wreath  
42 Pappies  
43 Lyric writer Gershwin  
44 Lyric work  
47 Toe part  
49 "Lulu" composer Berg

- 52 Watergate whistleblower had anxiety?  
59 Island near Molokai  
60 — for "apple"  
61 Charles of CBS News  
62 "CSI" actress Elisabeth  
65 Solar system members  
69 Ending for pent- or hex-  
70 Citi Field stat  
71 Reds great met a tough challenge?  
76 Santa — (hot desert wind)  
77 Unveil, in poetry  
78 Swiss resort lake  
79 Greek mountain  
80 "Is there an echo —?"  
82 With 38-Across, they have film bloopers  
83 "This —!" (fighting words)  
86 Teen sleuth noted the subtle difference?  
94 "Gladiator" actor Davis

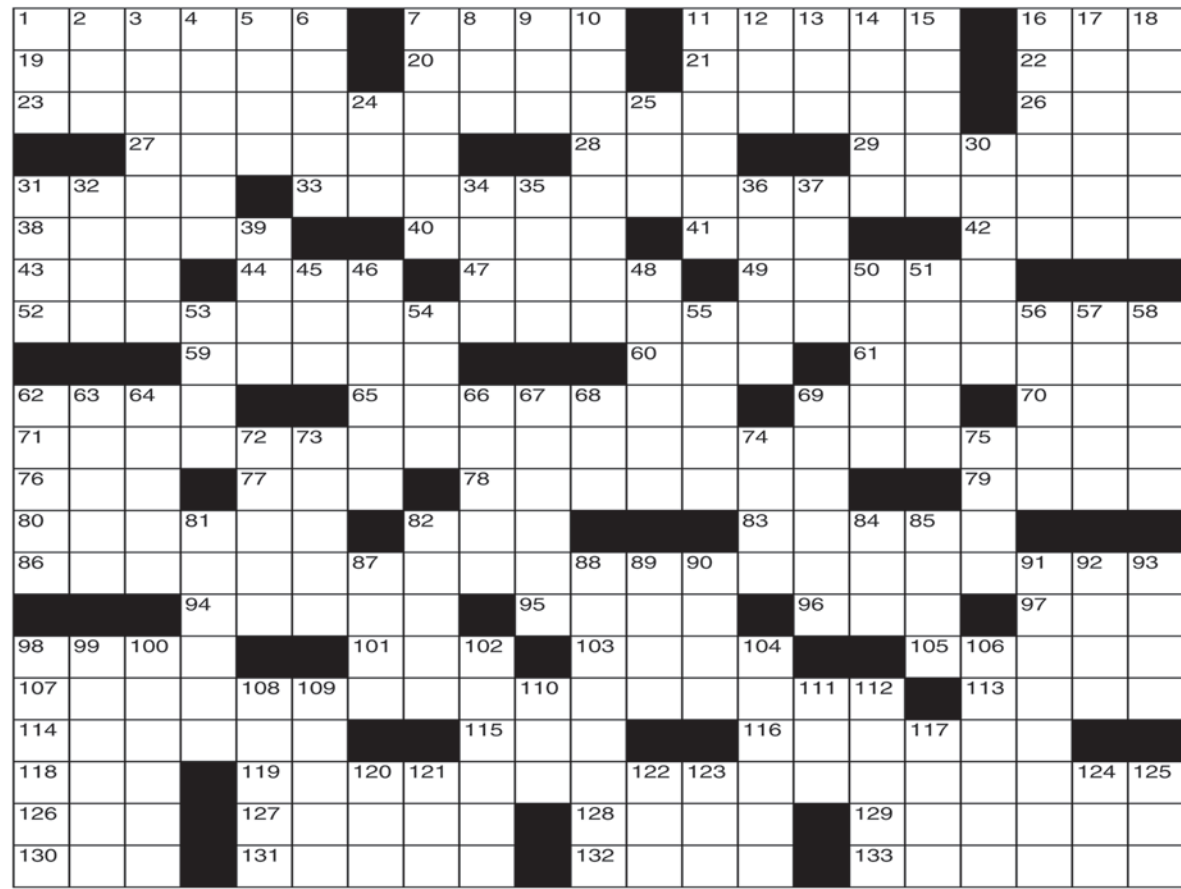
- 95 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez  
96 Bygone flight inits.  
97 "Aquarius" network  
98 Chilly  
101 Hereditary helices  
103 Small needle case  
105 Have one's cake and eat —  
107 "The Ward" actress hallucinated auditorily?  
113 Te- — (giggles)  
114 Blueswoman Smith  
115 Fuzz figure  
116 Machine for sowing  
118 Become old  
119 "The Great Ziegfeld" figure caused a road jam?  
126 UNLV part  
127 Valuable store  
128 River of Pisa  
129 Not coastal  
130 Pack carrier  
131 Targeted  
132 In order  
133 States of change

