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WHERE IT ALL BEGAN



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The Sikorsky R-4 sits in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum and was the first production helicopter and paved the way for modern-day rotor-wing Aviation.

1st production helicopter on display at museum

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The advent of the rotor-wing technology aircraft changed the world and became an invaluable asset in the Aviation community, but it all had to start somewhere, and that somewhere is on display at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

The Sikorsky R-4 helicopter was the first production helicopter and the brainchild of Igor Sikorsky, a pioneer in both fixed-wing and rotor-wing Aviation, and according to Robert Mitchell, U.S. Army

Aviation Museum curator, the world of rotor-wing Aviation wouldn't be the same without his game-changing innovation.

"We can't tell the story of the R-4 without telling the story of Sikorsky. He was a very prolific manufacturer of airplanes, mostly seaplanes, but always in the back of his mind he was fascinated by vertical flight," said the curator. "He kept working on the idea, and many had tried and failed."

A problem that plagued early designers

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JOB FAIR

Event features more than 5,000 job vacancies

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Finding new employment can be a stressfully daunting task, but an upcoming event will provide a centralized location to make it easier for job seekers to find that perfect employment opportunity.

The 14th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair is coming to Enterprise High School July 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is free and open to the public, and with over 129 companies registered so far looking to fill more than 5,000 job vacancies, this is one event any job seeker won't want to miss, said Brian Tharpe, Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program Center transition services manager.

"This is going to be a mega job fair this year," he said. "People should get their résumés out and get them polished up, and if they don't have one, they should definitely get one in order."

Job seekers should prepare a general résumé listing all of their areas of expertise and experience, said Tharpe, unless they know the company or positions they wish to apply for, then they should tailor their résumé for that specific company or job.

"If they do know what company they want to work for, they need to do their research ahead of time on the particular companies," said the transition services manager. "Also, this will be a hiring event, so people should dress as if they're going for a job interview."

Soldiers should wear their duty uniforms in order to help potential employers identify them as Soldiers, and veterans will be provided a flag to put on their lapel stickers to identify them as former service members.

"A lot of the employers want to talk with Soldiers. [By wearing their uniforms] they'll stand out," said Tharpe. "Everyone should dress the part. If they don't wear their uniform, people should dress as if they are going for a job interview, because an interview process could take place during the event."

"Sometimes it can be difficult for veterans to transition to the civilian workforce since we're so specialized in what our jobs were in the military, but this gives us the opportunity to talk with employers and explain to them what we have to offer them," said Damien Smith, military veteran, during last year's job fair. "It's a great way to get them to

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Job seekers speak with employers during last year's Fort Rucker Area Job Fair at the Carroll High School Gymnasium in Ozark. This year's job fair will be held at Enterprise High School.

USAARL welcomes new commander

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory welcomed a new commander during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

Col. Jonathan C. Taylor assumed command from Col. Richard G. Malish as the organizational colors changed hands from the outgoing commander to Maj. Gen. Barbara R. Holcomb, U.S. Army Medical Research Material Command commanding general, to Taylor.

Holcomb presided over the ceremony, thanked Malish for his dedication to the USAARL team and gave Taylor her full vote of confidence.

"Thank you for your hard work, your leadership and your dedication," she said to Malish during the ceremony. "I know you'll continue to do great things ... and as we celebrate the accomplishments of Colonel Malish, we have the privilege of welcoming another great leader to USAARL."

"He's an accomplished family physician," said the general. "Craig, as I'm sure you can already tell, you're inheriting an exceptional



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. Jonathan C. Taylor, U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory commander, accepts the organizational colors from Maj. Gen. Barbara R. Holcomb, U.S. Army Medical Research Material Command commanding general, as he assumes command from Col. Richard G. Malish during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

group of men and women, and I'm confident that you will lead them with great thought and temperament on the way forward."

Taylor comes to Fort Rucker with a wealth of knowledge from numerous assignments, including division surgeon for the 10th Mountain Division, officer in charge for the Womack Army Medical Center Family

Medicine Residency Clinic, assistant program director for the Womack Army Medical Center, executive officer to the deputy surgeon general and special assistant to the surgeon general.

He's also served in multiple deployments, including as the forward

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99 YEARS

Warrant Officer Cohort celebrates legacy

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Warrant Officer Cohort consists of today's Army's technical experts and, in celebration of that expertise, the cohort commemorated nearly a century of service with the generally accepted thing worthy of any birthday celebration – cake.

The cohort turned 99 Sunday, and many Fort Rucker members celebrated with a cake cutting ceremony at the Warrant Officer Dining Facility July 6 to commemorate the ongoing service and leadership that warrant officers provide, said CW5 John D. Howze, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College deputy commandant.

"Warrant officers have been a critical part of militaries around the world," he said during the birthday celebration. "For 99 years, the talented professionals of the Warrant Officer Cohort have served with great distinction. You all know that we

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

CW4 Jerry White, 1st Warrant Officer Company commander, retired CW5 James Rathburn, CW2 Charita Mixon, 1st WOC, and CW5 John D. Howze, WOC deputy commandant, prepare to cut the Warrant Officer Cohort birthday cake during a celebration of the 99th birthday of the cohort at the dining facility July 6.

PERSPECTIVE

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

Soldier: Diverse culture what makes Army great

By **Spc. Gurpreet Gill**
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JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. – In 2012, I immigrated to the United States at age 24. I knew I was going to a whole new world, one that was markedly different from Jaipur, India, where I was born and raised.

America is a melting pot – as a Sikh, I was excited to share my culture with my new friends and neighbors. While I did not know exactly what the future would hold for me, I knew that I wanted to be true to the Sikh values of serving others and my country while fulfilling the Sikh tradition of serving in the armed forces. In 2014, I joined the U.S. Army.

I was first stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, after which I was stationed at Fort Lewis, just south of Tacoma, where I currently serve as an active-duty member of the Army.

For me, there was never any question on whether I was going to join the military. The values with which I was raised placed a strong emphasis of serving my community and those around me. These values are a core tenet of my religion: Sikhism, which is still not well known in the U.S.

To provide some background, Sikhism is the world's fifth largest religion. It was established in India in the 16th century as a response to a cultural caste system, which had a rigid social structure that dictated how you were treated by society. Sikhism was founded, in part, to change that, and to create equality and opportunity for all.

One of the ways Sikhs demonstrate their commitment



COURTESY PHOTO

Spc. Gurpreet Gill, a Soldier with 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, had his religious accommodation approved, allowing him to grow his facial hair and wear a turban in accordance with his Sikh faith.

to equality is by wearing the turban, a symbol that is often misconstrued as a symbol of extremism in the U.S. Nothing could be further from the truth. Sikh Americans wear the turban to demonstrate their commitment to equality and to serving others. In fact, the turban symbolizes the same values that I defend as a member of the U.S. Army.

Approximately 600,000 Sikhs live in the U.S., and about

99 percent of the people seen wearing turbans in the U.S. are Sikh. Yet a majority of Americans don't know what Sikhism is, and even more still have never interacted with a Sikh American. To help close this information gap, the National Sikh Campaign just launched "We Are Sikhs," a new, national effort to help Americans better understand their Sikh-American neighbors.

Until recently, Sikh men and women were not able to wear a turban while serving in the U.S. military, including myself. Earlier this year, the U.S. Army revised its regulations to allow service members to wear a turban for religious reasons.

Due to the change in policy, I now wear my turban and beard with pride and I no longer have to choose between my country and my faith. This is a significant victory for Sikh Americans. I believe this will allow more Sikhs to continue the tradition of serving in the U.S. armed forces, which for Sikhs dates back to World War I.

Undoubtedly, the U.S. military is among the most diverse fighting forces in the world. Not only do my fellow Soldiers fall across the socioeconomic spectrum, but our cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds are just as varied. There are very few places in the world that I can work alongside someone who could trace their ancestry back to the founding of the U.S., or share a bunk with someone who left his or her hometown for the first time to go to basic training.

The diverse culture of the U.S. military is what makes it unmatched around the world – our shared commitment to defending the United States, despite our differences, is what makes it great.

I joined the U.S. Army to fulfill my desire and drive to serve my community. Even though I was not born in the United States, I know I am surrounded by Soldiers – people – who share these feelings.

I am proud to be an American. I am even prouder to be a Sikh American. It is an honor to serve my fellow Americans in the U.S. Army.

Rotor Wash

“Summer vacation has reached its mid-point and creative escapes from the summer heat can be hard to find. What activities or projects do you suggest for people when the temperature is too hot for a day outside?”



Pfc. Cesar Soto,
A Co., 1st Bn.,
11th Avn. Regt.

“If you have [air conditioning], make sure it works and [relax] inside. If you want to cool down, just stay chill.”



Myra Aponte,
civilian

“You can play games with the kids and get a lot of Crayons if they're small. Another thing is, there are a lot of movies coming out, so take them to the movies and relax.”



Spc. James Dyson,
Fort Gordon, Georgia

“Drink some water and play video games. If you've got family you can cook a big meal together.”



Spc. Larry Keith,
Fort Gordon, Georgia

“Go to the gym or read a book.”



Darrin Wilson,
retired military

“What we do at our house is just sit around and have a conversation. We catch up and interact with family.”

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ACE suicide intervention

Ask your buddy

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm.
- Ask the question directly. For example, “Are you thinking of killing yourself?”

Care for your buddy

- Remove any means that could be used for self-

injury.

- Calmly control the situation, do not use force.
- Actively listen to produce relief.

Escort your buddy

- Never leave your buddy alone.
- Escort to the chain of command, a chaplain, a behavioral health professional or a primary care provider.

READY TO HELP

Legal assistance office at the ready to help Soldiers, retirees, families

By **Jeremy Henderson**
Army Flier Staff Writer

Free legal assistance services can be one of the most valuable benefits available to Soldiers on post, but it can also be one of the most underutilized.

Capt. Daniel Hancock, Fort Rucker Office Staff of the Judge Advocate Client Services Chief, said Soldiers are often unaware of the different types of legal services available.

“I believe there are quite a few Soldiers, retirees and dependents who do not realize what sorts of legal assistance services are available to them,” Hancock said. “It seems that when people hear ‘JAG,’ they only think of prosecutors or the people who give Articles 15. While there are judge advocates who do those things, there is a large section of our office that exists exclusively to help Soldiers, retirees and their family members with personal legal issues.”

What services are offered by the legal assistance office? “We assist clients with wills, powers of attorney, notarizations, income tax preparation, certain landlord/tenant issues, Servicemember’s Civil Relief Act issues, uncontested divorce, Army Regulation 608-99 Family Support, assistance with rebuttals for military administrative actions, debt collection, claims assistance (household goods ship-



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Soldiers from the Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate dress Sgt. Ted E. Bear to represent ‘blind justice’ in honor of Law Week in 2015.

ments, etc.),” Hancock said.

“This is a good place to mention attorney-client Privilege,” he added. “Legal assistance attorneys are one of the few positions in the Army in which our loyalty and professional responsibilities to our clients outweigh our pro-

fessional obligation to the Army. When it comes to a conflict between our client and the Army, our client wins. Anything a client shares with a legal assistance attorney during the representation is private, except in a few limited circumstances, such as if the client

threatened to injure themselves or another person. Clients can take comfort in the fact that whatever they share will not make it back to their commanders, or anyone else for that matter.”

According to Hancock, the free legal services offered on post can help Soldiers, retirees and family members save money up front and down the road.

“Civilian attorneys off-post are often very expensive – some charging hundreds of dollars per hour of work,” he said. “In addition to helping our clients save money up front, many of our actions often help return money to a client’s pocket. So far in 2017, two of our success stories have been saving a client nearly \$6,000 by helping them to resolve a case of mistaken identity with a major national company. In other instance, we were able to get an assessment of financial liability of over \$8,000 removed by the Soldier’s unit.”

Hancock said people can rest assured that military attorneys are some of the very best available, and they are experts in areas that frequently concern service members and their families. “Army Judge Advocates are picked competitively from the best and brightest attorneys. The JAG Corps typically selects only 10 to 20 percent of civilian applicants and junior officer applicants each

year. The competitive nature of the program ensures that we only hire the most skilled, competent and professional attorneys our nation has to offer.

“Additionally, Army judge advocates receive several months of Army-specific legal training to make them subject matter experts in military law and service-connected issues,” he added. “Many civilian attorneys off post will not have the military-specific expertise that comes with being an Army judge advocate.”

The SJA office also houses the Special Victim Counsel Program. The purpose of the SVC Program is to provide zealous advocacy for the victims of sexual assaults throughout the Military Justice process. Victims of sexual assault are entitled to certain services and protections, and the SVC is the attorney that represents a victim through the entire process, from reporting to court-martial and beyond. If a reader needs SVC assistance, he or she should contact Hancock at 334-332-9673.

For more information about legal services offered on post, call 255-3482 to make an appointment. Soldiers, retirees and family members may also visit Bldg. 5700, Rm. 320 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Thursdays from noon until 4:30 p.m.

IMCOM commander meets with service culture influencers

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

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl recently broke bread with a group of Army service culture educators attending a two-week workshop to hone their delivery of IMCOM’s Service Culture Initiative.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command’s Service Culture Initiative is a commitment to delivering programs and services with a sense of pride, professionalism and in keeping with Army values.

The IMCOM SCI was modeled after the longstanding Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Customer Service Program, which provides centrally-funded service culture educators who are strategically placed at garrisons around the world to assist directors in implementing, monitoring and sustaining the enterprise.

As part of their annual training at IMCOM Headquarters, the SCEs took a two-day influencer course that provided them with proven strategies to drive high-leverage, rapid, and sustainable behavior change for teams and organizations.

“I think we are influencing the Army’s future,” said Dahl, IMCOM’s commanding general who regularly hosts workforce lunches with employees to assess the command climate and discuss challenges and ideas. “If it’s going to change, then we have a huge responsibility to assist in that change because we touch the whole Army

every single day. And if there are aspects of the Army culture that are critical to our success to sustain and maintain, we have the responsibility to protect those and to sustain and to nurture them, because, as you know, culture does not just take care of itself.”

A passage from the course textbook, “Influencer,” reads: “You become an effective influencer when, and only when, you learn to over-determine change by amassing sufficient sources of influence to make change inevitable.”

Dahl fast-forwarded the lunchtime discussion to the recent launch of IMCOM’s SCI and how the Army can return to a culture of selfless service from a culture of entitlement.

“It really is a big, big question,” Dahl said. “Selfless service is really critical to the Army and what we have to do, and entitlement is anathema of who we are.”

A portion of the IMCOM SCI operation order reads: “The Army is facing a changing environment, one that is characterized by reduced resources (funding and personnel), while readiness requirements remain constant. IMCOM can no longer deliver programs and services to the same level as we have the past decade and that those we support have come to expect. We must prioritize and deliver the right services, maximizing every dollar we spend. As we fine-tune programs, the manner in which we deliver our services becomes even more important. Additionally, we are asking more of our IMCOM professionals and it is critical that we recognize their contribution to support-



PHOTO BY TIM HIPPS

Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, commanding general of IMCOM, illustrates cost-savings efficiencies to a group of Army service culture educators June 23 at the IMCOM Academy on Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

ing Army readiness. It is important that we return to the basics through engaged and caring leadership, commitment to service, self-reliance, and adherence to our core values. The IMCOM Service Culture Initiative provides the means to do this.”

SCEs are responsible for training all FMWR employees in the operation excellence customer service training program, and providing coaching and consulting support to management in sustaining a best-in-class service culture. They told Dahl that a lofty bar of expectations was set 10 years ago by the Army Family Covenant, and that Soldiers and families have since become accustomed to a high level of quality services. The money to fund programs then was plentiful.

