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Garrison welcomes new commander

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker welcomed a new garrison commander as Col. Brian E. Walsh assumed command during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum July 12.

Walsh assumed command from Col. Shannon T. Miller as he accepted the garrison colors from Vincent E. Grewatz, U.S. Army Installation Management Command Training director, symbolizing his assumption of command.

Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, welcomed Walsh and provided his full vote of confidence in the new command team while also thanking Miller for her dedicated service as the garrison commander.

“The commitment of our work



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, accepts the garrison colors from Vincent E. Grewatz, U.S. Army Installation Management Command Training director, as he assumes command from Col. Shannon T. Miller, outgoing commander, during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum July 12.

force inside the garrison led by Shannon Miller has been simply superb. When you look at all of the things that have gotten bet-

ter overtime, be that involved in something for a family or infrastructure, it is pretty phenomenal,” said the commanding gen-

eral. “We are very proud of you and we wish you very well as you head off into the future.

“But our Army is an amazing

body. When we say farewell to one, we always bring in an equally talented person – and today is no exception,” continued Gayler. “Our Army is truly blessed to have a great command team with Jennifer and Brian coming back in – and to your entire family, welcome to a new role.”

Walsh entered military service when he was commissioned into the Army upon graduation from the University of Central Florida in 1994. He is no stranger to Fort Rucker having gone through the Aviation Officer Basic Course and flight school here on Fort Rucker, and comes into command from his most recent role as the director of Training and Doctrine on the installation.

He’s served in numerous assignments and leadership positions, from platoon leader and

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1st Avn. Bde. welcomes new commander

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The 1st Aviation Brigade welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony on Howze Field Friday.

Col. Jason L. Miller assumed command of the brigade from Col. Woodard B. Hopkins as the unit colors changed hands from Hopkins to Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, to Miller.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. Jason L. Miller, 1st Aviation Brigade commander, assumes command from Col. Woodard B. Hopkins as he accepts the unit colors from Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, during a change of command ceremony on Howze Field Friday.

Gayler presided over the ceremony and said that although the transition is bittersweet, he’s fully confident that the storied brigade will continue its mission of excellence under its new leadership.

“Transitions are hard, especially when you transition leadership, but good units transition well, and I know that this unit will transition well,” said the commanding general during the ceremony. “This brigade has probably the most complex and unique command structure and mission of any brigade in our Army. For

every officer, warrant officer and three of our military occupational specialties across our Branch, their first indoctrination and touch with the Army starts with this brigade.

“[Hopkins] has expertly led in this constantly evolving program where he’s in charge of the administration, the training, the health, the welfare [of this brigade],” he said, “but as we say farewell to one [command team], we always do a superb job of bringing another family right on their heels.”

Gayler said he has complete confidence in the new command team, and he believes that there is no one better to lead the brigade to new heights.

“The Army has got so much talent, and with the Millers, it is an honor to have you at Fort Rucker and an honor to get the chance to watch you in command again,” he said. “I knew Jason as a battalion commander, and I certainly knew then that he had the right stuff to command at the next, higher level. When you look at Jason’s career of assignments, accomplishments and tours or deployments in combat, you can really find no one who is better prepared for a diverse

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio R. Lopez, ACLC command sergeant major, assumes responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Daryle W. Pilkinton as he accepts the organizational colors from Col. Michael J. Best, ACLC commander, during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation museum Friday.

ACLC welcomes new senior NCO

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Aviation Center Logistics Command welcomed a new senior NCO as Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio R. Lopez assumed responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Daryle W. Pilkinton during a ceremony at the U.S. Aviation Museum Friday.

The organizational colors passed from Pilkinton to Col. Michael J. Best, ACLC commander, to Lopez during the ceremony, signifying the relinquishing of responsibility from the outgoing to the incoming command sergeant major.

Best said he’s fully confident that Lopez is the right leader to take the reigns.

“As we bid farewell to the Pilkintons, we welcome the Lopezes to the ACLC family and we couldn’t have asked for a finer noncommissioned officer to join our ranks,” he added. “I have no doubt that Sergeant Major Lopez will move our command to even higher heights as he takes command with us today. We welcome you and your family, and I look forward to working with you. I look forward to how you will help us and integrate us at four more locations, and make that seamless to our TRADOC partners and friends.”

Lopez comes to Fort Rucker with a wealth of experience, having held various positions in numerous assignments across multiple continents, to include the 2nd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment in Hanau, Germany; the 1st Bn., 3rd Avn. Regt. at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 11th Aviation Brigade in Illesheim, Germany; and 1st Bn., 229th Avn. Regt. in Fort Hood, Texas.

He’s also held numerous leadership positions, including battalion command sergeant major for the 4th Bn., 3rd Avn. Regt., Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; and brigade command sergeant major for 1st Armored Division, Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas, and has served in multiple deployments, including to Bosnia in support of the Implementation Force; Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Thun-

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TRADOC to release active shooter free mobile app to help educate, save lives

By Joseph Lacdan
Army News Service

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — Soon, Soldiers and civilians will be mere taps away from contacting emergency teams in the event of an active shooter, thanks to the efforts of a team of Fort Rucker civilian employees.

Army Training and Doctrine Command and TRADOC Capability Manager – Mobile announced winners from a competition to develop an active shooter response mobile application for the Army and revealed that a team of civilian employees from the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence submitted the winning entry.

The app will soon be released for free download from Google Play, iTunes and other online stores.

“All these applications have the necessary and vital information that will save lives, time, and educate those with little or no training on active-shooter response situations,” said Capt.

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. TARESHA HILL

Members of the Special Reaction Team, 39th Military Police Detachment, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, secure a hallway while fellow teammates clear rooms during an active shooter training exercise at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, in February. TRADOC is planning to release a new mobile app that will aid Soldier training, readiness and response to emergency situations like an active shooter incident.