#### DOWN

- 1 Bugling beast  
2 Winning sign  
3 Cochlea site  
4 Relative of an attaché  
5 Trying trip  
6 Take effect  
7 What to call an English nobleman  
8 Retirees' fund org.  
9 Marina del —  
10 Like a smug know-it-all  
11 OPEC, e.g.  
12 Mai tai liquor  
13 Sked guess  
14 Pacific island nation  
15 Actor Will  
16 U.S. capital and environs  
17 Deemed  
18 Infuses  
24 Wellness gp.  
25 Awry  
30 Horse-track has-been  
31 Slim and fit  
32 Greek Juno  
34 Eatery card  
35 Impose — on (forbid)  
36 Pages (through)  
37 "— & Stitch"  
39 Long couch  
45 Room with a 39-Down  
87 Bike, e.g.

- 46 Pass  
48 Hate  
50 Horse to bust  
51 All mixed up  
53 Abstract  
54 Tight-listed type  
55 Karloff of film  
57 Timber wolves  
58 City near Minneapolis  
62 Seville  
63 Hair dye  
64 Fan of the Jazz, usually  
66 Attorney or heir follower  
67 Nutty candy  
68 Misc. abbr.  
69 Nails the test  
72 Actors Culkin and Calhoun  
73 Pages for think pieces  
74 Handling the matter  
75 Kind  
81 Schools, to the French  
82 "Hero" co-star Davis  
84 NYC-to-Seattle dir.  
85 Berry from Brazil  
87 Bike, e.g.

- 88 Weight-loss strategy  
89 Narrow strip of land: Abbr.  
90 Feng —  
91 Russian news agency  
92 Penetrating woodwind  
93 Sarges, say  
98 Jewish mystical tradition  
99 Last letters  
100 Dwell (on)  
102 Like insteps and rainbows  
104 Hip place  
106 Winter bug  
108 Gaucho rope  
109 "The Dance" artist  
110 Matisse  
111 Female goat  
112 Sans — (font style)  
117 Pioneer Boone, to townsfolk  
120 — de plume  
121 Hail, to Ovid  
122 Rap's Dr. —  
123 A, in Italy  
124 Opal ending  
125 LPs' successors

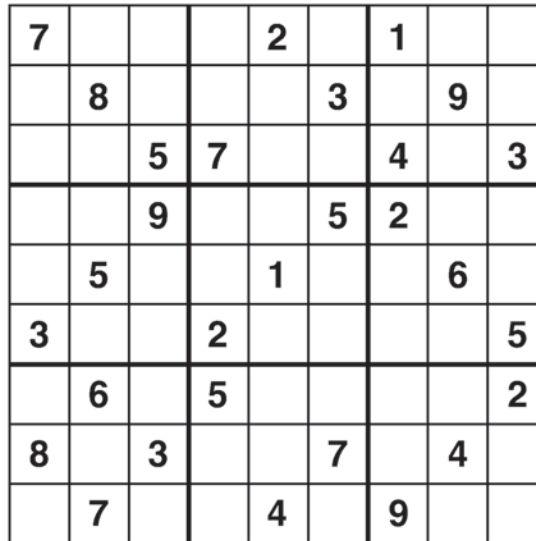


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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

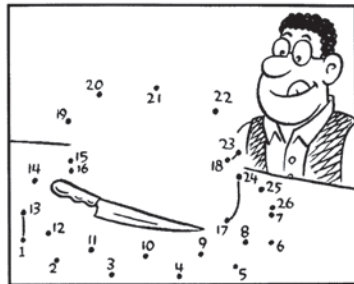
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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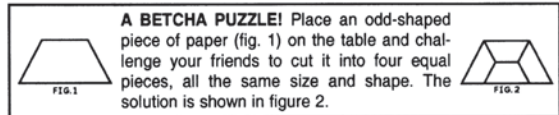
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# KID's CORNER



WHAT MOST RESEMBLES HALF A CHEESE? Connect the dots and find out!

Answer: The other half.



**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

TALLYHO, WORD SEARCHERS!