Dahl said the Army Family Covenant promised too much assistance for Soldiers and Families and that today’s Army must return to basics and become more austere.

The service culture educators agreed that messaging must be delivered, received and heeded before cultural change can occur.

“You take a look at our Soldiers and our families that we serve now, 75 percent of them, this is all they know is post-Army Family Covenant with the heightened expectations,” said retired Col. Matt Margotta, a former garrison commander who helped write the IMCOM SCI. “It’s going to take time.”

“I’m not sure that messaging has trickled down to the installations, to the user level,” an SCE chimed in. During the non-attribution workforce lunches, employees are afforded anonymity while talking with the commander.

“I think our American society is so thankful and appreciative of our military that they’ve made such an effort to give things to all of our military members and organizations that that’s just encouraged that mindset,” another service culture educator said.

“I’m not wanting to reduce the quality of the work that we’re doing,” Dahl replied. “We have to be careful ... so we’re not undermining readiness instead of building readiness.”

Dahl realizes the task of changing the service culture is daunting, yet doable. “This is a huge organization, and it’s hard to change the message, it’s hard to change behavior, and it’s hard to change the culture.”

“But we’ve done it,” the SCE replied. “It might have taken us seven years, but we’ve done it, and we can do it again.”

News Briefs

Clinic closure

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

Change of command

- The 1st Aviation Brigade will host a change of command ceremony Friday at 8:30 a.m. at Howze Field.

Immunizations for school enrollment

Lyster Army Health Clinic officials said that in addition to infant immunizations, school-aged children are recommended to receive the following immunizations:

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella age 4-6;
- Polio age 4-6;
- Varicella (chicken pox) second dose age 4-6;
- Human Papilloma Virus age 11 and older;
- Meningococcal age 11-12 and again at age 16; and
- Tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough every 10 years.

People are welcome to talk to their provider about childhood immunizations. Alabama Immunization Records

(Blue Cards) are available at the immunizations department.

Retirement ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its quarterly retirement ceremony July 28 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. All are welcome to attend and honor the post’s latest retirees.

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.

School physicals

To ensure the highest continuity of care possible, while providing timely access for patients requiring a school

physical, Lyster Army Health Clinic encourages beneficiaries to schedule school physical appointments as soon as possible from now until July 30. Parents should make sure to bring any required documentation to the appointment, with the patient portion filled out completely. The appointment will be for the school physical only. Any other issues will need to be addressed with your primary care clinician. Call the appointment line at 1-800-261-7193-7193.

Pay office closure

The Defense Military Pay Office 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.

Specialty printing requirement

Due to a change in printing procedure, document printing services now requires that all documents for printing that require specialty paper be submitted three weeks prior to the requested

delivery date.

For more information, call 255-1363.

Yoga classes

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

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) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call 255-9595.

ID card section closure

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

1 **SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING**
PG13 • realD 3D
1:30, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:15

2 **WISH UPON — PG13**
12:45, 3:00, 5:15,
7:30 & 9:45

3 **CARS 3 — G**
1:20, 4:20, 7:20 & 9:45

4 **WAR FOR THE PLANET
OF THE APES — PG13**
1:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00

5 **WAR FOR THE PLANET OF
THE APES — PG13 • 4K BAS**
12:45, 3:45, 6:45 & 9:45

6 **SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING**
PG13 • 4K BAS
1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:15

7 **WAR FOR THE PLANET OF
THE APES — PG13 • realD 3D**
1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:15

8 **BABY DRIVER — R**
1:30, 4:00, 7:30 & 10:00

9 **THE BIG SICK — R**
1:30, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:00

10 **DESPICABLE ME 3 — PG**
12:45, 3:00, 5:15,
7:30 & 9:45

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Plans to expand access to tuition assistance are also in the works. Dailey wants to eliminate the one- and 10-year rules, which limit Soldiers from using tuition assistance until they’ve served at least a year or restricts them from applying it toward a master’s degree before 10 years of service.

If approved, Soldiers could use the benefit once they’re qualified in their military occupational specialty, and be able to use it for a master’s after they finish the Advanced Leader Course and Structured Self-Development Level 3 training.

“Tuition assistance is not a right,” he said. “It’s really a retention tool, so we should tie it to an outcome.”

Besides college degrees, Dailey believes tuition assistance could also be used for credentialing. That means Soldiers could use it to get qualified as a plumber, electrician, mechanic, or in other skilled trades once they get out of the service. A one-year pilot to test this idea for Soldiers – who must earn a license or certificate recognized by a U.S. state – is currently awaiting approval.

“We’ve got to change the way we think and expand our opportunities,” he said. “Times change so we don’t need legacy policies to continue to train and educate our force. We’ve got to adapt to the future.”

DEVELOPING NCOS

As a former TRADOC command sergeant major, Dailey said he worked closely with former Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler and would email him multiple pages of updates each week on various issues. One such issue, which continues to be a priority, was shaping the NCO Professional Development System.

Under Chandler, Dailey helped codify and solidify NCO education and pushed for a lifelong learning approach for leader development. This includes the Master Leader Course, which would fill in the training gap for master sergeants. There’s also the Executive Leader Course, which prepares command sergeants major and sergeants major for their initial nominative-level assignments.

“Those are all initiatives that were pretty much started during my tenure, but were carried over the goal line by Sergeant Major Dailey,” Chandler said.

Chandler also touted Dailey’s efforts to ensure NCOs complete leadership training before they can be promoted, as part of the Select-Train-Educate-Promote program. “I think he’s done great things,” Chandler said. “Some things as simple as tying promotion to education.”

Dailey has also carried on former Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston’s work in the NCOPDS by striving to produce well-rounded senior NCOs.

Because of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan during his tenure, Preston said, many senior NCOs were disadvantaged since they were being held at positions for continuity purposes with limited opportunities to move up. “It’s always been a challenge,”



PHOTOS BY SEAN KIMMONS

Dailey, center, talks with Soldiers as he observes an exercise at the National Training Center June 8.



Dailey, center, takes a selfie with a group of Soldiers and civilians after speaking at an NCO/Soldier of the Year ceremony.

Preston said of developing senior NCOs. “At war, it became a significant challenge.”

In late June, Dailey had leaders from the enlisted force travel to Fort Bliss, Texas, to discuss plans on creating and sustaining upward mobility for senior NCOs during a weeklong training and development conference, which he holds each year. “There’s a lot of things that have to occur to make that [happen] and truly utilize the best talent across the Army,” he said.

While input on Dailey’s ideas mainly come from those in uniform, he often solicits advice from those who were once in his shoes. He’ll typically send past sergeants major of the Army quarterly updates on what he’s doing as a way to generate discussion and ideas.

“Every once in a while, someone will come back and ask, ‘What the hell are you doing?’” Dailey said. “They are not shy on giving me their opinion on what they believe is the right thing to do for the Army.”

Younger NCOs have also been asked by Dailey to step up when taking care of their Soldiers. In March 2015, Dailey rolled out the Not in My Squad initiative as a way for first-line leaders to be more accountable in ridding their ranks of sexual harassment/assault and other harmful behavior.

Before Dailey came on board, the Army wasn’t seeing the results it expected from its Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, according to Chandler.

A grassroots approach was then proposed by Dailey.

“Not in My Squad was really the next iteration of how we reinforce and reinvigorate our profession, our professional responsibilities and the Army’s intent to change the culture of the Army, specifically when it came to the SHARP program,” Chandler said.

As vice president of the Association of the U.S. Army’s NCO and Soldier programs, Preston will often promote Dailey’s initiatives. He described Not in My Squad as a very much-needed program that’s now making a difference in the Army.

“[Senior leaders] can say things and post policies on a bulletin board,” Preston said, “but until a first-line leader takes ownership of it and takes responsibility for it, you’re not going to see very much of a change.”

LISTENING TO SOLDIERS

More than halfway through his term as sergeant major of the Army, Dailey has discovered that four years is a short time for ideas to bloom and flourish as official



Dailey, center, has fun with a group of Soldiers and civilians after speaking at an NCO/Soldier of the Year ceremony at Fort Irwin June 7.

programs.

There is a natural resistance to change, he said, adding he has to be systematic and thorough when completing initiatives, which can sometimes take years.

“It is a little bit frustrating, but the good thing is that you get to take credit for somebody else’s great idea from five years ago,” he said, smiling.

Leadership changes, he said, can breed new ideas and revive older ones. “The great thing about the Army is that they’re going to make me leave this job. That’s good. Someone is going to come in here and have a whole different view.”

Until he leaves, Dailey will continue using his outgoing personality to speak with Soldiers and hear their concerns, which help guide Army initiatives. He averages five trips per month outside the Washington, D.C., area to visit Soldiers and has already shook thousands of hands along with countless selfies.

Listening to Soldiers has resulted in several recent changes from allowing black socks to be worn with a PT uniform, to wearing earbuds inside the gym, to a more relaxed tattoo policy.

“Soldiers will tell you how they feel,” he said. “They’ll tell you what’s wrong, what’s broken, what makes them happy or sad.”

He said he’s fine with those sorts

of changes as long as they don’t hurt Milley’s top priority – readiness.

As the chief of staff’s personal enlisted adviser, Dailey frequently reports to Milley about what Soldiers in the field think about issues. He also receives guidance from Milley, so he can reinforce and relay the general’s strategies to the enlisted force. But often, it’s up to Dailey on how to do that.

“Sir, you got any guidance this week? Yeah, go and make the Army better,” Dailey said of his typical conversations with Milley. “He trusts us.”

Not all wishes Dailey hears from Soldiers will necessarily be granted, though. Take beards, for example, which the Army is currently studying to see if they could affect readiness. While many Army special operators have had them to better blend into local populations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the facial hair may prevent a Soldier from properly putting a gas mask on.

“Every Soldier’s opinion matters,” Dailey said. “Does that mean we’re going to change everything? No. But it does matter. Listen to them, give them the opportunity [to voice their concerns], and then be honest with them.”

And who knows, the next concern to be raised to Dailey could spark an Army-wide change.

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ARMY G4:

Logistics must regain ‘muscle-memory’

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — When the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division deployed to Poland recently, the ships carrying the unit’s gear and equipment were not configured for a combat offload, so it took an extra week to build out the needed combat power once they docked, said the Army’s top logistics staff officer.

“It should have been organized and configured as they drove off the ship,” said Lt. Gen. Aundre Piggee, the Army’s G-4.

He added there were issues with vehicle batteries being dead and said unit movement officers across the force need more training and experience.

“Before Afghanistan and Iraq, we were good at sustaining ourselves, but then Soldiers got used to being supplied,” he said. “We lost our muscle memory over the past 20 years. We must return to those basics. Supply lines matter in war.”

Piggee, the Army’s deputy chief of staff for logistics, spoke at the Association of the United States Army’s Hot Topics seminar “Army Sustainment” June 29.

The deployment to Poland was one of many learning experiences, he said. Subsequent deployments had decreasing timelines.

The G-4 then provided an example of a success derived from lessons learned: logisticians, working with the U.S. Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, shipped the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade to Greece recently in a particularly efficient operation, he said.

Things went smoothly because the logisticians ordered the right ship with the right deck height, so that helicopter rotors didn’t have to be removed and the cargo was correctly configured for combat offloading, he said.

Within just two hours of downloading the vessel, UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters were able to fly to their assembly area. “That was amazing,” he said. “That’s an example of getting it right for our planning. We have to get back to that and regain our muscle memory.”



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Soldiers of 64th BSB, 3rd ABCT, 4th ID, run through a command maintenance day focused on vehicle services while preparing for the U.S. Army Europe-led Getica Saber 17 multinational exercise at the Cincu Joint Multinational Training Center in Cincu, Romania, June 24.

BACK TO BASICS

“Command maintenance and supply distribution is still not second nature to our Army today as it used to be,” Piggee said.

For example, the inspector-general traveled around the Army recently and found that some units are not doing preventive maintenance checks and services on their vehicles in the motor pool.

One of the reasons for this, he said, was the lack of updated PMCS manuals.

“We still update our sustainment system by sending out CDs via the mail to manually install on computers, assuming it’s going to the right address and that it’s not thrown into the trash by the receiving clerk,” he noted. “It can take weeks, if not months for the updates to occur and this makes us vulnerable in today’s environment.”

He added: “Why don’t we take advantage of the smart phone which all Soldiers use today? Why not put manuals on their smartphone?”

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

Piggee suggested that Army lo-

gisticians can learn how to work smarter by looking at how successful corporations operate and innovate — for instance, Wal-Mart and Amazon. He said the Army could also learn from companies like Circuit City that failed.

Two years ago a senior vice president from Starbucks gave a presentation at U.S. Central Command, Piggee related. For the better part of the morning before he spoke, Army logisticians explained how their supply chain network operates.

Upon hearing their presentation, the Starbucks representative “was flabbergasted,” he said, meaning in a negative sense.

That afternoon, the rep explained how Starbucks does it, he said.

The rep said he can see one of their stores in Thailand on his computer monitor and know when they’re running low on a particular coffee mix and before even that store knows that they are low, he can adjust the resupply status and have it delivered within 24 hours.

“He looks at us and thinks, you’re the most powerful army in the world and it takes you weeks

to do what we can do in a matter of hours,” Piggee related.

The G-4 said that it’s critical to take advantage of today’s technology or be in danger of becoming obsolete. He then provided some examples of things the Army could be doing on a large scale.

Take advantage of 3-D printing to make replacement parts for equipment, he encouraged. Use technology to make water in the field instead of hauling it around. Take greater advantage of big data and artificial intelligence.

The Army should also be looking at potential points of failure during operations and ways to circumvent them, he said. For example, logistics communications is done over the NIPRNet. “These systems will almost certainly be jammed in the future, creating chaos that we’ve not seen in the past.”

Another probable point of failure is the joint and combined nations’ logistical and network capability, which needs to operate in sync across multiple domains, particularly in critical operations involving anti-access and area denial.

Currently, many of those net-

work systems are still stovepiped, he said, meaning they cannot communicate with one another.

RECENT SUCCESSES

Piggee then mentioned some logistical successes and improvements.

This year, logisticians redistributed over 178,000 pieces of excess Class 7 equipment, he said, explaining that the Class 7 inventory is composed of big stuff like tactical vehicles. “These were transferred to a number of BCTs where we enjoy a 16-percent increase in readiness just because we moved equipment from units with excess to units where it was needed.”

Additionally, “we’ve turned in another 360,000 pieces of equipment no longer required in the operating force,” he added, thereby saving time and resources needed to maintain it.

The one thing that Piggee said keeps him up at night is a low inventory of “preferred munitions,” meaning those used for the Patriot and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense systems, as well as Hell-fire missiles and Excalibur rounds used for howitzers.

They’re preferred because of their precision, thereby limiting collateral damage, he explained.

Troops in the CENTCOM area of operations are “utilizing these munitions at a higher rate than during the surge in Iraq,” he explained.

“We have enough for what we need today, although they’re not always in the right place,” he said, adding that the inventory is being built up to ensure the Army has enough to conduct two contingency operations simultaneously. Lawmakers and the industrial base are working to ramp up production and provide additional funding, he noted.

And finally, Piggee said the Army is implementing a \$100 million program to ensure BCTs have a common authorized stockage list that is 100 percent mobile and that will provide 30-days’ worth of repair parts in a combat environment. And, the Army is also teaming with the Defense Logistics Agency to have 45-days of supplies at their forward stockage locations.