PERSPECTIVE

SOLDIER FOR LIFE

Transition expert offers tips to make most of job fairs

By Bryan Tharpe
Fort Rucker Soldier for Life
Transition Assistance Program

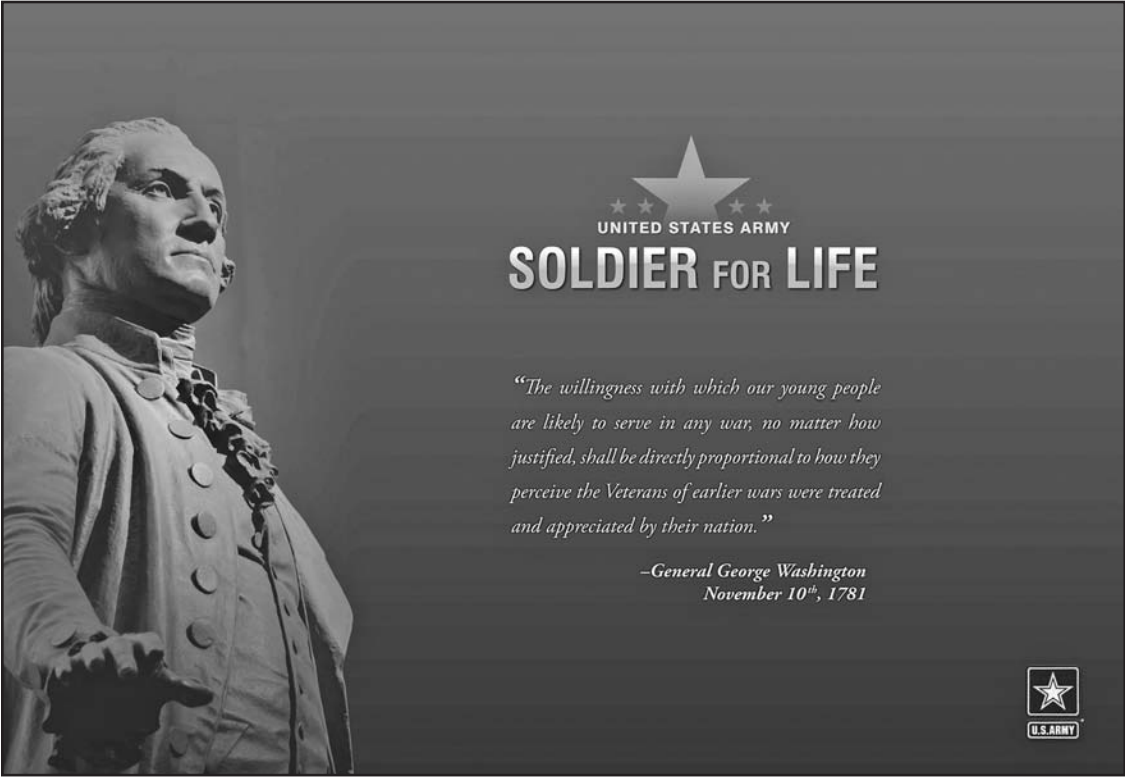
Have you ever contemplated attending a job fair, but thought, “Why bother? It’s only a waste of my time.”

Well, you are not alone. Most job seekers rarely spend time attending job fairs for fear that there will be little or no return on their investment. However, if you take time to properly prepare for job fairs, they can be very beneficial to your overall job search strategy.

Before attending the job fair, you should get a list of all employers attending. Most job fair promoters will make this list available two or three weeks prior to the event, depending upon the number of participants. From this list, you should research the companies to gain a thorough understanding of their products and services.

Once you are familiar with the participants, choose the employers that interest you the most and make a checklist to use at the job fair. By researching the companies and creating a definitely visit list, you reduce your idle time at the job fair.

Make sure you have your job



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fair resume in order and plan to take many copies. The number of copies you should take may vary, depending upon the number of employers attending the fair. You need a copy for each employer on your definitely visit list and several extra. In addition, you may want to complete an application and take it with you. It is much quicker to simply copy the infor-

mation than spend time trying to remember phone numbers and addresses. Also, take several blue and black ink pens. Employers may require that you complete applications in a particular color.

Finally, make sure you are dressed appropriately. Dress as if you were going on an interview. Wear a suit, groom yourself and take a portfolio with your infor-

mation neatly organized.

It is appropriate to wear your uniform if the job fair is being held on a military installation. Do not dress casually – this may send the message that you are not a serious job seeker.

Not all job fairs are alike. There are several types of job fairs including technical, professional, general and industry spe-

cific. Depending upon the type of career you are seeking, you will need to target the appropriate type of job fair. In addition, many job fairs offer free or very low-cost admission to job seekers.

If you are an active job fair participant, you should come away with very valuable information, even if you do not land a job. You should leave the job fair with a good knowledge of company policies, hiring practices and products. Furthermore, you should have a better understanding of job requirements and industry standards.

Job fairs can expose you to many potential employers in a short amount of time. They can provide you with additional access to the hidden job market and they can help you refine your networking skills – if you are prepared.

Plan to attend the upcoming annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair at the Enterprise High School Gymnasium July 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A partial listing of employers will be released soon, so that you can begin to do your research on the companies you want to work for. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to have more than 125 employers under one roof at the same time.

Rotor Wash

“The 14th annual Fort Rucker Job Fair will be held at Enterprise High School July 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. What are some tips you can offer someone seeking new employment?”



**W01 Cicely Kulovitz,
B Co., 1-145th Avn. Regt.**

“Get a haircut, get a new suit – one that fits well – and probably look up interview topics.”



**Latoya Hill,
military spouse**

“Look up some questions on what they might ask, so they might have an idea.”



**Sgt. Diantha Kaufman,
1-145th Avn. Regt.**

“[Wear appropriate] clothes and have a résumé.”



**Maj. Troy Hokanson,
aircraft qualification
course student**

“Have an understanding of the position that you’re applying for and the company within which you would like to work. Make sure your physical appearance is outwardly professional.”



**W01 John Vandenbrink,
B Co., 1-145th Avn. Regt.**

“Make sure you have all your ducks in a row and know what you’re going to talk about. The more you know about something, the more natural you come off, so if you feel comfortable with the material, then you’re set.”

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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.

Army launches campaign to get Soldiers hired

By **Jenny Hale**
Army Soldier for Life – Transition Assistance Program

FORT KNOX, Ky. – The Army’s Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program is hosting a Hire a Soldier Campaign now through Aug. 11 on SFL-TAP’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

The campaign aims to inform transitioning Soldiers on ways to market themselves for civilian careers and offers companies interested in hiring veterans the opportunity to share advice and network.

Several events online are taking place during the course of the campaign, including a Twitter Chat, several Wednesday Facebook Live guest speakers, and a contest for the public to submit their best advice for a transitioning Soldier.

“SFL-TAP is helping transitioning Soldiers connect with more opportunities in the civilian sector,” retired Col. Walter Herd, director of SFL-TAP said.

This is the first time SFL-TAP



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is hosting an online social media campaign. The campaign connects Soldiers, industry and veterans to transition tips in preparation for employment opportunities. All are encouraged to tag their posts with the hashtag (#HireaSoldier) and follow it during the course of the campaign for updated information, as well as events.

Now through Aug. 3, SFL-TAP is accepting submissions for a Facebook contest on transition advice for Soldiers. All individu-

als with transition experience are welcome to submit a short narrative on their personal advice for transitioning Soldiers. Guidelines for submissions can be found at www.facebook.com/ArmySFLTAP. Aug. 4, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey will announce the winner live on Facebook.

Aug. 3, SFL-TAP is hosting a Twitter chat to bring transitioning Soldiers and industry together to discuss best practices for resume

writing and job seeking. The Twitter chat will use the hashtag (#HireaSoldier). The event will take place at noon Eastern.

The Army has partnered with Partnership for Youth Success, the Benefits Administration of Veterans Affairs, Warrior Care and Transition, the National Guard, the Army Reserve Private Public Partnership, and the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Services for the Twitter chat. The following organizations also plan to participate, including Corporate Gray, First Command, G.I. Jobs, Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Recruit Military, Hiring Our Heroes, Where Opportunity Knox and dozens of others.

The Army is the only branch to have 24/7 services for transitioning Soldiers via phone or online through the Virtual Center, as well as at local brick-and-mortars. SFL-TAP Centers host frequent job fairs, education fairs, hiring events, networking opportunities, employer days and

more, both nationally and internationally. For employers looking to connect with transitioning Soldiers or to learn more about local hiring events, contact the nearest SFL-TAP Center. A list of centers can be found at www.sfl-tap.army.mil.

Fort Rucker’s center is located in Bldg. 4502, Rm. 250, and can be reached by calling 255-2558.

To follow the campaign on social media and to get involved, visit SFL-TAP’s Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

SFL-TAP is a program based on Army Regulation and requires Soldiers to attend career skills training that teaches resume writing, interview skills, job search strategies, and Veterans Administration benefits before leaving active duty. Soldiers are encouraged to start the program 18 months prior to transition or 24 months prior to retirement. SFL-TAP is on Facebook (@ArmySFLTAP), Twitter (@SFLTAP), and LinkedIn (Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program Connection Group).