Illustrated by David Coulson

Hidden in the diagram above are names and words associated with horses. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words you're looking for.

- |          |           |          |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| ARABIAN  | GRASS     | QUARTER  |
| BELGIAN  | HARNESS   | SHETLAND |
| CARRIAGE | ICELANDIC | STALLION |
| CIRCUS   | MUSTANG   | TROTTER  |
| DONKEY   | PASTURE   | WALKING  |
| GAIT     | PERCHERON |          |

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P	E	O	O	E	E	R	I	W	N	V
6	4	7	6	7	5	6	3	7	6	2
S	M	L	O	L	I	N	E	U	A	C
2	8	5	3	5	7	4	7	2	5	6
T	C	S	D	C	S	T	I	O	I	V
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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SPORTS BRIEFS

**Survivors, Fallen Heroes Run**  
The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host the Survivors and Fallen Heroes 5K Saturday starting at 8 a.m. The Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services program has stars noting the name of Fallen Heroes with Gold Star Family members in this area of coverage. Runners are requested to pin a star to their shirt and run in honor and memory of these fallen heroes. In addition, stars will be available for runners to personalize with the names of fallen service members they would like to run in honor of. These stars are a visual reminder of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. The event also recognizes survivors of fallen heroes. Race-day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 7:40 a.m. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at either PFC. The fun run will begin after the 5K race is complete and is open to all children ages 12 and under, free of charge. Each fun run participant will receive a medal. T-shirts will be available while supplies last. The cost is \$25. Trophies will be awarded in various categories.  
For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-1749.

**Disc golf tournament**  
The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host a disc golf tournament Saturday at 10 a.m. Cost will be \$20 through Saturday and \$25 afterwards. Trophies awarded to ages 18 and over. All pre-registered competitors will receive a T-shirt. Competitors registering after Saturday will receive T-shirts while supplies last. The tournament will be 18 holes paired randomly, followed by another 18 holes by age, group and score.  
For more information or to register, call 255-2296 or 255-2997.

**Youth football, cheerleading, soccer registration**  
Registration for youth football, cheerleading and soccer runs through July 31. Practices will begin Aug. 2. A parents meeting will be Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at the youth center, Bldg. 2800. Age groups for football are 9-10 and 11-12 – cost is \$65 per child. Age groups for

cheerleading are 8-9 and 10-11 – cost is \$45 per child. Two mascots for each age group, ages 4-5 and ages 6-7 – cost is \$25 per child. Soccer practices will begin Aug. 7 – cost is \$25 for ages 4-5 and \$45 for ages 6-13. Evaluations will be held Aug. 7 for ages 8 and up, if necessary, at the youth Center. There will be a parent's meeting will be Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. at the youth center. To register, children must be a child and youth services member and have a current sports physical.  
Also, prospective coaches are needed. Those who are interested in coaching can call 255-0950 or 255-2254 for more information.  
For more information, call 255-2257 or 225-9638.

**Beach Body Bingo**  
Fort Rucker's physical fitness centers will host Beach Body Bingo Monday through June 30. People will have 25 days to get a bingo on their card. The rules and cards will be available at the front desk of the PFCs.  
For more information, call the Fortenberry-Colton PFC at 255-3794 or the Fort Rucker PFC at 255-2296.

**Lifeguard Training Course**  
The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host its lifeguard training course Monday through June 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course is open to patrons ages 15 and up. It costs \$125 for military and Department of Defense ID card holders, and \$150 for members of the general public. A prerequisite test on the first day must be passed to enter the course. People may register at the front desk of the Fort Rucker PFC. The cutoff for registration is three days prior to the course start date. Candidates who take the training program are also eligible for employment with the Fort Rucker Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. All candidates who apply with DFMWR after successful completion of the training program will have 50 percent of their training fees reimbursed to them at the end of the 2017 summer season – must work through Labor Day.  
For more information, call 255-9162.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

E	V	I	C	T	S	M	S	R	P	C	R	E	T	E	D	J	S			
L	E	N	O	R	E	I	S	E	E	A	U	T	O	S	C	U	T			
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A	S	S	A	I	M	E	D	N	E	A	T	F	L	U	X	E	S			

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

TRIVIA

- Answers
1. "Chinatown" (Jack Nicholson)
  2. Phi, pi and psi
  3. The hypothalamus
  4. A horseman in a European light cavalry unit
  5. Cassandra
  6. Suez Canal
  7. Peter Falk
  8. "Copacabana"
  9. Sixteenth Amendment
  10. Bows or butterflies

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