Active duty, Guard, Reserve coordinate on GPS exercise in Europe

By Staff Sgt. Ange Desinor
3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team,
4th Infantry Division Public Affairs

CINCU, Romania — U.S. Army National Guard engineers and active-duty field artillery Soldiers from U.S. Army Europe’s regionally-allocated land force for Operation Atlantic Resolve navigated their way to combined training, as multinational exercises converged in the Romanian countryside July 6.

An engineer survey and design team, which normally works in support of exercise Resolute Castle 17 to improve training facilities at the Cincu Joint National Training Center, trained Soldiers of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, also known as the “Iron Brigade,” on how to establish a known station or control point using a Trimble R8 GPS system.

“The training allowed us to obtain an azimuth [a positioning angle] to objects at far distances using a Trimble 5600 total station, which would be utilized for fire control alignment tests,” said Sgt. Shawn M. Mohundro, a technical engineer sergeant and team leader with 1225th Engineer Detachment, 122nd Engineer Battalion, 59th Troop Command Brigade, South Carolina National Guard.

In turn, the artillerymen from the ABCT’s 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment showed the engineers the capabilities of their Paladin M109A6 self-propelled artillery. The Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment have been in Romania for a couple weeks preparing for a fire support coordination exercise and combined arms live-fire event as part of the Getica

Saber 17 exercise.

Any time a Paladin 155mm artillery system has a component replaced or is transported by rail, the crew conducts fire-control alignment tests to ensure the system’s continued integrity. These Paladins arrived to Cincu over the past two weeks from Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, and Germany, making the GPS training all the more timely as the ABCT’s 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment prepares for a week of indirect fires with counterparts from Romania and other U.S. Army field artillery units.

“In order to do so, the Paladin needs to know its exact location on the earth and what the azimuth to multiple reference points are so they can acquire those reference points and make sure their system is displaying the correct azimuth for target acquisition,” said Mohundro, a native of Lexington, South Carolina.

The survey and design team aren’t usually tasked with these operations, but the training provided vital skills and practical benefits.

“Typically, we are conducting survey operations by collecting ground data used for the creation of detailed topographical maps, or designing and laying out roads or structures for the horizontal and vertical engineering units to build,” said Mohundro. “Additional tasks within the 12T, or technical engineer, scope of responsibilities are soil sample and analysis, concrete testing and quality control.”

The training supported both the Resolute Castle and Getica Saber exercises, which are running in conjunction with U.S. Army Europe’s Saber Guardian series of multinational exercises in the

Black Sea region. The exercises, which are designed to enhance interoperability among NATO allies and partners, demonstrate solidarity in maintaining security throughout the region.

Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, were eager to plug in with the National Guardsmen’s GPS skills to re-verify that their Paladin targeting systems were properly calibrated.

“This is essential to mission success not only specific to target acquisition, but also for the prevention of fratricide, harm to civilians and damage to structures within the area of operation due to said targeting systems not being properly calibrated,” said Mohundro.

The ABCT artillery crews then provided the engineers a breakdown of how

their Paladins operate, in an exchange of technical knowledge.

“We had no previous knowledge of the mechanized equipment,” said Spc Mark C. Hathaway, a technical engineer specialist from Seale, Alabama, who is with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 926th Engineer Battalion, Army Reserves, out of Birmingham, Alabama.

“It was interesting to learn that our military occupation skills could be utilized for this type of calibration. The 3rd ABCT Soldiers took the time to bring us inside, educate us on the operations of the Paladin and explain why the data we were providing was so important. This was an amazing and exciting opportunity that we were proud to be a part of,” Hathaway said.

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Museum

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and engineers of vertical-lift aircraft was the problem of the rotor wings causing the aircraft to spin uncontrollably, but Sikorsky figured out a solution to the problem, Mitchell said.

“He finally figured out that if you put an anti-torquing rotor on the long arm of the tail boom and make it pitch changeable when controlled with the pedals, then as you increase power in the aircraft, you could bring the nose back,” he said.

When Sikorsky solved that issue, he produced what was called the VS-300, which was the prototype aircraft. After much experimentation, and trial and error, he was able to put

one into production in 1942 and dubbed it the R-4, and subsequently offered it to the military. The R-4B was the first production model and consisted of a two-level and two-pedal control design, which would become the standard for rotor-wing aircraft, said Mitchell, and was made of an aluminum frame with some fabric casing the top and rear of the aircraft.

The military, including the Army, bought several of the new R-4 helicopters to be used for general utility and observation, and the aircraft were deployed in the Pacific Theater and the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II, the curator added.

The versatile capabilities of the helicopter were showcased

during an incident that occurred in 1944 when an L1 airplane went down behind Japanese lines in heavy jungle, said Mitchell.

“They were able to maintain contact with the pilots of the aircraft through radio, and then a commander approached a lieutenant and told him to take the helicopter to go and pick up the pilots of the L1,” he said. “Helicopters don’t generally perform very well in high altitude, high humidity and heat, and this was the first aircraft of its kind, so it had some power problems, so this was a pretty tall order.”

The lieutenant proceeded to rescue the downed crewmembers, which took about a week to complete since the helicopter only had two seats for the pilot

and co-pilot, Mitchell said. In order to complete his mission, the pilot had to fly with a fuel can on the seat, pick up one crewmember, put the fuel in the aircraft, throw the fuel canister away and fly back. Then he had to land, drop off the crewmember, refuel, restock, and fly back out and repeat the process until all of the crewmembers were rescued.

“This is what set the wheels in motion for the Army to develop the modern-day helicopter and for the entire world to benefit from the modern-day helicopter,” he added.

The technology for the helicopter rapidly developed in just a few, short years, and before the war had ended, the helicop-

ter had advanced from the first production model to the R-5 then R-6.

“You go from R-4 to the R-5, which is like a quantum leap in technology,” said the curator. “The two aircraft were developed only a few years apart.”

The R-4 that currently sits in the museum is one of only two in the collection, and the R-5 that sits across from it is the only surviving model left in the world, according to Mitchell.

The R-4 used a radial engine that was repurposed from airplane engines, which were eventually phased out for turbine engines, which drastically reduced vibrations in the aircraft, and paved the way for the modern-day helicopter, he said.

USAARL

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detachment commander in support of Multinational Hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan; clinic commander for Buedingen Health Clinic, Germany; and has deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

With numerous assignments under his belt, Taylor said he’s ready to take on the job to continue the efforts and legacy of his predecessor.

“It is my absolute honor and privilege to join this outstanding organization with a long and noteworthy history of providing innovative and groundbreaking research that benefits the Aviator and the warfighter,” he said. “Colonel Malish, you’ve set a high bar, my friend. It’s easy to see and recognize the transformative leadership that you have

brought to USAARL.

“During our handover, I could not have been more impressed with your forward thinking and strategic vision for the lab, so thank you very much for all you have done. I will strive to shepherd that vision during my tenure.”

During his time as commander, Malish improved the productivity of the laboratory by streamlining internal processes, increasing output by a factor of three, said Holcomb, and he led the laboratory in groundbreaking research on the aeromedical, psychological, behavioral and neurocognitive effects on health, performance, safety and effectiveness in the Aviation operational environment. He also oversaw the testing and evaluation of aeromedical evacuation and injury protection equipment.

Malish said those accomplishments would not have

been possible without the efforts of the entire USAARL team, and said that he confidently believes Taylor will be able to continue to lead the team to greater heights.

“Craig is a phenomenal clinician, phenomenal teacher, a great officer and outstanding leader,” said the outgoing commander. “His attention to detail in this transition has been awesome – he is the perfect choice for USAARL.

“USAARL has the capability, the process, the administration and, with Col. Craig Taylor, the leadership to produce great products in a timely manner,” he continued. “USAARL must continue to do this for the warfighter. I was honored to be on this team for the past two years, and I cannot wait to see what this remarkable team will do next.”

Legacy

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confront a very complex environment, and the challenge in our world today is quite evident.”

Although warrant officers in the U.S. Army can be traced as far back as 1896, the cohort wasn’t officially established until July 9, 1918, when Congress passed legislation to form the

organization.

Retired CW5 James R. Rathburn, former WOCC director of academic instruction, was invited to speak during the celebration and said that the relevance of the cohort is dependent on each individual officer within the ranks, and the dedication of warrant officers young and old is something he has seen throughout his 40 years of service.

“We have survived nearly 100 years,” he said. “Are we going to be relevant in our future force for the next 100 years? That’s a question that all of you need to ponder.

“It’s on all of you to make our cohort relevant,” he continued. “You’ve got to get back to what makes you a unique office – you have to know your technical skills.”

Warrant officers are the U.S. Army’s technical experts, combat leaders, trainers and advisers, who administer, manage, maintain, operate and integrate Army systems and equipment across the full spectrum of Army operations, and it’s because of that level of expertise that Howze said warrant officers must learn to adapt.

“Our nation is going to require

a warrant officer who is just as adaptable [as the complex environment it confronts], just as lethal and just as great,” he said. “We require a cohort that can go anywhere, that can fight in any corner of the globe – that is us. My challenge to you today is to uphold the legacy of the leadership of the Warrant Officer Cohort by always remaining relevant, reliable and ready.

Job Fair

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remember you and see you as more than just a name on a stack of papers.”

If people need help preparing for the job fair, Army Community Service provides an employment readiness program workshop that provides jobseekers with the essentials when looking for new employment, such as writing a résumé, prepping for job interview and other helpful tips, said Mike Kozlowski, ACS personal financial readiness specialist.

“While I don’t hover on the specifics of job fairs per se, I do make an effort to go into the meat of the private-sector résumé and interviewing strategies,” Kozlowski said. “I also share other helpful tips attendees can use to make their job hunts less stressful and more productive.

The program is available on a biweekly basis with the next session July 20 from 9-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700 in the ACS multipurpose room.

A full list of jobs is available at <https://labor.alabama.gov/jobfair>. Job seekers can register for the job fair or search the jobs that will be available at the event by selecting the Fort Rucker Area Job Fair from the drop down menu. The information provided will show the companies hiring, as well as the position and how many positions are open for that job.

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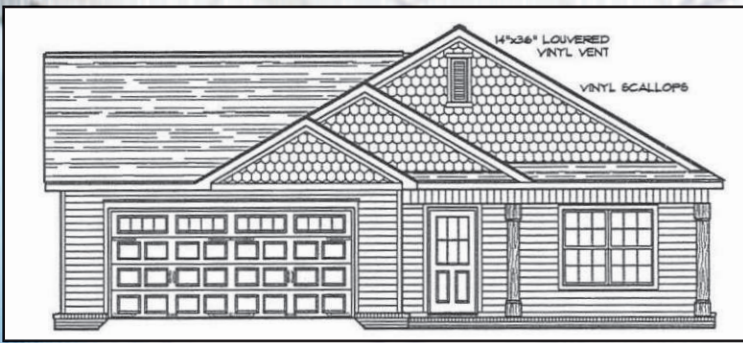
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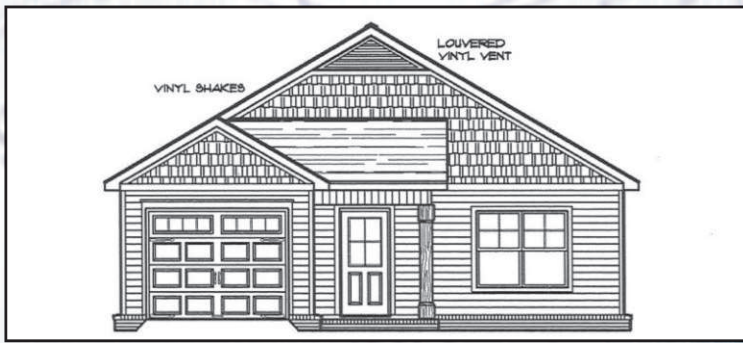


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VALIDATION

Soldiers, Airmen conduct joint air assault to test new gunship

By Staff Sgt. Armando Limon
3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th
Infantry Division Public Affairs

MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS, Hawaii — Soldiers and Airmen conducted an air assault with the assistance of the latest aerial gunship support June 6.

The lightning raid consisted of infantrymen assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; AH-64 Apaches from 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regt., 25th Combat Aviation Bde., 25th ID; Tactical Air Control Party Airmen assigned with 25th Air Support Operations Squadron; and the new AC-130J Spectre from the 18th Flight Test Squadron.

“The training objectives are primarily for the AC-130J and the Apache helicopters,” said 1st Lt Marvin Woods, a platoon leader assigned to A Co., 2-35th Inf. Regt.

“The ground force is facilitating the scenario in which Air Force Joint Terminal Attack Controllers can utilize aerial assets.

“The purpose of the training is to validate the AC-130J and Apache abilities to support platoon objectives in an urban environment,” Woods continued. “Working with interservice personnel was a valuable experience. Relationships built during this training will enable future joint operations in training and abroad.”

He further added that the training area allowed enough space for aerial assets to work concurrently and provide robust military operations on urban terrain sites.

According to Air Force Staff Sgt. Adam Davis, assigned to the TACP Airmen, 25th ASOS (based out of Wheeler Army Airfield), the 18th Flight Test Squadron used the joint training opportunity to field test the

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PHOTO BY SGT. STEVEN GALIMORE

Soldiers assigned to 2-35th Inf. Regt., rush out of a CH-47 Chinook during an air assault at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, June 6.

READY TO STRIKE



PHOTO BY PFC. AUSTIN ANYZESKI

An AH-64 Apache flies over an opposing forces surrogate vehicle during an engagement near the John Wayne Foothills, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., July 1. This phase of NTC Rotation 17-075 challenges the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Raider Brigade’s ability to conduct a deliberate defense against a near-peer opponent.

PAWS-ON-TRAINING

3rd CAB Soldier preps service dogs to help veterans

By Staff Sgt. Kellen Stuart
3rd Combat Aviation Brigade

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. — Everyone knows the saying, “Dogs are man’s best friend.” These animals become a part of the family, and share in every aspect of the household from holidays to birthdays and even graduations.

The 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade hosted a walk-through June 26 for a group of dogs that are in training to become service dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress and the visually impaired.

“Southeastern Guide Dogs transforms lives by creating and nurturing extraordinary partnerships between people and dogs,” said Kerstin Ramus, from Southeastern Guide Dogs.

The national organization employs the latest in canine development and behavior research to train dogs of the highest pedigree for people who are blind and for veterans, she said.

Puppies perched their paws on a variety of pilot gear to become familiar with equipment they may encounter as a service dog for an active-duty service member or veteran.

“We are giving them an opportunity to make positive association with every day, normal life situations, which is the reason why we are meeting at Hunter today – we do provide veterans with psychiatric service animals,” Ramus said. “We provide service animals to people who can’t see or have seen too much. Some of our [clients] are still on active duty, so the dog very well may be asked to work in this environment.”

CW4 Chris Hellums, B Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, his



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KELLEN STUART

A guide dog in training sits next to a pilot’s helmet at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., June 26.

son, Gabriel, and daughter, Aliciona, each care for puppies preparing to become service dog candidates.

“About a year-and-a-half ago, my daughter Aliciona expressed some interest with raising a service dog puppy,” Hellums said. “So we went through the application process, met Kerstin, [were] approved and got Cinnamon, who graduated today.”

TRAINING PROCESS

From birth until about age 2, Cinnamon, like the other dogs in training, went through an education that included socialization skills, basic obedience and house manners. During this period, the dogs’ unique aptitudes and abilities become clear, Ramus said, and dogs pursue a “major” based on their personality, health, temperament, trainability and suitability for specific careers.