DOD: Terrorist leader’s death disrupts group’s expansion efforts

By **Terri Moon Cronk**
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The recent death of a terrorist leader in Afghanistan will further disrupt his group’s plans to expand its operations in Afghanistan, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis told reporters Monday.

The death of Abu Sayed, emir of an Islamic State of Iraq and Syria affiliate known as ISIS-Khorasan, was reported Friday. The U.S. strike that killed him also killed other ISIS-K members and marked the third time in the past year U.S. forces in Afghanistan have killed a sitting leader of ISIS-K, Davis said.

“ISIS threatens America in the west because of its commitment to plot, direct and inspire terrorist attacks and its ability to recruit, move and finance the terrorists who commit these attacks,” he said. “The terrorists have been very clear in their propaganda. They want to recruit and attack globally.”

ISIS-K members in Afghanistan number in the hundreds, Davis said, noting that the group doesn’t hold any meaningful territory in Afghanistan’s Nangarhar province.

“There are certainly fighters there, but they are mostly spending their time trying to stay alive,” he said. “The Afghan forces partnered with the U.S. forces are keeping constant pressure on them. We assess that they are most active in Nangarhar, Kunar and Nuristan [provinces]. We’ve been putting pressure on them as they try to gain footholds elsewhere.”

TALIBAN DRIVEN FROM NAWA

In Helmand province, Afghan forces,

advised by U.S. Marines with Task Force Southwest, retook the Nawa district center from the Taliban Monday, Davis said, supported by F-16 fighter jets and AH-64 Apaches conducting airstrikes in support of the operation.

“Nawa plays a large role in the security of Lashkar Gah, because it is one of the larger towns that is just south of Lashkar Gah,” Davis said.

As part of an expeditionary advising package, he told reporters, Marines with Task Force Southwest are advising Afghan forces to improve command and control, battle tracking, intelligence, maneuver, fires integration, and leadership evaluation and development.

Afghan forces plan to set up security checkpoints throughout the district center and on the route to Lashkar Gah to ensure security, stability and quality of life to the people of Helmand province, Davis said.

ISIS IN IRAQ

Turning to ISIS in Iraq, Davis said the Iraqi security forces announced that coalition forces continue to support them as they carry out detailed clearance operations in Mosul and prepare for follow-on operations in Tal Afar.

Although Iraqi forces now control all parts of Mosul, he said, detailed clearance operations of rubble caves and tunnel systems are still being conducted in the Old City to look for any ISIS fighters in hiding and identify explosive devices that could threaten friendly forces or civilians, he said.

The Iraqi army, emergency response division, counterterrorism service and federal



PHOTO BY AIR FORCE MASTER SGT. JASON ROBERTSON

A U.S. Air Force MC-130 crew prepares for a resupply airdrop over Syria, June 22.

police forces will hold their sectors of Mosul until the hold force takes over security of the area, Davis said. To the west of Mosul, the 15th Iraqi Army Division maintained defensive positions in its offensive toward Kissick Junction and Tal Afar.

ISIS IN SYRIA

Sunday in Raqqa, Syria, the Syrian Democratic Forces liberated about 2 square kilometers of terrain – about three-quarters of a square mile – within Raqqa as they fought along three axes against stiff resistance and significant improvised-explosive-device belts, Davis said.

On the western axis, he added, the SDF cleared nearly 2 square kilometers on the

western edge of the city, isolated and secured a high-rise complex, and improved their defensive positions, despite sniper fire and extensive IED belts.

On the eastern axis, the SDF advanced west along the southern edge of the city, repelled ISIS counterattacks, and initiated offensive operations along four avenues of assault, Davis said.

On the southern axis, south of the Euphrates River, the SDF improved their defensive positions along the forward line of troops, he said.

The east-west de-confliction line south of the Euphrates is holding as regime forces remain south and SDF forces remain north of the agreed-upon line, Davis added.



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Instructors of the Quarter

Pedro Gonzalez, B Co., 1-212th Avn. Regt., 110th Avn. Bde., Civilian Academic Instructor of the Quarter; Thomas Borneman Jr., A Co., 1-223rd Avn. Regt., 110th Avn. Bde., Civilian Flight Instructor of the Quarter; Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis, A Co., 1-223rd Avn. Regt., 110th Avn. Bde, NCO Flight Instructor of the Quarter; CW4 Anthony Adams, Jr., Warrant Officer Career College, Warrant Officer Academic Instructor of the Quarter; and Master Sgt. Deane Bostick (not pictured), U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine, NCO Academic Instructor of the Quarter are recognized during the instructor of the quarter ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum July 12.

News Briefs

Voting location change

For those from Dale County who have traditionally voted in local elections at the Fort Rucker Elementary School, the voting location has changed for the upcoming election cycle to the Corvias Building on Andrews Avenue near the Golf Course (old NCO Club building). The upcoming dates and times are:

- Aug. 15, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Sept. 26, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and
- Dec. 12, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Celebrity meet and greet

Mother Rucker’s will host a celebrity meet and greet July 28 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. featuring boxing greats Evander Holyfield, world champion and Olympic boxer; along with Dwayne Ziegler, James “Spider” Web and Byron Mitchell from Team Alpha Boxing. The boxing legends will meet and greet, take photos and sign autographs. People can also enjoy half price on selected appetizers and other specials that evening, according to organizers. Mother Rucker’s is open to the general public, ages 18 and over.

For more information, call 255-9810.

Change of command

The Warrant Officer Career College will host a change of command ceremony Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Kelly Hines will assume command from Col. Garry Thompson.

Aviation Industry Day

Fort Rucker Aviation Industry Day is slated for Aug. 10-11 at The Landing. The two-day event will include an expo daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and more than 30 industry displays. The event offers the opportunity for Aviation industry representatives to interact with Soldiers and trainers, according to organizers. Attendees will also get a firsthand look as Aviation industry representatives showcase new equipment, services provided, simulators and discuss the latest in Aviation technology. The expo display area is open free of charge to the Fort Rucker community. Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians are welcome to attend the expo.

For additional details, call 255-9446.

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.

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.

PTSD group

A post traumatic stress disorder education group meets Tuesdays from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Fort Rucker Spiritual Life Center in Bldg. 8939 on Red Cloud Road. The group follows the Veterans Affairs protocol PTSD Recovery Program and is for anyone interested in learning more about PTSD.

For more information, call 255-3903.

‘KEY TERRAIN’

Army takes on cyberspace by investing in talent, capabilities

By Joe Lacdan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Each day, the Army faces “hundreds of thousands” of attempts to infiltrate its network, said Lt. Gen. Paul Nakasone, chief of U.S. Army Cyber Command.

“We have to be right every single time. The attacker only has to be right once – to find one vulnerability,” Nakasone said at the 2017 Defense One Summit in Washington July 13. “We’re looking at vulnerabilities across our network. We’re looking at the key terrain like any military force.”

Nakasone, speaking in a panel with Defense One Executive Editor Kevin Baron, faced questions on concerns over possible internet attacks from North Korea, Russia and ISIS, but highlighted the Army’s focus on solid analysis as a deterrent to cyber security breaches. “We’re looking at vulnerabilities across our network,” he assured. “We’re looking at the key terrain like any military force.”