A majority of the dogs in training pursue a path toward becoming

a guide dog, service dog, facility therapy dog or a gifted canine – a dog that is hand-selected to serve in law enforcement, provide emotional support to veterans with disabilities, or support a Gold Star Family, she added.

Kyle is a black Labrador who was selected as an ambassador dog for Southeastern Guide Dogs and is now paired with Hellums as he goes through the medical discharge process.

“Kyle was the first official dog I raised on my own,” said Christel-Ann Ramus, a volunteer with Southeastern Guide Dogs. “I learned of the responsibility that comes with raising a guide dog, which means getting up in the morning 20 minutes earlier. I got to experience the challenges of everyday life plus the dog, and it’s a humbling experience.”

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TARGET ACQUIRED

Army experts seek to defeat host of improvised threats

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — On average, there are about 2,500 IED attacks every month worldwide, according to Lt. Col. James McGuyer.

The number of IED attacks, he said, shows that while enemy combatants may not have the sophisticated weapons that are available in the U.S. arsenal, they are adapting, improvising, and improving effective weapons out of locally available materials.

The enemy’s ability to adapt includes efforts to branch out to other means of attack besides the IED, said McGuyer, speaking during Lab Day at the Pentagon in May. McGuyer currently serves as deputy chief for Technology Strategy Division, Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization, known as JIDO, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

JIDO is a relatively new organization, formed a little more than a year ago out of the Joint IED Defeat Organization. JIEDDO itself was created in 2006, as coalition forces in Afghanistan and Iraq faced growing dangers from IEDs.

While IEDs are still a threat that JIDO is focusing on, its mission has broadened to include a host of other improvised threats like unmanned aircraft systems, McGuyer said.

As an example, he described how last year the Islamic State began flying UAS over friendly forces in Mosul, Iraq. At first, the Islamic State used the UAS for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. Over time, they began adding explosives to the UAS, which could be dropped on friendly forces.

JIDO had anticipated such attacks for several years, McGuyer noted. Therefore, the Iraqi army and its coalition partners had the means to counter the UAS threat.

“We look for threats over the horizon as well as current threats,” he said, noting that JIDO aims to stay ahead of the enemy by looking for solutions that can be fielded almost immediately, or at least within a two-year period.

To get solutions out to the field requires close cooperation between government and industry partners, he added. The Defense Innovation Unit Experimental, or DIUx, has been particularly useful in fielding solutions. DIUx taps talent from the technology brainpower of places like Silicon Valley, Boston and Austin.

Besides anticipating new challenges, JIDO also focuses on current threats in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syr-

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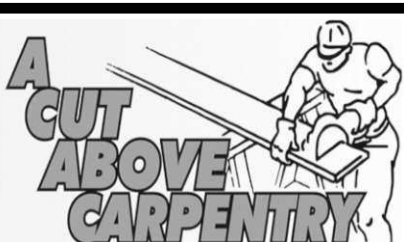
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Soldiers defend a position after conducting an air assault.

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Spectre gunship platform.

“The 18th Flight Test Squadron already did their first test phase in Hurlburt Field, Florida, and now they’re out here to validate the platform before it begins operations downrange,” Davis said.

He explained the 25th ASOS integrates with its Army partners, welding the Army ground forces to airpower.

“The greatest challenge so far has been all the coordination between six or seven agencies, three services ... to get everybody on the same page and pushing the right direction,” he said. “But it’s been a really good challenge. Everybody has responded and really worked together as a team making this an excellent training.”

Sgt. Giovanni Barreto, a native of Los Angeles, California, and an infantryman assigned to Co. A, 2-35th Inf. Regt., led Soldiers out the back of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter from the 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt.,

25th CAB, 25th ID.

“A lot of these guys are brand new Soldiers that we got from basic training, and they executed missions in which top tier level Soldiers have performed in the past,” Barreto said. “They executed almost flawlessly.”

“It was good seeing the Apaches and AC-130J,” he added. “It showed we worked together cohesively. Seeing them up there, we knew they were giving us protection on the ground, and helped us push to the objective that much faster.”

Spc. Allan Acosta, a native of Kerman, California, and an infantryman assigned to A Co., 2-35th Inf. Regt., described the training as an awesome experience, and everything flowed smoothly.

“It was like a perfect scenario kind of deal,” Acosta said. “It was easy to get to, and then it was awesome because our platoon. We’ve been working together for a while. We didn’t skip a beat and there was no hesitation.”

Target

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ia, and elsewhere, McGuyer noted. One of the main efforts that JIDO oversees in these places is the tracking of materials and methods used for making explosive devices.

For example, there are sig-

natures for the wires, triggers, casings and even explosive materials like ammonium nitrate fertilizer, he said. Tracking the source can lead to cutting off the supplies and perhaps even locating the funding sources and perpetrators. JIDO shares that information with the combat-

ant commanders and with the friendly governments.

Beyond locating such malicious hardware, the JIDO also focuses on destroying such devices. Robots have served as particularly useful tools in defusing and detonating explosive devices, so that humans do not

have to risk going into harm’s way.

And finally, another important mission of JIDO is ensuring that U.S. and partner forces are trained to recognize and avoid threats in the first place, he said.

How effective has JIDO been in accomplishing its missions?

McGuyer said it’s impossible to measure effectiveness in lives saved because much of the work is preventative in nature, such as training, detecting improvised threats and neutralizing them. But he hazarded a guess that “JIDO has saved a countless number of lives.”

Service dogs

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People can raise money to name a Southeastern Guide Dog puppy in honor of a loved one.

“I will be getting my third official dog in July,” Christel-Ann Ramus said. “My best friend in high school, Allie Laungh, a nursing major at Georgia Southern University, unfortunately died in a car crash a few years back. She was an organ donor, so parts of her live in other, but nobody gets to call her name anymore. I started raising the money two years ago and now I raised enough, so the puppy that I will be raising will be named Laungh, her last name in honor of her. So that somebody will get to call her

name as people get to live with parts of her.”

Chris Kyle’s family also raised money to name two dogs in his honor, she explained. His family has a puppy that helps them with the loss of the former Navy SEAL.

Kyle, the black Lab paired with Hellums, is named in Chris Kyle’s honor.

“Kyle couldn’t be a full-time service dog because of a possible injury,” Hellums said. “So he was returned back to the area to become the ambassador dog for Southeastern Guide Dogs. Since I am medically retiring he is going to hang out with me, and we’re going to continue to work with together to get through our medical issues as I transition out of the Army.”




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CW4 Chris Hellums and his son, Gabriel, sit with Kyle, an ambassador dog for Southeastern Guide Dogs, at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., June 26.

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Service dogs provide care, support for wounded warriors
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LEMON LOT

Facility offers deals on wheels, boats, more

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

The transient nature of military service can often leave Soldiers and families with personal items they can't bring along, but an on-post facility exists to help minimize that pain by providing a venue to sell excess property.

Fort Rucker's Lemon Lot is used by Soldiers and authorized patrons to sell their privately-owned boats, cars, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, trucks, all-terrain vehicles and tow trailers to anyone who has access to Fort Rucker.

The area, which is paved and gated, is in a prime location making it the perfect spot to sell a vehicle, according to Darryle Jones, DFMWR's community recreation chief. The price to place an item in the lot varies depending on how large the item is and spaces are available for rent by the month.

"Each person wishing to sell their vehicle on the lot must provide their registration, and a title or bill of sale prior to a vehicle being placed on the lot," Jones said. Patrons must register in person at the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center to place their vehicle on the Lemon Lot.

"There are many benefits of selling a vehicle on the Lemon Lot," he said. "The most notable is that clients usually walk away happy."

"If anyone is in the market to buy or sell a vehicle they should visit the Lemon Lot," he added. "The Lemon Lot is located on Andrews Avenue between the Soldier Service Center and Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas station towards Enterprise beside the motorcycle safety course lot."

Patrons are urged to visit the lot on more than one occasion, since the inventory frequently changes and good deals usually go quickly.

The Lemon Lot is open to the public; however, a gate access pass is required. Unescorted visitors must obtain a visitor's pass from one of two visitor control centers.

Visitors may obtain passes from VCCs at the Daleville and Ozark gates. The Daleville VCC is open Mondays-Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Ozark VCC is open Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 255-9020.



Then-CW2 Justin Seguin, 1-14th Avn. Regt., looks at a recreational vehicle at the Lemon Lot in this file photo.



Michael Odom, civilian, checks his Ford Mustang one last time before he leaves it at the Lemon Lot in this file photo.



A variety of vehicles show up for sale at the Lemon Lot, including this 1927 Mercedes Benz in 2014.

FILE PHOTOS

GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Florida Caverns offers visitors cool sights, temperatures close to home

By Alysia Spivey
Public Affairs Intern

About an hour and a half drive south of Fort Rucker is one of the Florida panhandle's most popular tourist attractions, Florida Caverns State Park.

Located 3 miles north of Marianna, Florida, on State Road 166, the state park offers a wide range of activities and outdoor sports. According to Billy Bailey, Park Services specialist, visitors can spend the day hiking, canoeing, fishing, swimming, picnicking, touring the Florida Caverns and more.

People can spend the day fishing on the Chipola River, which features an array of fish species

such as catfish, bass, sunfish and mullet, or take a trip upriver and observe the natural scenery of the area. Six picnic areas, with tables and grills, are also available to guests, Bailey added.

The Florida Caverns are likely the biggest draw to the park, Bailey said. "We have about 120,000 visitors come to the park a year and around half of them come to see the caverns."

According to the park's website, visitors can view several types of cave formations, including stalagmites, stalactites, columns, draperies and ribbons. Visitors can also catch a glimpse of fossilized shark teeth, coral, shells and fish vertebrae while touring the cave system.

When it comes to attire, Bailey said, "It's a cool 65 degrees year-round in the caves, but most people are fine in a normal T-shirt. However, we recommend wearing close-toed shoes because the [cave] floors can be slippery."

The trip underground is considered moderately strenuous and visitors can expect to spend around 45 minutes in the caves. Tours are offered Thursdays through Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours cost \$8 for ages 13 and older, \$5 for children ages 3-12, and free admission is given to children 2 and under.

Those coming to experience the caves are advised to call ahead of their departure and

ensure that tickets will be available, as tours sell out on occasion, Bailey said.

The park is open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. until sundown. Park admission is charged per vehicle - \$5 for multiple occupant vehicles and \$4 for single occupant vehicles. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent and

camping comes with a \$20 per night fee, which includes water and electricity. An annual park pass is offered at a 25-percent discount to veterans.

For more information, visit Florida Caverns State Park's website at www.floridastateparks.org/park/Florida-Caverns, or call 850-482-1228.



The Wedding Room in the Florida Caverns.

COURTESY PHOTOS



The Blue Hole Spring at Florida Caverns State Park near Marianna, Fla.



A bridge over the Blue Hole Spring.

ON POST

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

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.

Summer outdoor yard sale

Fort Rucker will host its summer outdoor yard sale Saturday from 7-11 a.m. on the festival fields. The outdoor event provides the opportunity for the Fort Rucker community to buy used household items in a consolidated fashion, according to organizers. The sale will be open to the public.

For more information on the event, call 255-1749 or 255-9810.

Mom & Me: Dad too!

Army Community Service hosts its Mom & Me: Dad too! playgroup Mondays from 9:30–11 a.m. at The Commons. The playgroup is for families with children ages birth to 3 years old.

For more information, call 255-9647 or 255-3359.

Blended Retirement System Seminar

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a Blended Retirement System Seminar Tuesday 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, according to ACS officials. This discussion will be facilitated by ACS accredited financial counselors. Pre-registration is required by Monday. Free childcare will be available with registration.

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

Move, Groove, Read! Baby Lapsit

Center Library will host Move, Groove, Read! Baby Lapsit – its program designed especially for babies aged 0-18 months and their grown-ups – Tuesday from 11:15 a.m. to noon. The interactive program asks parents and their babies to sing songs, do finger-plays, and enjoy books and baby games together – all intended to help little ones discover words and language, according to library officials. The event will be open to authorized patrons and be Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

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

Book clubs

The Center Library hosts a book club for adults the third Tuesday of each month from 5-6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The Center Library hosts a book club for teens the third Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Teen Babysitter’s Course

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host a teen babysitters course July 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the facility on Seventh Avenue and Division Road, Bldg. 2800. The course is limited to 14 participants, ages 13-18. Participant must be registered with child and youth services, and also bring a snack and lunch. Permission forms must be signed by a parent for the child abuse awareness training, and also the release forms for the youth’s name to be placed on the CYS babysitter list. Youth must complete the one-day training to receive certification. The training course will cover: American Red Cross CPR and first aid training, home and fire safety training, basic childcare, feeding, diaper changing and basic child abuse awareness training.

To register, call 255-2260 or visit https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil.

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 July 20. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Fort Rucker Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host the Fort Rucker Right Arm Night July 27 from 4-6 p.m. Right Arm Night is an Army tradition promoting a night of camaraderie and esprit de corps as leaders come together and treat those who help them accomplish the mission. Complimentary appetizers will be served while supplies last. Right Arm Night is held every month, and both military and civilians are welcome. For more information, call 255-0768. Pictured is a scene from a previous event.

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.

Newcomers welcome

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for July 21 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.

White-water rafting day trip

MWR Central will host a white-water rafting trip to Phenix City July 22 down the Chattahoochee River. Guests will be accompanied by an expert instructor who will guide them along on the three-hour rafting experience with Class 4 and 5 rapids – guests must be at least 12 years old. The \$61-cost for the trip includes transportation to and from the rafting experience, rafting trip and safety gear. The bus will depart MWR Central at noon and has an anticipated return time of 9 p.m.

To register, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

Fort Rucker Area Job Fair

The 14th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair is scheduled for July 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Gymnasiums. The fair will be open to the public and free to all job seekers. Representatives from government contractors, employment agencies, the federal government and over 80 local companies will be at the event. Workshops will be conducted prior to job fair – on the installation, and also in Enterprise and Ozark – to include: résumé writing, interviewing skills and personal branding. Organizers advise people to bring their résumés, be prepared to be interviewed and dress for success! For more details, call 255-2594.

Back to School Bash

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will host its Back to School Bash July 27 from 3-5 p.m. The event will feature door prizes, snacks, a backpack giveaway, outdoor fun and a lip-sync battle, according to organizers. The lip sync battle is a parent/guardian and child activity. People are asked to bring their own music – must be the Kidz Bop version. Weekly and hourly fees must be paid, and children must be registered with child and youth services to attend.

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

Wild Adventures day trip

MWR Central will host a back-to-school day trip to Wild Adventures in Valdosta, Georgia, July 29. The park features every-

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thing from roller coasters to wild animals to water slides and more. The trip costs \$53 per person. The bus will depart from the parking lot of Bldg. 5700 at 7 a.m. and is expected to return at 8 p.m.

To register, call 255-2997 or 255-9517.

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway

Children of military members can pick up a complimentary book bag filled with school supplies at the child and youth services open houses July 29 from 2-4 p.m. Each location will feature an open house for parents and children to tour and learn more about the programs offered at each facility – the school age center in Bldg. 2806 for youth in grades 1-5 and the youth center in Bldg. 2800 for youth in grades 6-12. Book bags are available while supplies last for military depen-

dent children only.

For more information, call 255-9810 or 255-9108.

Federal jobs workshop

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. The workshop is aimed at getting people the information they need to increase their federal employment possibilities. Participants will receive a free copy of Kathryn Troutman’s “Job-seeker’s Guide (7th Edition).” Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 people to register and the workshop is open to authorized patrons only.

For more information or to register, call 255-2594.

FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 13-16

Thursday, July 13

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Friday, July 14

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 15

The Circle (PG-13)3 p.m.
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Sunday, July 16

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13)
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TRUE COMPANION

Service dogs provide care, support for wounded warrior athletes

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

CHICAGO – About 265 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans have been competing in the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games here throughout the week. But most of them would tell you the stars of the games have been the athletes’ service dogs.

VIA

Navy Chief Petty Officer Ron Condrey, who recently retired after 25 years of service, received his service dog, Via, from the non-profit organization Rebuilding Warriors a few weeks ago. Condrey has 5,000 skydiving jumps under his belt, and he said he wanted to share his love of jumping with his new companion.

“Ron started introducing her to the plane, going up into the plane and coming back down and then actually jumping out of the plane,” his wife, Nicole, said. “During her first jump, you should’ve seen her coming down as she was coming toward her first landing. She saw people cheering her on, and her tail was wagging. Her head was on a swivel, looking around and smiling. They landed, he unclipped her, and she just jumped up and licked his face. She ran to me and licked me, and then ran to the team owner. It was like she was thanking everybody. It was pretty cute.”

Condrey jumped with Via into the opening ceremony for the DOD Warrior Games. It was Via’s fourth jump. Condrey, his wife and Via will be joining a professional skydiving team to raise awareness for military service animals and for Rebuilding Warriors. Via is getting her own custom-made skydiving vest.

Condrey said Via helped him at the Warrior Games with the crowds when he was overwhelmed and when he had trouble oversleeping his alarm because of his medication.

MOXIE

Medically retired Army Sgt. Christina Gardner has had Moxie, a golden retriever, for seven years.

“She’s for assistance, as well as for seizure alert and response, so she helps a lot with detecting and alerting me to my seizures and then fetching and carrying things,” Gardner said.

“She’s pretty awesome,” she added. “She’s loving all the attention and everything, but it’s funny. Sometimes when she knows it’s a task I ask her to do that I can do for myself, she just gives me a look like, ‘Are you kidding me? Go do it yourself.’”

Moxie is the only service dog here for Team Army, so Gardner said she’s become the team mascot. “Everybody’s been loving on her. She’s getting very spoiled. She loves this attention,” Gardner said.

Moxie is wearing the Army combat uniform Gardner was wearing when she was injured. “The Red Cross at Walter Reed [National Military Medical Center] takes our uniform after we’re injured and makes that into her uniform,” Gardner said. “It puts her in uniform, too. She’s my battle buddy everywhere I go. She serves just as much as I do.”

CHELSEA

Chelsea is an American bulldog-pitbull mix that medically retired Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Shannon has had for three years. He got her a hot pink vest, he said, because everybody thinks she is a boy.

“When she graduated from service dog training, they asked what color of vest we should get her, and I said, ‘Give me the hottest pink vest you’ve got,’” he said. She still gets called a boy all the time.”

He turned to Chelsea. “What do I have to do to make sure they know you’re a girl?” Shannon asked the dog.

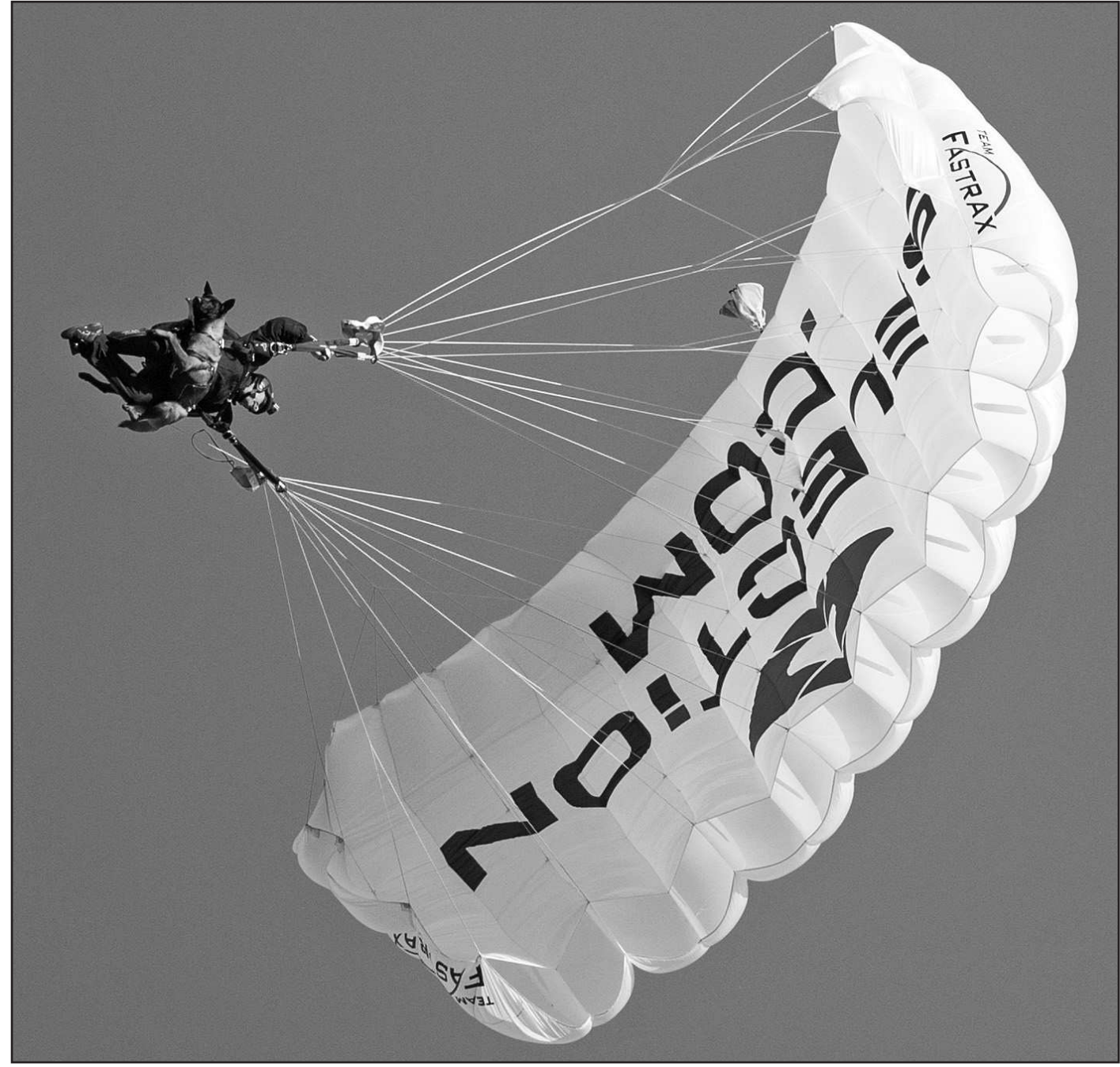
On her vest, Chelsea wears Shannon’s rating badge and a chief pin he received from his first chief. “When I retired, I was trying to make chief, and he told me, ‘You’re a chief in my eyes,’ so he gave me his anchors,” Shannon said. She also wears his submarine dolphins and warfare qualifications. “I did a lot to get those things; they’re staying with me for life,” he said.

Shannon said Chelsea is like a cat sometimes. “She sleeps when she’s not needed, but she’s still very much a dog, so she wants to see all the other dogs, and everybody wants to pet her. That’s the one rule I break when I’m at the Warrior Games. I figure she’s here for everybody else, too,” he said.

VALHALLA

Medically retired Air Force Senior Airman Hannah Stolberg has had Valhalla, a Catahoula mix, for three years.

“He’s dual-trained to help me physically up and down the stairs when I fall, for sta-



PHOTOS BY EJ HERSOM

Retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Ron Condrey skydives with his service dog, Via, into the opening ceremonies of the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games in Chicago July 1.

bility, and for [post-traumatic stress disorder],” Stolberg said.

“He’s very intuitive to how I feel,” she said. “Service dogs in general become an extension, like another limb. When you touch a service dog, you are basically touching another person, an extension of them. When people ask me if it’s OK to pet him, it’s usually OK if he’s not working. Just ask before you touch. I’m always open to questions about him and the things he does, as long as it’s in a respectful manner.”

She said she named him Valhalla because she loves Norse mythology. “The way I look at him is he is my little piece of heaven here,” she added. “He’s my heaven.”

Valhalla has been “amazing” at the Warrior Games, he’s been amazing,” Stolberg said. “I fell this morning, and he was already tucked into his spot, but he came running out to help me up. He wakes me up from my nightmares every night, and as exhausted as he is, he never fails to meet any need I have.”

LOLA

Lola, a Labrador retriever-springer spaniel mix, has been with medically retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Eric Fisher for the past three years.

“She’s meant a lot in my recovery,” Fisher said. “She’s given me the ability to actually be out in public. She’s a huge part of my life. She’s with me 24/7. I help her out with some of her anxieties, and she helps me out with a lot of mine. It’s kind of a partnership. It works really well.”

FREEDOM

Freedom, a standard poodle, sported a red, white and blue Mohawk hairstyle for the Fourth of July weekend and carries his own water bowl. His owner is medically retired Navy air crewman Brett Parks.

“We both have similar personalities; we’re both a little bit clumsy,” Parks said. “It’s amazing we were matched up together, because he likes to cuddle. He’s bubbly. He’s happy, but he’s also very calm and low-key – a laid back kind of dog.”

Parks said Freedom helps to pick things up for him when he drops them, and if he falls, Freedom helps to pick him up. “He’s also an extra set of eyes and ears. He’s got my six,” Parks said. “He’s the celebrity here at the games. I always joke with people that if I wasn’t walking around with Freedom, no one would know who I was. They don’t know my name. He’s way more popular than I am. I’m OK with that.”

Parks was on a two-year waiting list for a service dog, but after six months, a space opened up. He thought he was going to get a German shepherd or a Rottweiler, he said, and then he heard he was getting a poodle.

“I was like, ‘Whoa, no. But I looked up standard poodles and saw they were



A service dog named Moxie leads the parade for athletes into Soldier Field for the opening ceremonies of the Warrior Games at the United Center in Chicago.

originally bred as hunting dogs, and now I love Freedom. I wouldn’t trade him for the world. Now I want all poodles,” he said.

GETTING A SERVICE DOG

All of the owners recommended getting a service dog and talked to their fellow athletes at the games from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, U.S. Special Operations Command and the United Kingdom and Australian armed forces who may be considering getting one.

“Service dogs are invaluable in helping warriors with the daily struggles they go through, whether it’s physical, mental [or]



Chelsea, a service dog owned by medically retired Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Shannon, gets her ear rubbed while watching a Warrior Games event in Chicago July 3.

psychological. The canine is there to help in every facet, from physical companion to emotional regulation,” Condrey said.

“There’s people here who are on the fence about getting a service dog or might not want a service dog, but when they see ours and get to interact with them and see how we’re doing better because we have service dogs, it send the message that it’s OK to have them,” Parks said. “They’re just great companions, especially on the road. You’re on a plane by yourself, in a terminal by yourself, in a hotel, and then there’s the welcome addition that they’re just very kind dogs. Not every dog can be a service dog. It’s takes a special one. Very few dogs graduate. They have to be kind, patient and docile, and that’s what all of them are. Freedom’s been a lifesaver for me.”

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FULL CIRCLE

Medical experts from U.S., Mongolia exchange technical knowledge

By Flavia Hulsey
For Army News Service

ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia — Sgt. 1st Class Jose Maldonado, NCO in charge of medical maintenance at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, traveled to Mongolia recently as part of a nursing and medical logistics subject matter expert exchange between the militaries of the United States and Mongolia.

He said he expected interaction with other logistics service members, but what he didn't expect was to be reunited with a former student.

Senior Sgt. Javkhlan "Jay" Purevdorj, a member of the Mongolia Armed Forces, was Maldonado's student when Jay attended the Department of Defense Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Technician School in 2012 in San Antonio, Texas.

"It's a full circle. You teach them and you explain to them the importance of their job ... his education and his level for fixing equipment has grown so much," said Maldonado, who served as an instructor for the SMEE.

The two reunited, unexpectedly, during the SMEE, which took place June 5-9 at the Military Medical Center of Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar. The medical logistics portion of the SMEE focused on biomedical equipment management.

It was presented for biomedical equipment engineers, technicians, administrative staff and equipment operators, and it included courses on biomedical equipment management, preventive maintenance and operator maintenance.



PHOTO BY FLAVIA HULSEY

U.S. Army and Air Force members, and biomedical equipment technicians and engineers from the Mongolian Armed Forces and local hospitals 'break bread' by eating a traditional Mongolian meal June 8 following a nursing and medical logistics subject matter expert exchange in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

"You could really see how interested they were in learning," said Leading Sgt. Bayasgalan Olonbayar, Military Medical Center of Mongolia, about the biomedical equipment technicians (BMETs) who participated in the course. "This course was very effective; I hope we continue to improve in this area."

A hands-on exchange approach using various pieces of test measurement and diagnostic equipment allowed for a more realistic training environment.

"That existing relationship between the BMETs relaxed the atmosphere in the shop and enabled a group of technicians with a wide spectrum of capabilities to

overcome language barriers and dig into the training agenda," said Lt. Col. Elizabeth Gum, chief of logistics at Tripler, who was part of the U.S. team.

While the BMETs learned hands-on skills and technical capabilities, Gum said she also hoped they enhanced their level of confidence as advisers in their facilities.

"I want them to be the experts in their hospital that BMETs are in ours. I want them to be the trusted agents of the command and clinical staff," she said. "They're so much more than technicians. They are a part of the bigger strategic operations for the organization."

After all, Gum said, patient care begins with logistics. Even a technician needs to understand how a piece of equipment impacts the health and safety of a patient.

"We explained the importance of anatomy and physiology of the body, and we explained that if settings are incorrect on a piece of equipment, it can harm a patient," Maldonado said.

Therefore, understanding the importance of patient safety is one of the key takeaways, the medical logistics team wanted to convey to the MAF BMETs and biomedical engineers.

"That's why we have all these analyzers we're showing them. That's why we're teaching the

operators — the end user — how to properly use and maintain equipment, because it all comes down to patient safety," he said.

As part of the exchange, members of the medical logistics team from the U.S. Army learned about the equipment currently in use at the MAF.

"In some ways, they are limited, but they are really resourceful, and they figure things out," Maldonado said.

Gum added that the exchange gives U.S. service members a broader perspective of other facilities and the strengths and weakness of their systems.

"All of the (U.S.) BMETs here have deployed, so they've seen different degrees of technology at medical facilities. They've seen a tent with aid bags all the way to fully capable hardstand buildings. This is just another exposure for the degree of technology," she said.

The U.S. and Mongolia Nursing and Medical Logistics SMEE has taken place since 2010. It is one example of U.S. and Mongolian military cooperation. This year represents the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

It is this form of medical diplomacy that drives positive change in an increasingly global atmosphere. Medical diplomacy through global health engagements such as the SMEE support the Chief of Staff of the Army's top priority: Readiness. They also support the Army Surgeon General's priority of providing a medically ready and ready medical force.

U.S., Mongolian nurses learn alongside one another

By Flavia Hulsey
For Army News Service

ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia — Nurses play an integral part of any nation's care team, a U.S. Army colonel said during the opening of the Mongolian Uniformed Services Nursing Association conference.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to work alongside some of you this week. I have learned so much about the outstanding work you do and the challenges you face in caring for your country's service members and beneficiaries. I'm excited to see the profession continue to flourish in Mongolia," said Col. Takako "Lei" Barrell, director of critical care services at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, during the conference June 9 at the Military Medical Center of Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar.