In the wake of alleged Russian hacks into the 2016 American election, Nakasone said the key to preventing similar threats should come from analysis and research. U.S. Cyber Command is in the midst of creating 133 cyber teams, including 41 for the Army. To fill



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The Army recently released a video inviting hackers to take a puzzle challenge. Those that successfully completed the puzzle could be recruited for a job with Army Cyber Command, said Lt. Gen. Paul Nakasone, chief of Army Cyber Command.

these teams with quality analysts, the Army is recruiting leaders with the skills necessary to rise to new cyber security challenges.

Additionally, ARCYBER has participated in exercises at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, to gain a better understanding of what a brigade combat team needs to achieve success at the tactical level of cy-

bersecurity. ARCYBER studied how a BCT commander should use social media and how a team can better defend their networks.

Nakasone mentioned further efforts in the Army’s efforts to maintain a robust cyber awareness, including an initiative to bring in 60 new second lieutenants to ARCYBER with a science background. A pending proposal

would commission skilled applicants as mid-grade officers. Nakasone said the requirements and prerequisites for those positions are still being discussed.

“We are going to need coders, we’re going to need malware forensics analysts,” Nakasone said. “We are going to need top talent.”

To help attract tech-savvy re-

cruits, ARCYBER created an interactive link in a video on the ARCYBER webpage and YouTube Channel, inviting hackers to solve a puzzle. Nakasone said about 800,000 people attempted to solve the puzzle – less than 1 percent successfully completed it. The link generated 1.3 million hits on ARCYBER’s website and 9.8 million views on YouTube.

“We wanted to create an excitement (and) an ability for our best talent in the nation to take a look and want to be part of our force,” Nakasone said. “The intent was, how do you generate that excitement? This is one of the ways that we did it.”

Nakasone also addressed the importance of artificial intelligence and its impact on operations. “I would love to have a self-healing network – that as soon as we see a vulnerability, it requires very little effort to have that vulnerability patched,” Nakasone said. “A.I. can help us with that.”

“We are obviously very interested in terms of how do you take a force that is only so big back to the question of resources and make that larger?” Nakasone continued. “Well, one of the ways that you can do that is through artificial intelligence, and how do we get more capability – I certainly believe that’s the future for us.”

Soldiers test new military systems, capabilities at exercise

By Sgt. Maricris McLane
24th Press Camp Headquarters

FORT BLISS, Texas — About 1,900 Soldiers from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, arrived for the Network Integration Exercise 17.2 July 5-6.

NIE began in 2011, and the 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division has been a major participant in the exercise since its inception.

The “Strike” Brigade is the first rotational unit to conduct NIE at Fort Bliss.

As an expeditionary light infantry unit recently returning from supporting Operation Inherent Resolve, the brigade provides an operational mindset that will assist in the overall assessment of practices and systems being used during the NIE exercise.

“The 2nd BCT returned from combat operations in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in January, where the brigade headquarters and four battalion headquar-

ters conducted expeditionary advise and assist operations under austere combat conditions,” said Maj. Timothy Chess, operations officer with 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division. “This experience prepared the brigade for evaluating new mission command and electronic warfare systems from the perspective of potential fielding to deployed or deploying BCTs.”

Prior to arriving here, the brigade participated in several planning conferences, new equipment training and an extensive mission command system validation exercise, said Chess.

The 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division aims to test new equipment and provide valid feedback during the exercise.

“The main objective of the 2nd BCT is to test the equipment as directed by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and U.S. Army Forces Command to provide Senior Army leaders Soldiers’ feedback on emerging concepts and capabilities within the Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leadership, Personnel, Facilities and Policy analysis framework,” said Chess.

As the main participants of the exercise, the brigade will use and test new military equipment.

“The Soldiers of 2BCT are testing systems under test, risk reduction events and other mission command and EW systems under simulated combat conditions,” said Chess. “As part of the test, the Soldiers are providing candid, constructive feedback on the systems and their capabilities.”

In addition, this exercise will also benefit the brigade’s training and deployment



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Soldiers from the 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), move from under a CH-47 Chinook after successfully hanging up the Tactical Control Node-Light, at Fort Campbell, Ky., June 15. The training was part of the brigade’s preparation for the Network Integration Exercise at Fort Bliss, which took place July 5-6.

readiness, he added.

“NIE 17.2 allows 2nd BCT to exercise deployment and redeployment operations, distributed mission command across six subordinate battalion command nodes, company through battalion air assaults, platoon-level live fire exercises and brigade and battalion staff planning,” said Chess.

At the end of the exercise, the unit

wants to provide the test community and senior Army leadership feedback on the systems that will enable a proper decision making on future equipment fielding and ensuring the warfighter is fully supported with the right capabilities, said Chess. “Second BCT wants to maximize the training value associated with deploying a BCT to Fort Bliss and executing a tactical scenario.”



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Soldiers with 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division disembark an aircraft during their arrival for the NIE 17.2 July 5.

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Iraqi security forces receive a shipment of 30 MaxxPro mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles with mine-roller attachments at Camp Taji, Iraq, July 13. The MRAPs are part of the Iraq Train and Equip Fund meant to assist in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

PLAYING ‘THE LONG GAME’

U.S., partner nations build global readiness through excess equipment sales

By David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army continues to build on its core themes of readiness and global engagement through U.S. foreign military sales, according to Maj. Gen. Stephen Farnen, commander, U.S. Army Security Assistance Command.

Speaking at the Association of the U.S. Army’s Hot Topics seminar June 29, Farnen reiterated that the FMS program encourages allies to invest in training and sustainment, in addition to purchasing former U.S. military equipment and hardware.

By providing these partner nations with opportunities to utilize excess U.S. military equipment, the Army continues to sustain a ready coalition of U.S. forces and partner nations who are prepared to engage anywhere around the world at any time.

LEVERAGING FMS

The policy and execution of U.S. foreign military sales are in the capable hands of Secretary of Defense James Mattis, who is “very astute when it comes to leveraging FMS as a tool of foreign policy,” Farnen said.

For example, Farnen noted that Mattis takes a USASAC representative with him whenever he travels the globe, as he recently did to Saudi Arabia.

The secretary uses an approach known as Threat-Based Security Cooperation, which encourages countries to “look at the mutual threats out there instead of chasing the shiny object,” according to Farnen.

The approach focuses on obtaining and deploying the right capabilities and capacities that are available to deal with those mutual threats in case they arise. FMS is an integral part of that approach, since it allows partners nations to obtain equipment when and where it is needed, according to Farnen.

Farnen cited Iraq as an example, where the M1A1 Abrams is playing a crucial role in the ongoing fight to liberate Mosul. Iraq obtained 150 tanks through the FMS process several years ago, along with the necessary training for crews and maintainers.

USASAC also provided the Iraqis with

thousands of rounds of ammunition, recovery vehicles, spares, and maintenance for the tanks through the FMS program, Farnen said. It even provided fuel trucks and a fleet of support vehicles that were needed to move the tanks from place to place.

DEVELOPING NATIONS GET CAPABILITIES, TOO

While the benefit of modernized equipment is evident, how can developing nations with a low gross domestic product afford to pay for these necessary capabilities?

Farnen noted that many interested nations can cut their costs by utilizing older or excess Army equipment — that is no longer needed by the U.S. armed forces. Morocco, for example, acquired over 200 M-1 tanks through this program. Farnen mentioned that other countries in Africa and South America also take advantage of FMS.

Farnen noted that proper coordination and timing help to facilitate a smooth FMS or EDA process. Combatant commands of partner nations need to communicate with one another, and their U.S. counterparts, to ascertain their equipment priorities in accordance with planned strategic impacts and regional threats.

PLAYING THE ‘LONG GAME’

Farnen said USASAC is working to make the FMS and EDA processes even more streamlined and efficient, for the benefit of the United States and all other countries involved. USASAC currently sells FMS equipment to 151 partner nations, managing over 5,000 cases and over \$170 billion in equipment per year — and those numbers are growing.

But Farnen noted that FMS and EDA are not just about obtaining revenue for equipment. The programs’ overall aims are the strategic effects of these equipment sales on regional and global readiness, both for the U.S. Army and its partner nations.

Farnen described the FMS process as “business savvy with a warfighter edge.” The ultimate goal of the program is to build partner capacity, reassure allies and ensure interoperability. “We play the long game.”



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An unmarked Coast Guard cutter, the recently decommissioned Cutter Boutwell, moors in Coast Guard Base Alameda June 2, 2016, to be transferred as an Excess Defense Article to the Philippine Navy. Boutwell was decommissioned March 16 in San Diego, Calif.

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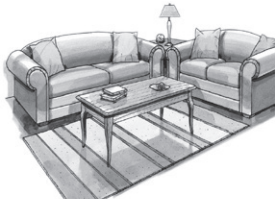
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All eyes to the sky in Operation Swift Response

By Sgt. Tyler Meister
115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BEZMER AIR BASE, Bulgaria — All eyes went to the sky as 500 military paratroopers — comprised of U.S., Canadian and Italian forces — dropped from wave after wave of C-130 aircraft during Operation Swift Response July 18 at the Bezmer Air Base as part of Exercise Saber Guardian 17.

The Bulgarian air force also participated in conjunction with their own air operation, where jets and AH-64 Apaches strafed the area with missiles and other ordnance as a means to soften up the landing area.

“The confidence you get from watching these young professionals from our nation and our partnered nations training together makes me excited,” said Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, U.S. Army Europe’s commanding general.

Once the landing zone is softened by the initial airstrikes, the paratroopers dropped in with one objective: to clear the airstrip of any threats. While clearing the airstrip, paratroopers established a hasty defense — the term for a defense that is organized while in contact with the enemy or when



ARMY PHOTO

Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade train with allies and partners during Operation Swift Response July 18 at Bezmer Airbase, Bulgaria, July 18.

contact is imminent and time is limited.

In total, 11 active and reserve C-130 Hercules and two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft were used to airdrop and deliver 500 paratroopers, as well as two Strykers and four high mobility multiwheeled vehicles loaded with gear. The paratroopers dropped before sundown and maintained their defensive position until first light, when the support vehicles were dropped into the zone. Strykers and extra gear arrived after a solid defensive position was established.

Hodges said these different operations,

included under the umbrella of Saber Guardian 17, show how committed the NATO and partner nations are to building a stronger Europe, while enhancing interoperability through training.

Saber Guardian is an annual multinational exercise held in the Black Sea region as part of the U.S. European Command Joint Exercise Program. The exercise reinforces deterrence measures agreed to by NATO at the Warsaw Summit in 2016, assures allies and partners of the enduring U.S. commitment to the collective defense and prosperity of the Black Sea region, and enables the alliance’s command and control functions.

Similar operations will take place in the future all around Europe as the U.S. and partnered nations improve their working relationship for the benefit of a stronger Europe.

This paratrooper drop was watched by the hundreds of people present, and also by multiple military organizations in the U.S. via live stream.

“The Canadians and Italians jumping with our U.S. Soldiers are all using our T-11 parachute, so they go through the same certifications that our troops do,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Sheryl Lyon, U.S. Army

Europe’s senior enlisted adviser. “This joint certification helps ensure maximum safety for the jumpers and the jump masters giving the hand signals.”

Airborne operations have been used by many nations since World War I, and even though the need for airborne operations has decreased, training and readiness in this area are a priority for the U.S. and its allies.

For anyone who asks why the U.S. still have airborne units, Hodges has a very passionate response.

“First, history,” Hodges said. “Never say we will never need airborne capabilities, because history has shown us time and time again that this asset is still needed for current warfare operations abroad.

“Second, strategic option,” he continued. “Never take capabilities off the table so our leaders have the maximum number of viable options. Third, human domain. Everyone knows our airborne organizations are elite formations, and every single noncommissioned officer within raises the talent of our overall NCO corps. Once these elite NCOs join the ranks of different units and formations, they are taking that elite mentality and discipline with them to help mentor other Soldiers.”

Garrison

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company executive officer for the 4th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and battalion S3, executive officer and brigade S3 for the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; to battalion commander of the 2-2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion in Seoul, South Korea; and senior Aviation trainer at Hohenfels, Germany.

Walsh as served in multiple deployments across many continents, including Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005.

“It’s truly an honor and a privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility of continuing to make this place better for our Soldiers and their families,” said the garrison

commander. “Fort Rucker is a unique place and we produce the finest Aviation Soldiers in the world, bar none. I’m excited to take command today, and I look forward to finding opportunity where we find challenges and roadblocks.

“Jen and I feel like we’re coming back home. The folks who work on this post, the civilians, the Soldiers, the families all stationed here make Fort Rucker a very special place,” he said. “Their efforts produce an environment that allows their tenant units to stay focused on the mission. It’s a reminder that it’s exceptional people that make the difference.”

Grewatz expressed his support for the new commander, as well as thanking Miller for everything she accomplished for Fort Rucker.

“We’re placing this command in the hands of a very capable couple — Brian and Jennifer Walsh,” he said. “They bring to IMCOM a track record of excellence and a clear passion for mission, people and families — I can’t think of a better couple to lead this team and take it to the next level.

“Changes of command are more about continuity than they are about change,” continued Grewatz. “Though we witness the change of garrison leadership today, the Soldiers and civilians of the garrison team will remain engaged doing what they do every day — continuing to support the [U.S.] Army Aviation Center of Excellence and its mission partners serving the Soldiers and families of Fort Rucker. You can rest assured that this team will not skip a beat as they continue this mission.”

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mission.”

Miller returns to Fort Rucker from his recent graduation from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He began his military career in 1994 after receiving his commission from the U.S. Military Academy as an Aviation officer, and soon after completed the officer basic course and initial entry rotary wing training.

He’s served in multiple leadership positions throughout his career, ranging from

platoon leader and company executive officer for B Company, 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment; and S1 for 2nd Bn., 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; to commander for 2-158th Assault Helicopter Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, which deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2014; and G3 for the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command.

Miller said he’s humbled to take command and appreciates the opportunity to

lead the brigade where his military career began.

“Almost exactly 23 years ago, I entered the brigade to start my Aviation career with a different perspective ... but this is my first unit, and now the Army has allowed me the opportunity to come full circle,” said the brigade commander. “The last couple of weeks the brigade has accepted me into their formation and allowed me to admire their accomplishments, and I like what I see.

“The brigade sets the tone for the future

of Army Aviation through the development of its Soldiers and leaders, and I’m excited, truly honored and privileged to be part of the organization,” he continued. “I can’t wait to serve with you, the Fort Rucker community, as we grow the future warfighters of Army Aviation.”

“Jason, it’s been a pleasure to get to know you over the last couple of weeks, and to meet your family,” added Hopkins. “I know that the Golden Hawk brigade is in good hands with you in command.”

ACLC

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der; Iraq in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom; and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XIII.

With his experience, Lopez said he vows to uphold the ACLC mission and do what he can to make sure the team excels.