Barrell accepted the invitation to speak while visiting Ulaanbaatar for a nursing and medical logistics subject matter expert exchange between the United States and Mongolian armed forces, which took place June 5-9.

A team of five nurses from Tripler and the 36th Medical Group, Guam, taught coursework in nursing leadership, caring for intoxicated patients, caring for suicidal patients, palliative care, and emergency care — first aid, triage, trauma and treatment.

"Focusing on strategic planning for the

MAF to meet their mission requirements and sustained clinical and professional development and building on previous Nursing SMEE engagement is critical," Barrell said of the exchange.

In addition to classroom and hands-on instruction, members of the U.S. nursing team learned about the MAF nurse corps and toured the Military Medical Center, meeting head nurses and team members from every section of the hospital.

One of the greatest benefits, Barrell said, was seeing the nurses in their own environment. She noted that the nurses were leaders in their departments and well-respected members of the care team.

Consequently, Leading Sgt. Bayasgalan Olonbayar, Military Medical Center of Mongolia, said his nursing staff was able to learn simply by observing the U.S. team in action.

"The program has helped our nursing department tremendously, especially since out military nursing is quite new," Bayasgalan said, explaining the MAF nurses corps is only five years old. "One of the most important things we have seen is how military nurses should act — what the expectations of conduct are for military nurses."

That shared understanding is one of the goals of any SMEE, which, according to Barrell, was achieved during this visit.

"We look forward to the opportunity

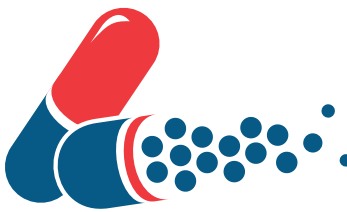
to work side by side with the Mongolian Armed Forces health care personnel," she said. "This is a great exchange; we learned a lot about each other's health care sys-

tems and processes, and we strengthened partnerships between the U.S. and MAF by enhancing readiness and partnership objectives."




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Nurses from the Mongolian Armed Forces enter and prepare to provide care during a mock mass casualty scenario June 8.




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Dunford presents Silver Star to family of fallen Marine, speaks of trust

By Jim Garamone
Defense Media Activity

QUANTICO, Va. — Trust within a unit is the most important value in the military, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said July 7.

Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford spoke at an event marking the 100th anniversary of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

The chairman also presented a posthumous Silver Star Medal to the family of Marine Corps Cpl. Albert Gettings – a member of the battalion – who was killed in Iraq in 2005.

When it's not deployed, the unit is based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Then-Lt. Col. Dunford commanded the unit from 1996 to 1998. More than 500 members of the battalion attended the event.

The Marine Corps formed 2-6 in July 1917 and shipped the unit to France. They served with the Marine brigade that was part of the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division. The unit saved Paris at the Battle of Belleau Wood, stopping the German offensive aimed at ending the war before American might could make itself felt. Unit Marines still wear the French forragere on their shoulders, marking the courage and sacrifices of those World War I Marines.

The unit is known as the Spartans and the commander is Spartan 6. Dunford took over the call sign from another Corps legend, Gen. John Allen, who also was present at the event.

LONG LEGACY

Having the event in the museum drove home another point: the unit's Marines of today, with their high-and-tight haircuts, could have switched places in the photos of Marines from Belleau Wood or World War II's Tarawa or Vietnam's Hue City. Dunford spoke of the unit's history, but more about the Marines who fought with the unit.

He spoke of a 2-6 Marine in World War I who gave a wounded comrade his gas mask and then rescued others – knowing fully well that inhaling the gas would kill him. He also spoke of 2-6 Marine Staff Sgt. Louis Carden, who was killed



PHOTO BY NAVY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS DOMINIQUE A. PINEIRO

Dave Gettings, Cori Gettings, Julie Gettings and Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, listen as Sgt. Maj. Christopher Cary, the sergeant major of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, reads the Silver Star Medal citation for Marine Corps Cpl. Albert Gettings at the National Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va., July 7.

at Fire Base Bell in Iraq last year. Carden was ensuring all his men were taken care of and under cover when Islamic State of Iraq and Syria terrorists launched Katyusha rockets on the base.

And he spoke of Cpl. Albert Gettings, who was killed in Fallujah, Iraq on Jan. 5, 2005. Initially, the Gettings family received the Bronze Star with a V for valor device for his actions. But a review indicated the award should be upgraded.

"His actions clearly merited the Silver Star," Dunford said, and his parents – Dave and Juliet – along with his sister, Cori, were presented the award by Dunford and 2-6 commander Lt. Col. Marcus Mainz.

SECOND BATTLE OF FALLUJAH

"Corporal Gettings and his squad were assigned as Fox Company's quick-reaction force in the second battle of Fallu-

jah," Dunford said. "During the fight, one of company's platoons needed help and called for the QRF, and Corporal Gettings brought his team up."

The corporal was hit by a sniper, as was another Marine who tried to reach him. "Still, Corporal Gettings stayed with his Marines, exposed to enemy fire, leading from the front and calling in support," Dunford said.

When ISIS fighters tried to flank his position, Gettings led the defense that broke their assault. "Not until the Marines were moving again did Corporal Gettings lead his QRF to a courtyard, where he received medical attention," the general said.

His wound was severe, and he had to be evacuated from the battlefield. "As Corporal Gettings was evacuated, he was carried past the position where his Marines were," the chairman said. "He

stuck his tongue out at them, cracked a smile and gave a thumbs-up."

But his wound was too severe, and Gettings died on the operating table. He was 27 years old.

LARGER POINT

The courage and sacrifices of these 2-6 Marines illustrate a larger point in the history of the unit, the Marine Corps and the U.S. military as a whole, Dunford said. "You know if you are a member of this unit that you can trust the Marines next to you to do what they need to do," said he added. "It's about love for your fellow Marines."

The unit's work continues. Some in the battalion couldn't make the dinner, as they were training for a deployment aboard the USS Iwo Jima as the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The rest of the battalion will join them today.

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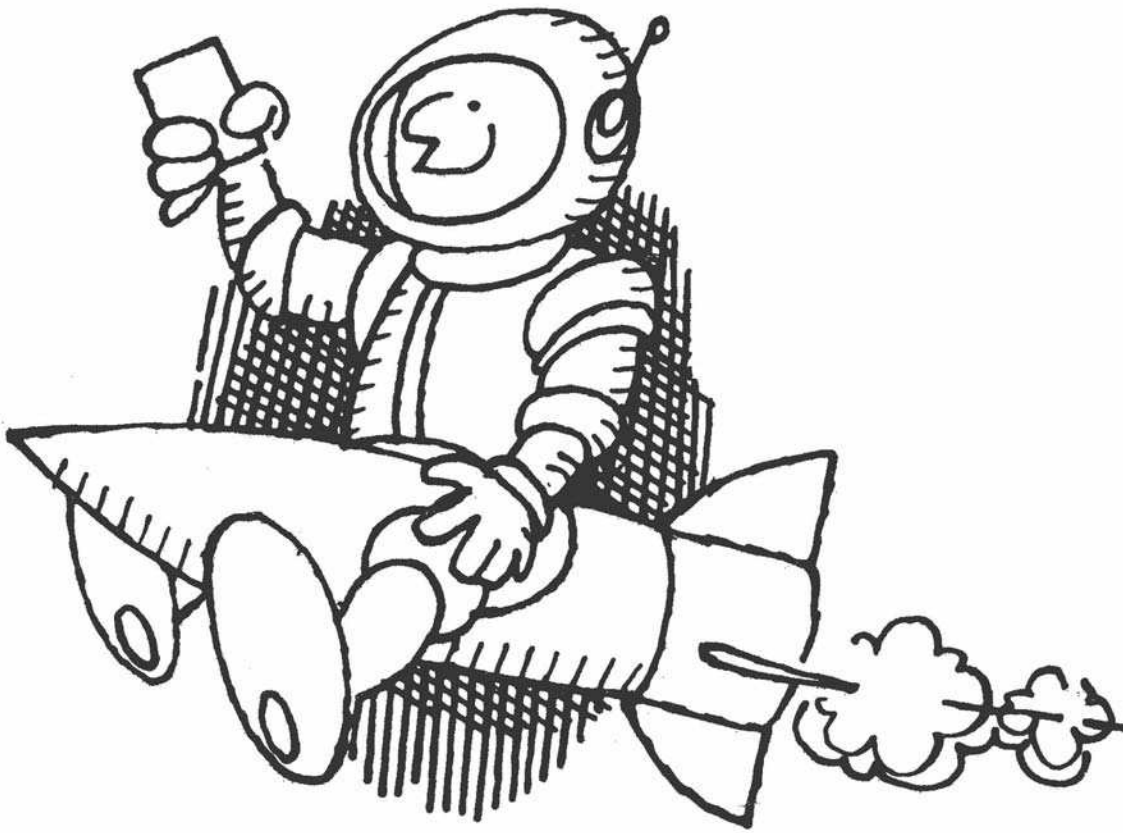
Huntsville hosts youth space camp

Army Flier
Staff Reports

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville will host its Summer Fest July 13-15. Organizers said this year's event promises to be a memorable one as attendees will hear from astronauts and take a trip down memory lane through Camp activities – all the while trading

stories with some of the nearly 700,000 alumni across Space Camp's 35-year history. Attendees will also get a sneak peek at America's next steps on the journey to Mars from NASA representatives. Proceeds from the weekend's activities benefit the Space Camp Alumni Scholarship Fund.

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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.

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

JULY 20-SEPT. 30 — The Wiregrass Museum of Art announces the opening of "Museum of Wonder," an exhibition by self-taught artist, storyteller and collector of oddities, Butch Anthony, according to organizers. The Museum of Wonder, housed in a log cabin built by Anthony in Seale, will temporarily relocate to WMA's galleries. The exhibition will also include a mobile drive-thru museum. This re-creation of the artist's self-described "World's First Drive Thru Art and Antique Gallery," located just off of U.S. Highway 431 in Seale and constructed from shipping containers, will be housed in an Airstream trailer in WMA's parking lot and available to visitors 24 hours a day. "Museum of Wonder" will open to the public July 20 at WMA's Art After Hours, an event held quarterly to mark new exhibition openings. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free for museum members and \$5 for the general public.

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

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

ENTERPRISE

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

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

JULY 27 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the senior center, located one block behind the old New Brockton Police station. Food and drink will be served, and will be followed by regular chapter business. Maximum member participation is requested as chapter business will include voting for positions of commander, senior and junior vice, and other positions for 2018. Chapter members also extend an invitation to other veterans throughout the Wiregrass to join. For more information, call 334-718- 5707.

ONGOING — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton Town Hall (old armory building) 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.

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Mobile Delta: Glass & Light

The Mobile Museum of Art is hosting the exhibit, "The Mobile Delta: Glass & Light" through March 11. Rene Culler's site-specific work is a mural in glass that celebrates the species-rich delta and its atmospheric qualities. The delta is a changeling environment that is constantly shaped and molded by the weather and waterways, according to museum officials. As the grasses, almost transparent, catch the light, Culler's drawings and painting in glass suggest the landscape that southern Alabama holds so dear. The composition is a wall of natural light utilized as a glass canvas for drawing, painting and printing with vitreous enamels. The museum is located at 4850 Museum Drive in Mobile. Admissions is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for military members and students, and children un-

der 6 are admitted for free.

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

Disney's 'Mary Poppins'

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery will host its production of Disney's "Mary Poppins" now through July 30 at various times. According to festival officials, "Mary Poppins" showcases some of the most memorable songs ever sung on the silver screen or stage, including "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "Jolly Holiday," "A Spoonful of Sugar," and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!" The production is recommended for ages 4 and up. Visit <http://tickets.asf.net/single/PSDetail.aspx?psn=11574> for show times and to purchase tickets. Ticket prices vary based on play, date and availability of seating.

For more information, call 334-271-5353 or asf.net/project/mary-poppins/.

Beyond Briefs

'Stars on the Riverfront'

The Alabama Dance Theatre will present its annual "Stars on the Riverfront" with two free performances July 30 and 31 from 7:30-9 p.m. People are welcome to bring their entire family and picnic as the sun sets on one of Montgomery's most beautiful venues, the Riverwalk Amphitheater, according to organizers. These eclectic performances are the culmination of ADT's two-week summer dance seminar and will feature over 50 dancers. Gates open at 6 p.m. for picnicking.

For more information, call 334-241-2590 or visit www.alabamadance theatre.com/stars-on-the-riverfront.html.

Summer concert series

Panama City Beach, Florida, will host its free summer concert series Thursdays

from 7-9 p.m. through Aug. 10 at Aaron Bessant Park, 600 Pier Park Drive. People are welcome to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the sounds of summer music, according to organizers. Coolers, food and pets are welcome.

For more information, visit <http://www.panamacitybeachparksandrecreation.com/summer-concert-series-2017.html>.

Palafox Market

Downtown Pensacola hosts its Palafox Market Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at Martin Luther King Plaza. Admission is free to the market that features fresh produce, live plants, baked goods, fine art, antiques and more. Items originate directly from onsite vendors who grow, make, or create the fruits, vegetables, herbs and art for sale, according to organizers. The event takes place rain or shine.

For more information, call 850-434-

BREAKING BARRIERS

Marshall Center English course brings counterterrorism experts together

By Christine June
George C. Marshall European
Center for Security Studies

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — Learning more about the English language has brought a group of counterterrorism professionals closer together and enhanced their understanding of their mission, Royal Air Force of Oman 1st Lt. Mohammed Murad Kamal Han Murad Al-Balushi said.

Balushi graduated July 5 from the English Language Enhancement Course hosted by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies here.

“Yes, I improved my English language skills, but I also learned something I did not imagine: how to work as part of a solid network of counterterrorism professionals with varied backgrounds and experiences from different countries,” Balushi, a security officer, told his fellow graduates during a ceremony at the Marshall Center.

“My world is now smaller, closer and easier to make contacts and get assistance,” he said. “I feel that in these five weeks, I have become a more effective counterterrorism professional.”

COUNTERTERRORISM FAMILY

Graduating with Balushi were six other counterterrorism professionals from six nations. Most of these graduates today joined 76 other experts representing nearly 60 countries to attend the Marshall Center’s Program on Terrorism and Security Studies. A four-week resident program, PTSS provides advanced professional education to those charged with understanding, and then reducing, the scope and capability of terrorist threats.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, Jim Howcroft, PTSS course director, said this resident program supports the Marshall Center’s increasing emphasis on transnational threats and challenges.

“You are already members of the PTSS team,” said Howcroft, who told the graduates that this family includes more than

1,800 counterterrorism professionals from 126 countries.

LANGUAGE OF CHOICE

Howcroft emphasized that English has increasingly become the language of choice when interacting with the worldwide counterterrorism network.

“This course is an absolutely unique language program, because it combines language skills development with the authentic counterterrorism content,” said Peggy Garza, chair of the English Language Program Department for the Marshall Center’s Partner Language Training Center Europe.

Partner Language Training Center Europe developed this five-week resident program to increase participants’ confidence and ability to communicate in English at a professional level on counterterrorism topics. The learning atmosphere centers on discussions among the participants and counterterrorism presentations by Howcroft and his team.

SHARING EXPERIENCES

This course is not to be confused with learning a language class, said Thomas Soule, one of two ELEC instructors.