I’m honored to assume respon-

sibility of the ACLC team, and I will do my best every single day to take it to the next level — that’s my promise to the team,” said the incoming command sergeant major. “Colonel Best, I look forward to working with you and for you, and I will promise you three things: I will lead from the front, I will lead by example and I will never let you down.”

Best expressed his appreciation

to Pilkinton for his dedication and leadership to the organization.

“[Pilkinton] has been the muscle of this organization from reorganizing our command, to managing and caring for our military and civilian personnel, and to providing maintenance expertise on a daily basis,” said the ACLC commander. “Sergeant major, you epitomize the servant leader that we all wish that we could be.

Pilkinton said he has complete confidence in Lopez’s leadership, and believes that the new command sergeant major will be up to the task.

“Training Soldiers — that’s it, that’s an NCO’s responsibility. Here at Fort Rucker, the ACLC mission is about making pilots of the nation’s sons and daughters,” he said. “ACLC is truly the honing stone that sharpens the Aviation,

Fires and Maneuver edges of the Army spear.

“It is important to maintain continuity, but just as important to welcome change, and today I pass the mantle of leadership and responsibility to Sergeant Major Antonio Lopez,” said the outgoing command sergeant major. “I look forward to watching the organization grow and flourish under his capable leadership.”

Mobile app

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Dylan Gallagan, operations officer at the Army Office of the Provost Marshal General.

The app will add to the Army’s list of current applications that aid Soldier training, readiness and response to emergency situations. The winning entry walks users through various steps of how to respond to an active shooter and what to do when law enforcement arrives.

“If adrenaline kicks in and they forget what to do in the moment, all of that information is right there in front of them,” said Matt MacLaughlin, who works at TRADOC Senior Mobile Training Development. “It should help everybody respond to that situation in the fastest manner possible.”

Users will be able to simply tap to open the app and tap another button to reach the emergency dialer. There will also be an option to translate the app to Spanish. Final features and details of the winning application are still being determined by the Provost Marshal’s office, MacLaughlin said.

“We’re going to try to think for you,” MacLaughlin. “Because there’s situations where you won’t have time to think.”

Army Cyber Center of Excellence teams from five Army posts took part in the competition, which was created to further develop skills in a nine-course online training session. Prior to the competition, TRADOC

provided mobile training from August through February. TCM Instructional Design Specialist Patty Dobbins and Senior IT Specialist Diane Jenkins provided three-day onsite training focused on user interface and user experience and coding.

“We decided to come up with an idea that they can do after we leave so they can apply what they learned during our training and also (create) a product that would be very beneficial across the Army,” Jenkins said.

The active shooter response app follows the development of the “We Care” mobile apps created by TCM Mobile for sexual harassment prevention and suicide prevention. TCM has also produced about 80 mobile apps for other purposes, including combat training. MacLaughlin said TCM hopes to not only establish a pipeline of emergency mobile apps, but also help establish a service-wide infrastructure to oversee mobile app development and training.

Part of TRADOC’s mission is to train app developers at decentralized locations to Defense Department standards.

Last year, TCM launched the Army’s mobile app store, the TRADOC Application Gateway, which features official Army mobile apps. As part of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, TCM is responsible for validating and embedding mobile apps for the Army.

“This can easily be expanded across the Army, so we’re just laying a blueprint down

that the Army can utilize in the future,” MacLaughlin said. “So just from this one effort, the Army itself can grow exponentially in the mobile capabilities based on this effort.”

The judges evaluated the shooter app entries based on content and functionality as well as design and overall user experience, Dobbins said. There was also a competition for best logo design, won by a team from

Fort Gordon, Georgia.

“We have people all the time that want to have mobile applications created and they want it ... as soon as possible,” said Lt. Col. Joe Harris, TRADOC Capability Manager-Mobile. “Now that they have this capability down at the school level ... decentralized creation lessens the work on this end to have the mobile application (available for use).”

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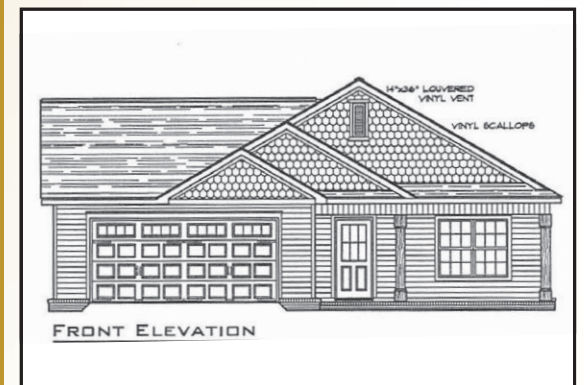
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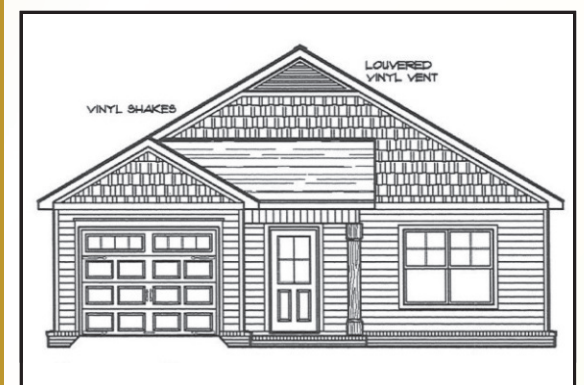
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Vehicles from the 10th CAB are staged at a refuel-on-the-move site at Ruse, Bulgaria, June 24. These sites allowed Soldiers to eat and rest, in addition to refueling the vehicles along the 1,200-mile convoy route during exercise Saber Guardian 17.

SABER GUARDIAN 17

10th CAB Soldiers convoy 1,200 miles across Europe

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

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria — The image that comes to mind when picturing one of the Army’s Aviation brigades is one inevitably filled with helicopters.

Indeed, most primary missions focus on these assets in the air and their problem-solving capabilities on the battlefield, but what is often overlooked, is the myriad of ground personnel and equipment it takes to successfully manage such a complex tool in the Army’s arsenal.

As part of U.S. Army Europe’s Atlantic Resolve mission, one of the longest and largest known convoys undertaken by an aviation brigade was successfully executed, said Capt. Jeremy Hunter, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th

Combat Aviation Brigade. Soldiers of the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade completed a ground convoy totaling almost 1,200 miles from Germany to Bulgaria June 19 through July 1 in preparation for exercise Saber Guardian in the Black Sea region.

“There was a real sense of pride when we arrived in Bulgaria after five days of being on the road,” Hunter said. “The main mission of the convoy was to get to Novo Selo Training Area and to get here safely. We accomplished that mission.”

With over 100 pieces of rolling stock and about 250 Soldiers embarking on the journey that crossed through five European countries, safety was naturally a point of focus. Prior to leaving, Soldiers were certified to drive in Europe, practiced driving on local roadways, and performed maintenance on all vehicles. The convoys drove primarily at nighttime to avoid com-

plex traffic situations and each vehicle carried a turn-by-turn guide to all of the 20 refuel-on-the-move sites along the way.

Communication between each vehicle was vital to keeping the convoy together, accurate reporting of locations and to coordinate requests, such as stopping for Soldiers to stretch their legs or refuel.

“Communication is one of the most important things in a convoy because if you can’t talk to each other and something unexpected happens, everyone needs to be aware and able to react,” said Spc. Mitchell Mendez, a signals support specialist with HHQ Co., 10th CAB. “Using my MOS to help set up, and keep those communications up and running was really rewarding.”

The convoy saw Soldiers from a wide array of military occupation specialties come together to



COURTESY PHOTO

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Zavala, a frequency manager with HHQ Co., 10th CAB, briefs Soldiers prior to departing for a convoy at Hohenfels, Germany, June 20.

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PHOTO BY SGT. STEVEN GALIMORE

Paratroopers jump from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during airborne operations over Sicily Drop Zone at Fort Bragg, N.C., July 6. The paratroopers are assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division’s 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. The helicopter crew is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division’s 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Black Daggers pierce the skies

By Kristen Wong
Schofield Barracks Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii — Seven members of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team, known also as the “Black Daggers,” filled the air with colorful smoke and unfurled a 1,000-foot long American flag in banner form as they exited a CH-47 Chinook over Schofield Barracks.



PHOTO BY SGT. IAN IVES

Members of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team jump out of a 25th CAB CH-47 Chinook during the 4th of July Spectacular, July 4 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

This incredible demonstration of skillful precision was part of the team’s first-ever Hawaii performance at the Fourth of July Spectacular, with family, friends and members from the island community lifting their eyes to the sky to watch, said Sgt. 1st Class Shelby Bixler, the NCO in charge of U.S. Army Special Operations Recruiting Hawaii.

“We brought the United States Army Special Operations Command Parachute team here for the Fourth of July Spectacular to assist us in marketing and public relations for the Special Operations community,” Bixler said..

“These jumpers come from a special forces background,” he explained. “They’re Rangers, civil affairs and psychological operations. They perform all over the nation as a public affairs asset to recruiting.”

This year, the team has as many as 50 shows nationwide and could add more. The team jumps from various types of aircraft, depending on what is available at each venue, such as C-17s, a Cessna, and fixed or rotary wing aircraft. At this particular Hawaiian show, the team jumped from a CH-47 Chinook provided by the 3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

Master Sgt. Travis Alfred, the Black Daggers’ team leader, said he was grateful to the 25th Infantry Division for their

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MEDEVAC

Soldiers rehearse for real-world medical emergencies

By Sgt. Justin Geiger
For Army News Service

CINCU, Romania — Soldiers with the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery, the 4th Battalion, 319th Field Artillery Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, the 5th Battalion, 113th Field Artillery Regiment, the North Carolina National Guard, and the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, executed a training exercise to rehearse their procedures for casualty evacuations and medical evacuations at the Joint National Training Center in Cincu, Romania, July 8.

A collection of National Guard and active duty units are currently in Romania to participate in Exercise Getica Saber, which runs concurrently with Saber Guardian, a U.S. Army Europe-led, multinational exercise that spans across Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania with more than 25,000 service members from 22 allied and partner nations.

“We’re participating in a multinational training exercise that may cause real-world injuries,” said Capt. Jeffery Irwin, senior physician assistant for the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery. “Soldiers will be firing a variety of weapon systems and there will be a lot of moving pieces, so the probability of an injury is relatively high.

“You don’t want your first time reacting to casualty evacuation or an air medical evacuation to be when someone’s life could potentially be on the line, so you need to rehearse before that happens,” Irwin emphasized.

This exercise stressed the capability to assess the

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PHOTO BY SGT. JUSTIN GEIGER

U.S. and Romanian Soldiers transfer a simulated casualty to a UH-60 Black Hawk to airlift the Soldier to a local medical treatment facility in Romania at the Joint National Training Center in Cincu July 8.

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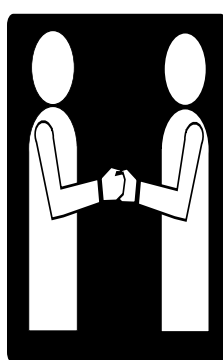
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10th CAB

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ensure that the massive undertaking was a success. In doing so, they were able to accomplish a rare feat for an Aviation brigade and get an excellent training opportunity along the way.

“Five days of convoying gave my Soldiers lots of train-

ing on how to communicate over the radio, navigate safely through foreign countries, and work as a team to drive the mission forward,” said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Zavala, a frequency manager with the HHQ Co., 10th CAB. “This kind of experience sticks with you for a long time.”

The brigade is currently spread out over Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria for exercise Saber Guardian 17 in the

Black Sea region. The U.S. Army Europe-led annual exercise involves 25,000 service members from over 20 NATO nations. The premiere training event builds readiness and improves interoperability under a unified command, executing a full range of military missions to support security and stability of the Black Sea region, according to USAREUR officials.

MedEvac

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wounded, evacuate the casualties by ground transportation, and use aviation assets to air lift the casualties to receive urgent care at a medical treatment facility, he added.

The proactive measures were employed to prepare ground, medical and Aviation personnel for the upcoming fire-support coordination exercise and the combined arms live-fire exercise during Getica Saber 17.

While deployed in Romania to provide medical support during Getica Saber, Pvt. Shane Granville, combat medic specialist for the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery,



PHOTO BY SGT. JUSTIN GEIGER

A UH-60 Black Hawk assigned to the 10th CAB provides MedEvac support during a training exercise.

took the time to discuss the confidence he gained after assisting in the evacuation.

“There’s always room for im-

provement, but I feel very confident in my skills, especially after conducting this type of training,” said Granville.

Granville also highlighted the benefits of executing a training exercise in preparation for potential real-world injuries.

“The benefits of conducting exercises like this is it reinforces the skills you’ve been trained on and it gets you in the right state of mind to react to these kind of situations if they actually occurred,” he added.

Every second counts when a casualty has life-threatening injuries, starting with the Soldiers responding to the wounded, to the Soldier calling up the injury report, to the medical ground transportation, to the air transportation pick-up site, Irwin said.

“It’s all about the golden hour when you’re talking about casualties, so if we can get the patient to a medical facility in under an hour is very critical,” he said.

Black Daggers

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efforts, as well as to the local special operations recruiting office for the invitation to perform here.

The Black Daggers are based out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. There are little less than a dozen on the team, which is made up of USASOC Soldiers. The Black Daggers perform for both military and civilian audiences.

“Our job is to be goodwill ambassadors and interact with the populous,” said Staff Sgt. Sean O’Toole, the parachute rigger for the Black Daggers. “It’s our joy just to interact with everybody.”

TARGET PRACTICE

O’Toole has been with the team since December. For the Hawaiian native, the best part of performing as a Black Dagger is interacting with the thrilled observers who come to watch the show. The free-fall parachutists, who use rectangular ram-air parachutes, landed in a designated area that was

100 feet long by 100 feet wide among the crowd.

“I absolutely love interacting with the crowd,” O’Toole said. “You jump, you land, you can hear kids cheering for you, you can see smiles on people’s faces. [You] shake the hands of veterans – they thank you for their service. I get to thank them for their service because they’ve paved the way for us.”

Weather permitting, O’Toole said, the team can jump from as high as 10,000 feet. He described 120 miles per hour as the optimum speed for the parachutists. In ideal conditions, O’Toole said the team conducts a three-tiered performance, with jumpers opening their parachutes at different heights.

A Soldier must perform a minimum of 200 jumps to be a demonstrator for the team. Some performances, such as the one here at Schofield, have a prerequisite of 500 jumps.

The team regularly trains during the winter for a month, 12 hours a day, five to six days a week. Additional training is conducted in the time available between each performance, O’Toole said.



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Members of the Black Daggers ride aboard a CH-47 Chinook.



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Stories

Hundreds turn out hunting treasures at yard sale

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

It's often said that one person's trash is another's treasure, and people were sifting through treasure troves of old toys, clothes and household items during one of the biggest yard sales in the area Saturday.