“They all speak English,” he said. “One of the nice things about our course is that while they are learning the necessary vocabulary and terminology together, they are adding their own diverse background and combating terrorism experiences into the mix,” Soule said. “They begin to understand, analyze and think critically in English. Not quite as well, obviously, as in their native tongue, but much better than I think they ever thought they would.”

In addition to learning terminology, participants also came to understand the terrorist threat in the countries and regions where their classmates are from, while becoming more confident in expressing their viewpoints in English, Soule said.

“Today, English has become the global language to create a multinational plat-



PHOTO BY KARL-HEINZ WEDHORN

Royal Air Force of Oman 1st Lt. Mohammed Murad Kamal Han Murad Al-Balushi, a security officer, tells his fellow graduates that the world has become ‘smaller, closer and easier’ for them during the graduation ceremony for the English Language Enhancement Course at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, July 5.

form to fight terrorism around the world,” said Colombian army Maj. Yeferson Giovani Guarin Peralta, standardization officer at the Joint Special Forces Command

in Bogota.

“Our ability to understand this idea and connect to this platform is the value of this course,” he said.

Religious Services

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5 p.m. Catholic Mass (Saturday)

Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036

9:30 a.m. Protestant
Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)
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Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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

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Catholic Women of the Chapel

Spiritual Life Center, 9 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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12 p.m.

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6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

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6 p.m.

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Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

THURSDAYS

WOCC Bible Study (1st/3rd Thursday)

Swartworth Hall, Bldg. 5302,
11:30 a.m.

FRIDAY

Jewish Fellowship – Shabbat (1st Friday)

Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

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GONE FISHING

Post boasts 6 lakes, multiple options for anglers

Army Flier
Staff Reports

Taking to the waters with a rod and reel is a way that many choose to spend their leisure time, and Fort Rucker has plenty of watery real estate to keep anglers hooked on the popular pastime.

There are a total of five different lakes on Fort Rucker covering more than 700 acres that house a variety of different fish – ranging from largemouth bass, hybrid bass, catfish, crappie and bream – that people can test their skills against as they cast their lines, according to John Clancy, Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation manager.

The first and most well-known of all the lakes is Lake Tholocco, which offers two different fishing piers, one on East Beach and one on West Beach, and shoreline fishing is also permitted.

People can catch largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie in Lake Tholocco's waters, and something many people don't know is that night fishing is allowed on the lake.

"Lake Tholocco is a 676.8-acre, well-stocked lake," said Clancy. "We sell bait, including worms, crickets, minnows; rods and reels; and all kinds of tackle.

"We also rent different types of boats that are geared up for fishing, (and also offer) cabins and campsites," he added. "It's guaranteed fun."

People operating the boats must first complete the boater's safety



FILE PHOTO

Anglers compete in a previous fishing tournament.

course before taking any boats out on the lake, he added.

Lake Tholocco is also the only lake on the installation that permits powerboats, according to Clancy. Any boats in the other lakes on Fort Rucker must be self-propelled.

Although the lakes are full of fish, there is a limit on how many fish people can take home. There is a limit of five largemouth bass for less than 14 inches in length and only one for more than 18 inches at Lake Tholocco. Any largemouth bass caught between the sizes of 14-18 inches must be thrown back, according to Clancy.

There is a limit of 30 for bream, 15 for catfish and 30 for crappie longer than nine inches.

Although the other lakes on the installation don't compare in size to Lake Tholocco, the fishing experience is just as rich and available from sunup to sundown,

Clancy said.

Parcours Lake is another popular fishing spot on Fort Rucker, but this particular spot is reserved for the installation's youth anglers, he said.

"Because of the size of the lake – 4.1 acres – and its proximity to the housing areas, it's only permitted for those ages 15 and younger," he said, adding that parents are allowed to assist their children in fishing, but children must reel in their own fish.

The lake, located on Farrel Road behind Lyster Army Health Clinic, is home to bream, catfish and largemouth bass.

Another hidden gem, more known for its trails than its fishing, is Beaver Lake.

This 7.7-acre lake is open to all ages for fishing from sun up to sun down and houses largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie.

The fish limit at Beaver Lake is two largemouth bass larger than 16 inches, 10 bream of no size limit, unlimited catfish and up to 30 crappie with no size limit.

Beaver Lake is located just off Third Avenue across from the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center's football field.

There are also a few lakes that are relatively unknown to most on the installation, but the fishing they provide is just as enjoyable as their more well-known counterparts, said Clancy.

Eck Lake is a 7.7-acre lake open to all ages and filled with largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie. To get to this hidden gem, turn from Christian Road onto Johnston Road and take the first unpaved road on the left and follow the posted signs.

The limits for the lake are no more than two largemouth bass 16

inches or larger, 10 bream with no size limit, unlimited catfish and up to 30 crappie with no size limit.

Buckhorn Lake is another lake that isn't very well known, but it's also one of the installation's most restricted lakes due to its location and proximity to training areas, said Clancy.

The lake is 13.2 acres and is home to largemouth bass, bream and crappie. Hours of operation vary from day to day.

Buckhorn Lake is located two miles past Silver Wings Golf Course on Hatch Road.

"The lake is only open about half the time, so people should call outdoor recreation before they head out to the lake to confirm the times," said the recreation assistant.

Beaver Pond is the smallest of all the lakes on Fort Rucker and is also the least developed, according to Clancy. Beaver Pond is open to all ages, and is located off of Andrews Avenue between Silver Wings Golf Course and the Ozark Gate.

People 16 and older must have a state fishing license and post fishing permit to fish on Fort Rucker, and everyone operating a boat, motorized or self-propelled, must complete the Fort Rucker Boating Safety Course. People can visit the outdoor recreation service center to obtain a license and permit.

For more information, call 255-4305, or visit <https://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker/programs/hunting-and-fishing/>.

DOD HOSTS WARRIOR GAMES



PHOTO BY EJ HERSON

Television and movie personality, director and writer Jon Stewart poses for a selfie with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson and wounded warrior athletes during opening ceremonies for the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games at Soldier Field in Chicago July 1.

Event opens with 265 participants, celebrities

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

CHICAGO — As comedian Jon Stewart and Navy Adm. John Richardson, chief of naval operations, announced the official opening of the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games July 1, medically retired Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Sarah Rudder walked-in a hand torch at Soldier Field, where it was passed between teams, with medically retired Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Nate Hamilton lastly using it to light a flame for the games.

About 265 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, U.S. Special Forces Command, United Kingdom and Australian Defense Force are competing here in shooting, archery, cycling, track and field, swimming, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball today through July 8.

Throughout the evening, celebrities, including Blake Shelton, Kelly Clarkson and Stewart, offered the athletes praise for their resiliency and thanks for their service.

THANKS FROM CHICAGO

About 10,000 people attended the opening ceremony. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel sent a video message.

"On behalf of all Chicagoans, I'm proud to welcome you to the 2017 Warrior Games in the most American of American cities," he said. "We are thrilled to host our brave heroes and their families here for the Department of Defense Warrior Games. This year marks the first time the DOD games are being held off of a military base, and there's no place better to kick off the games than right here in Chicago, a city that loves sports at Soldier Field, named in honor of our veterans, our military and their families," Emanuel said.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Robin Elkington, Australian Defense Force, said the Australian team has felt welcomed by the American forces and by the Chicago people.

"The Warrior Games is all about recovery and rehabilitation and eventually reintegration into our services and back into our normal lives. It's beautiful and brilliant to see," Elkington said. "I hope it really continues and that we can continue to be strong as allied nations. [The support is] sensational. I can't thank first of all the American services individually and collectively and the city of Chicago as a whole enough. They have made us feel very welcome, and I'd really like to thank

SEE CELEBRITIES, PAGE D3

Army athletes work together to smash records

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

CHICAGO — In the Army, Spc. Michael Stephens and Sgt. 1st Class Adam Blow knew the meaning of "explosive." Now medically retired, the pair proved on the track July 2 that they know the less-dangerous meaning of the word as Blow guided Stephens to record-breaking times in the visually impaired category during the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games here.

About 265 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, U.S. Special Operations Command, the United Kingdom and the Australian Defense Force are competing June 30-July 8 in shooting, archery, cycling, track and field, swimming, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball.

Blow worked with underwater explosives in the Navy from 1999 to 2006, when he joined the Army as a truck driver, and retired after serving for a total of 17 years. He has a traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and shoulder and back injuries from a mortar attack during a combat deployment to Afghanistan in 2010.

Stephens served as a combat engineer for five years and is visually impaired due to a rare brain injury as a result of an explosion during a combat deployment from 2013 to 2014.

"We worked with explosions on the regular," Stephens said, "and we were a very direct unit, so as a direct result of combat and [improvised explosive devices], I was injured four times during the course of the deployment. I'm going completely blind. Currently, my brain doesn't communicate to my eyes due to a rare condition. It's like the neurological symptoms someone would have with Parkinson's, that's how it's progressing."

Stephens and Blow came into the competition yesterday determined to not only take the gold in the men's visually impaired 100-meter and 200-meter races, but to break records.

Last year, Stephens had planned to run

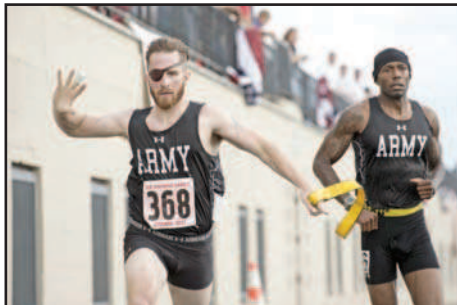


PHOTO BY EJ HERSON

Visually impaired runner retired Spc. Michael Stephens finishes a race with his guide, retired Sgt. 1st Class Adam Blow, during the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games in Chicago July 2.

with Blow, but had to pull out because he injured his knee during the first race. "I took home three gold medals and set records in the field events with a blown knee last year so that was great, but I didn't get a chance to run it for my family," Stephens said. "This year, I get the opportunity to do that with Blow, and we're pretty fast. We're going to go."

After injuring his knee, Stephens said he spent the rest of the track day in the hospital, but was able to finish his field events on crutches.

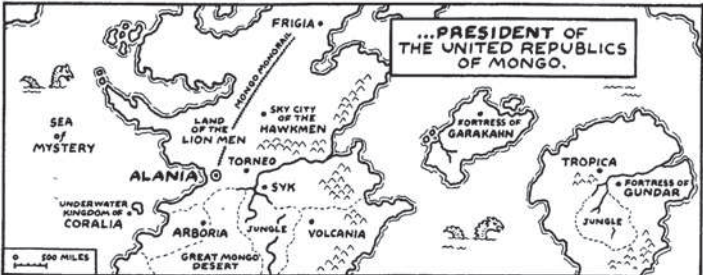
Blow told Stephens that he would rather have run with him last year than to have run his own individual event.

With Blow's guidance, Stephens broke the visually impaired men's Warrior Games 100-meter and 200-meter records, fighting heat and wind.

"The first one felt great because we had to overtake the field; they all came out of blocks so we ran them down and then ran past them," Stephens said. "The 200 though, that head wind felt like you were walking into a wall when you got down to the last stretch. If I didn't have my guide next to me right here telling me to keep going, don't slow down, I think we would probably have just stopped the race and been like, you guys have it. It was rough out there on the 200."

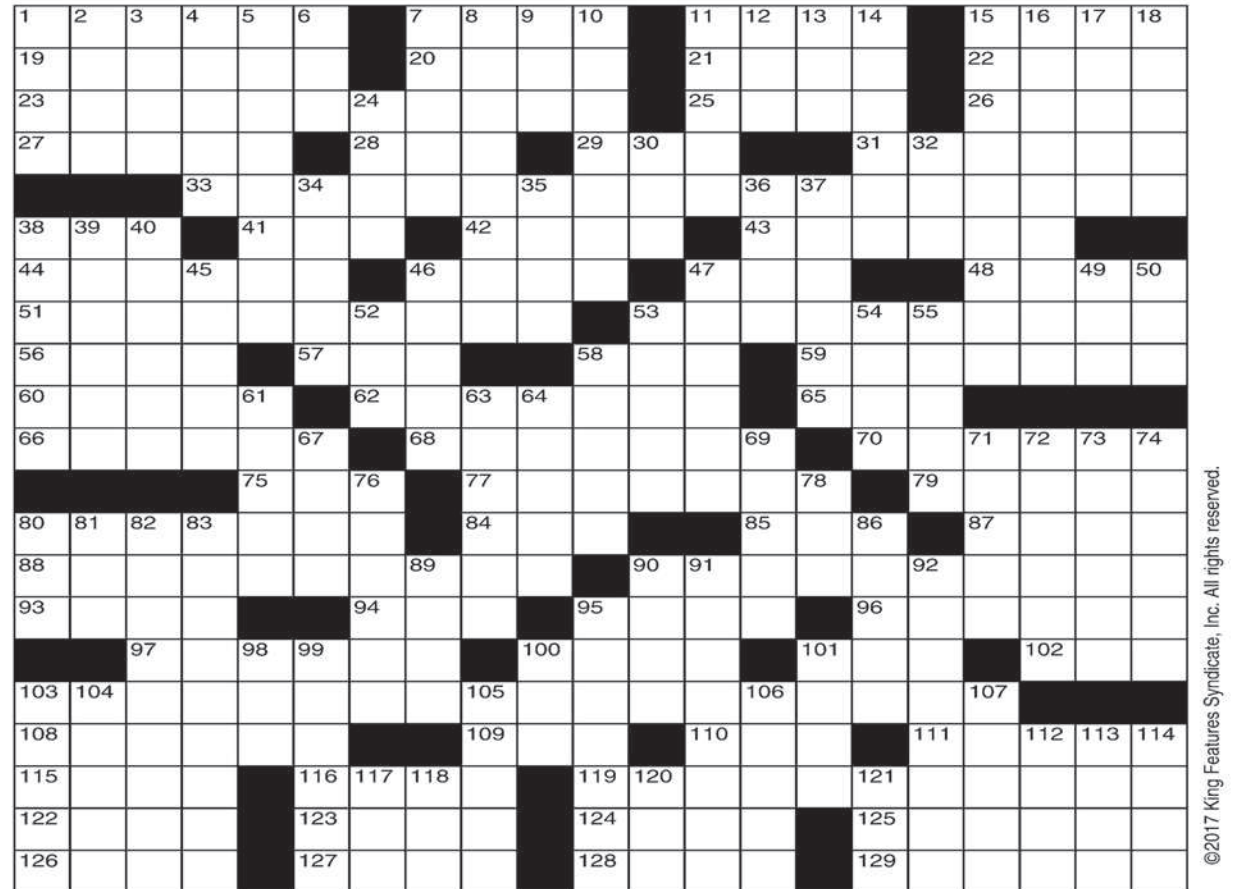
The two teammates live close to each other in Texas. Stephens lives in Dallas, and Blow lives in Mansfield. They said they stay in contact with each other and with athletes from the other service branches because they're all family. They both tend to brag about each other.

DOWN TIME



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Neighbor of Rwanda
 - 7 Only OK
 - 11 Lucky mystique
 - 15 Oddest, e.g.
 - 19 Bagel shape
 - 20 "— Excited"
 - 21 Baldwin of film
 - 22 Duncan of education
 - 23 Decorative window option
 - 25 Grown-up eft
 - 26 Dryer fuzz
 - 27 Tendril, e.g.
 - 28 Atop, to a 15-Across
 - 29 Washed-out
 - 31 Slowly, on a score
 - 33 Hurdle for a new driver's-license applicant
 - 38 See 24-Down
 - 41 Wall St. news
 - 42 Prefix with vision
 - 43 Superhero film of 2015
 - 44 Apple pic application
 - 46 Bottom-row PC key
 - 47 "— Miniver"
 - 48 Mimics a wolf
 - 51 Totem pole, essentially
 - 53 Item in an election box
 - 56 Ocean's hue
 - 57 Ocean's kin
 - 58 Cleveland cager, briefly
 - 59 Subsidies
 - 60 Oxidizes
 - 62 Upright height
 - 65 Coach Riley
 - 66 Pick up on
 - 68 What can follow eight key words in this puzzle to get phrases meaning "permanent"
 - 70 SSA part
 - 75 City area, informally
 - 77 Deny, as a fact
 - 79 Mambo relative
 - 80 "No, not true!"
 - 84 Mine rocks
 - 85 Bang into
 - 87 Fix, as a cat
 - 88 Vase inserts
 - 90 Fixed goal
 - 93 State, to Luc
 - 94 Alias initials
 - 95 Jacob's first wife
 - 96 Secondary
 - 97 Venerate
 - 100 Objectives
 - 101 24-hr. cash source
 - 102 Serpentine letter
 - 103 Fancy wedding mailing
 - 108 Frosh topper
 - 109 Seedy loaf
 - 110 Salem-to-L.A. dir.
 - 111 It's a no-no
 - 115 Greek liqueur
 - 116 White-dwarf explosion
 - 119 Feature of a body-builder's tummy
 - 122 Dunkable cookie
 - 123 Smack hard
 - 124 Gofer, e.g.
 - 125 Isis' brother
 - 126 "Freak on a Leash" rock band
 - 127 In times past
 - 128 Fulfill
 - 129 Cloud layers
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Colorado natives
 - 2 Alternative style to emo
 - 3 Former BP gas brand
 - 4 Not at all, informally
 - 5 Classic cola brand
 - 6 Count up
 - 7 — mignon
 - 8 Italian liqueur
 - 9 Specific mag. printing
 - 10 UFO museum city
 - 11 Miracle food from above
 - 12 Bullfighting yell
 - 13 Hanukkah observer
 - 14 Eighth of a circle
 - 15 Tasty
 - 16 They're not facsimiles
 - 17 Film scorer
 - 18 "Grand" mountain
 - 24 With 38-Across, deteriorate
 - 30 Logger's tool
 - 32 Block (up)
 - 34 Apple items with earbuds
 - 35 Geeky sort
 - 36 Rover's planet
 - 37 Foot section
 - 38 Jean-Luc of the U.S.S. Enterprise
 - 39 Light-blocking
 - 40 Propulsion
 - 45 Egg-shaped
 - 46 Raccoon lookalike
 - 47 Experts
 - 49 "— name it!"
 - 50 Brand of fuel additives
 - 52 "Gone" actor
 - 53 "Lili" actress
 - 54 Dolly's calls
 - 55 Fur tycoon on the Titanic
 - 58 "Aw" inspirer
 - 61 Certain oar
 - 63 Longhair cat
 - 64 Romanov bigwigs
 - 67 Half a sextet
 - 69 Neighbor of 36-Down
 - 71 Tooth parts
 - 72 Horn in (on)
 - 73 Demeans
 - 74 Parfait parts
 - 76 Look out for
 - 78 Talk shrilly
 - 80 Cola cooler
 - 81 "Tsk, tsk!"
 - 82 Daydreamer
 - 83 Matinée time
 - 86 Prefix with faceted
 - 89 Barely earned, with "out"
 - 90 Rig on a road
 - 91 Manhattan area
 - 92 Most distant
 - 95 Equipment for real-time viewing on the Net
 - 98 Steve of rock guitar
 - 99 "All the same ..."
 - 100 Above zero
 - 101 To — (unerringly)
 - 103 Nook reading
 - 104 Prefix with physiologist
 - 105 Beyond mad
 - 106 Good point
 - 107 Low point
 - 112 Silents vamp
 - 113 Sombre paper notice
 - 114 Greek mount
 - 117 Have
 - 118 Carpet sweeper, briefly
 - 120 Move hastily
 - 121 UCLA part



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

PERMANENT LINKS

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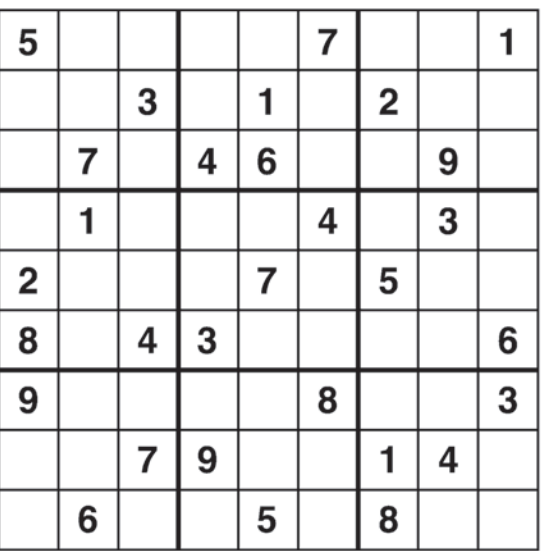


1. MONEY: Who was the first U.S. president to appear on a circulating coin?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The Elbe River flows mostly through which European country?
3. GAMES: How much are black poker chips worth?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What major U.S. city is in the 305 area code?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which candidate did Richard Nixon defeat in 1972 to win re-election?
6. AVIATION: How long did the Wright brothers' first flight last on Dec. 17, 1903?
7. U.S. STATES: The bluebonnet is the official flower of which state?
8. HISTORY: When did the French and Indian War end?
9. MOVIES: In which movie does Judy Garland sing, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"?
10. COMICS: Brigadier Gen. Amos

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

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
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KID'S CORNER

Puzzle Card

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Our answer C=7, A=4, R=0, M=3, P=9, T=1, I=8, (740 + 349 = 1089)

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

Answers: Bestowed, cobbled, laction, debate, hearthens.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITION:

1. An earring shape.
2. Temporary substitutes.
3. Efforts to achieve.
4. To delay or put off.
5. Sequence of bookish events.
6. A colorful wall hanging.
7. A light musical.
8. Fair and comfortable.

ANAGRAM:

dart + rope
pops + tags
tamp + test
open + stop
reps + chat
step
poet + tear
lean + past

Answers: 1. Dangle 2. Stopgap 3. Attempts 4. Postponed 5. Chapters 6. Tapestry 7. Operetta 8. Pleasant

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY

Army takes Gold from Navy in wheelchair basketball

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

CHICAGO — Medically retired Sgt. Jhoonar Barrera sank a free throw with 23.5 seconds remaining on the clock to seal a 56-55 Army victory over Navy in the wheelchair basketball final at the United Center July 7 during the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games.

Barrera, the team captain, said he didn't realize until later that his foul shot would prove to be the game winner, and that he considers the gold medal victory to be a team effort.

"After I shot it, in my head, the game's never over until you hear that buzzer, and you don't really think about it," he said. "You wait for that buzzer to go off, but until then you fight like you're dying. It was a team effort, so I'm proud because my team believed in me, and I believed in them. I wanted them to step it up, and they came through for us in the last minutes to help me get to the line. It was great."

Army coach Charles Williams said it came down to communication and team effort. "It was a pretty awesome game. We've got some pretty strong players who came together as a team and, most of all, they listened. Their strength is we have guys who never quit and that strength of never quitting and always giving it all out on the floor is what made our team pull through today."

"My team – I can't love them enough. It feels so great that we just believed in each other in the end, and that's all that mattered," Barrera added emotionally.

Navy Coach Grant Moorehead said his team left it all out on the floor. "They poured their hearts out there. They never gave up," he said. "I love these guys. We had a great time and a great run; we just came up a point short."

FIRST HALF

Before the game started, Team Army performed a haka, a traditional war cry dance of the Maori people of New Zealand. "We



PHOTO BY EJ HERSOM

Team Army performs a haka dance before the gold-medal wheelchair basketball game in the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the United Center in Chicago July 7.

wanted to come out strong and aggressive and set the pace and tempo with the haka," Barrera explained, adding that the dance helped to energize the team.

Both teams fought in the first half to keep the game close, as the score stayed within a 4-point spread. Navy had a 12-6 lead, but Army closed the gap to 12-10 and then tied it up at 12. Army pulled ahead to lead 16-12, but the Navy fought back and tied the score again at 16.

Army took an 18-16 lead, but Navy pulled ahead to lead 21-18. Army led 30-28 with 40.2 seconds on the clock when the Navy's medically retired Chief Petty Officer Javier Rodriguez scored a three-point shot, taking the score to 31-30 for the Navy at the half.

Comedian Jon Stewart, who participated in a celebrity wheelchair basketball exhibition match between the gold and bronze medal matches, said he was excited to watch the gold medal matchup.

"These are world-class athletes," he said. "It's not enough for them to survive, but to challenge themselves to thrive, and you see the results. It's phenomenal. Some of these

guys, in a short amount of time, go from not competing to joining the team, regaining their athletic spirit again, and you watch it light up and the spirit of their support for each other, that's what's most impressive."

He joked that he didn't realize that it's almost like rugby out on the court because of the intensity of the players. "I didn't know that the contact was at the level of rugby, or just a free-for-all. It's not going to end pretty for me," he quipped.

SECOND HALF

The score stayed tight in the second half, and each team took timeouts if it looked like the other was gaining momentum. Navy had the lead at 44-43 with 9 minutes left, but Army regained the lead and held the Navy off for the next few minutes.

With 2:56 on the clock, Army led 53-52, but with 1:26 remaining, the score was tied at 55. The crowd started screaming, "Go Navy" and "Go Army" as the clock ticked down. A foul with 23.5 seconds left led to Barrera's clutch free throw, and his teammates hel Navy off the rest of the way for

the win.

Before the gold-medal game, the Marine Corps team took the silver medal, topping Air Force 59-56 in overtime.

ENCOURAGING OTHERS

Members of both teams, as well as Stewart, said these athletes work together both on and off the court as they work through their recovery, and they encouraged others to try adaptive sports and to seek help if they need it.

"We're just a great group of guys," Canich said. "If you served in the Navy or Coast Guard and want to come out and play and have a great time, come out and try out. We're always looking for more people to play wheelchair basketball. The Navy's always hosting camps, and they're open to everybody. Just call your Navy Safe Harbor representative and come out and join the team."

Williams said he noticed the bonds among the Army team members, as well. "I noticed the camaraderie with the athletes from Day One," he said. "They hang out together. They go support each other at the venues, and they genuinely love their teammates. You can't talk to one person here who doesn't love being on this team."

Stewart said he hopes the fans who watched the game "will take away an admiration for the resilience and tenacity of the competition but also remember that this is the tip of the spear."

"These are the guys who came in," he said. "For every one, there's a hundred behind them who are going through challenges and difficulties of their own. Keep the warriors in your mind, even the ones you don't see. Understand that that's what they're going through."

For those who may need help, Canich said, help is available. "Never give up," he said. "There's somebody out there to help who has been in that situation. There are people out there who will be willing to help and do anything and basically lay down their life for you."

Celebrities

Continued from Page D1

the people of the United States of America for having us here for this event. It's wonderful."

Stewart took selfies with each of the teams, along with Chicago Bears running back Jordan Howard, and Grammy award winner Sam Moore, from the "The Blues Brothers" fame, sang "God Bless America" and "Soul Man."

CLARKSON AND SHELTON

Kelly Clarkson opened the concert with "My Life Would Suck Without You" and told the crowd, "I'm excited and honored to be here. Thank you so much for your service. We are super honored. When I was told about Warrior Games, I was so inspired, and I'm just so excited to be a part of this and just thank you so much for having us here."

As she readied the audience for "Piece By Piece," she was overcome with emotion as she told the athletes, service members and veterans in the audience, "Y'all are real heroes – y'all are real heroes."

Blake Shelton closed the show and told his fans, "Happy Independence Day weekend! I hope you're not going to get tired of me celebrating these military people I see out here in the audience tonight and their families. Thank you so much.

"The men and women that serve and protect this country on a daily basis allow the rest of us the freedoms we enjoy," Shelton said earlier. "I'm proud to be part of this event and root these heroes on to victory at this year's Warrior Games."

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Curtis Krenzke, a tactical air control party specialist from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, competing for Team Socom, said he loves Clarkson's song, "Stronger" and appreci-

ated the support from the singers.

"Blake and Kelly are like the elite of the elite, just like SOCOM is," he said. "U.S. Special Operations Command isn't just one service; it's all the services combined, and it's the tip of the spear for all of our branches. We've got people like Blake and Kelly coming in and performing for us – they're the elite for singer-songwriters. It's amazing to have them come here and perform for us."

JON STEWART

Stewart attended the DOD Warrior Games last year and said he enjoys being back again. "I'm honored to be back again. I get a great inspiration from these athletes not because they're superheroes, but because of how human they are. They're just like you and I, but when faced with circumstances beyond their control and difficulties beyond their control, they have a choice to

make and they made a choice not just to survive but to thrive, not to be content with the ordinary but to fight for the extraordinary. You can't always choose the battle. Sometimes the battle chooses you, but you can always choose the fight you bring to the battle, and it's the fight that these fine athletes bring every day to achieve what they've achieved."

Stewart said he's also inspired by how the athletes draw strength from their teammates and how they are there for each other.

"What's most inspiring to me about these athletes is the joy and inspiration they take from their teammates, the strength they get from their teammates, the uplift, knowing their brothers and sisters have their backs at all times, knowing their families and caregivers have their backs at all times," he said. "That is the strength and inspiration that provides the foundation for these athletes to achieve all they can."

FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

Ready, Set, Run! registration

Fort Rucker Youth Sports and Fitness continues registration for its Ready, Set, Run! Program through July 31. The program provides an opportunity for youth to spend time with friends chatting and exercising and taking part in a national program featured on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. The program focuses on character-development and physical training for a 5k run, according to organizers. The program equips youth with the physical training

and goal-setting mentality needed to accomplish their running goals. Issues like enhancing confidence and self-esteem, respecting authority, dealing with peer pressure and fueling their bodies through proper nutrition are covered during the 12-week session. Youth will participate in three runs throughout the program. Cost is \$45 for the season that runs Aug. 7 to Oct. 28. All of the runs will be on Fort Rucker.

For more information, call 255-2254 or 255-2257.

Fort Rucker Hunting Incentive Program

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

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

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

UGANDA	FAIR	MOJO	POET
TOROID	IMSO	ALEC	ARNE
ETCHED	GLASS	NEWT	LINT
SHOOT	OER	WAN	ADAGIO
WRITTEN	EXAMINATION		
POTI	PO	TELE	ANTMAN
IPHOTO	CTRL	MRS	BAYS
CARVED	WOOD	CAST	BALLOT
AQUA	SEA	CAV	EASESUP
RUSTS	STATUE	PAT	
DETECT	INSTONE	SOCIAL	
URB	GAINSAY	RUMBA	
ITSALIE	ORE	RAM	SPAY
CUTFLOWERS	SET	PURPOSE	
ETAT	AKA	LEAH	LESSER
REVERE	AIMS	ATM	ESS
ENGRAVED	INVITATION		
BEANIE	RYE	SSE	TABOO
OUZO	NOVA	CHISELED	ABS
OREO	SWAT	AIDE	OSIRIS
KORN	ONCE	MEET	STRATA

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Answer

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

Trivia

Answers

1. Abraham Lincoln
2. Germany
3. \$100
4. Miami
5. George McGovern
6. 12 seconds
7. Texas
8. 1763
9. "Meet Me in St. Louis"
10. "Beetle Bailey"



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