Fort Rucker hosted its Outdoor Yard Sale at the festival fields where hundreds came out to try and find that perfect deal that can't be found anywhere else, Lynn Avila, Fort Rucker special events coordinator, said.

"Yard sales can be a great place to find good deals, but sometimes it takes more than one yard sale to find everything you need," she added. "Fort Rucker's Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market cuts out all of the driving and puts several yard sales in one location."

For many, like Derek Atlas, civilian from Daleville, yard sales are an escape from having to navigate the crowds and sometimes confusion of large department stores.

"I'm not really a fan of going shopping in malls or bigger stores because the crowds can just put you off," he said. "I appreciate the intimacy of yard sales. You get to talk with people from the neighborhoods and really learn their story."

"A lot of the things they are selling tell a story, so a lot of times whatever it is you're buying has a lot more meaning behind it," he continued. "I like to go out and see what kind of stories I can find to take back with me. You can't get that at the mall."

Atlas said the convenience of bringing that storytelling journey into one place makes it easier for him. Visiting a one-stop-shop is easier than having to go from house to house in a conventional neighborhood, he added.

"It's like they're taking all the work out of it for me," said the Enterprise native. "I usually like to spend my Saturdays [at yard sales], but it can get a bit tiresome with having to drive around to find them, then if I don't find anything worthwhile, it feels like I wasted my time."

"Even if I don't find anything here, I don't feel like it's anything lost because it's like I'm going to a bunch of different houses all at once," he said. "It makes me appreciate that this is here for us."

For Leslie Hornton, military spouse, the yard sale was a great way for her to find clothing for her children.



Hannah Davidson and Sierra John, military family members, rummage through old DVDs during the Fort Rucker Outdoor Yard Sale at the festival fields Saturday.

"My kids are still young but they grow so fast, so it's hard for me to have to spend money on brand new clothes every few months," she said. "I think yard sales are a great way to save tons of money, especially on clothes."

"Plus you come out and you never know what you're going to find," she continued. "I'm out here looking for clothes, but there are lots of great things, like toys for the boys that I can get. It's just an easy way to spend my weekend."

In addition to the experience and savings, Atlas said that it's nice to know that he's helping others by relieving them of some of their wares.

"Lots of people get overloaded with stuff, so what's a better way to help them out by putting a little money in their pocket?" he said. "A lot of these folks are military and I know when it's time for them to go, they've got to go, so I think this is a great way to help them out. I guess it's my small way of giving back."



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU



Summer Nichols (right), civilian, and Randi Taylor (center), military spouse, speak with Tarrina Kelly-Montgomery, military spouse, about her wares.

PARKING LOT PALOOZA

Chapel highlights services with carnival-style event

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers and families seeking a fun afternoon out are invited to visit the inaugural Parking Lot Palooza July 29 at Wings Chapel parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event, co-hosted by Fort Rucker's Religious Services Office and the Protestant Women of the Chapel, will feature a variety of family-friendly activities designed to entertain children and adults of all ages.

"There will be a lot of fun activities for kids," Erin Henley, PWOC vice president of programs, said. "We hope to connect with new families or families that will be joining the post community in the near future." Attendees can enjoy a bounce

house, water slide, corn hole and food, as well as the opportunity to step up and cool off a chaplain at the dunking booth.

"We want to create a social atmosphere that will help us connect with people," Henley said. "It will almost be like a carnival atmosphere with numerous mini games. We are going to have tables set up along the sidewalks with information about all the RSO services, as well as Navigators, PWOC and the children's ministry."

According to Chaplain (Maj.) Collie Foster, Wings Crossroads Chapel senior pastor, the event also provides an opportunity for the chaplaincy to extend an invitation to newly-arrived Soldiers and families.

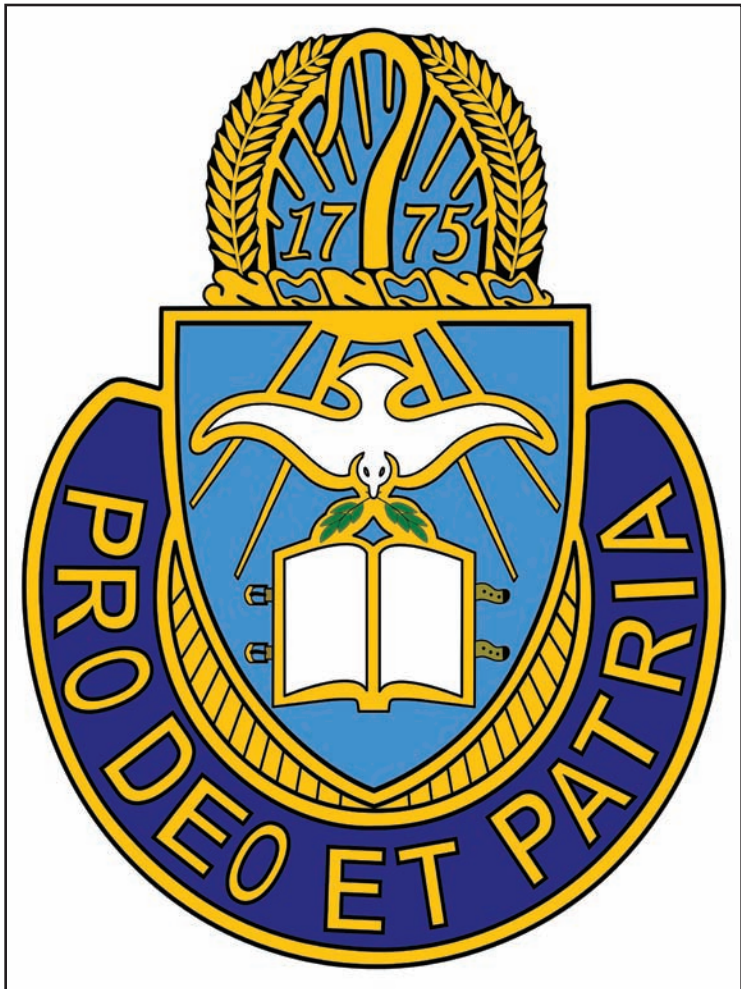
"Summer is a big push of new permanent (party Soldiers)

and students coming into [Fort Rucker], and we wanted create a fun, warm and inviting activity to welcome new Soldiers and families," he said. "We also wanted to take the opportunity to let these new members of our community know what religious services are available on post."

According to Jen Parker, PWOC president, attendees will have the opportunity to meet members of the chapel community and ease the transition into a new religious community.

"We are trying to create a social setting where we can connect with these people and be a familiar face, so it's not intimidating if they decide to try out one of our services," she said.

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School Age Center Summer Camp

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

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

Newcomers welcome

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for Friday 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.

Army Family Team Building app

People can complete Army Family Team Building training through AFTB’s app. Visit <http://www.ftrucker.mwr.com/acs/army-family-team-building/> to find the direct link to the app. Once complete, people can contact Fort Rucker AFTB to receive their certificate. Search for AFTB in the app store for Apple devices. For more information, call 255-9637.

White-water rafting day trip

MWR Central will host a white-water rafting trip to Phenix City Saturday 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.

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.

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.

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 everything 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



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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. Pictured is a scene from last year’s event.

for military dependent children only.

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

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 Aug. 3. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about 11:30 a.m. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

For more information, call 255-2594.

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 “Jobseeker’s Guide (7th Edition).” Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 people to register and the workshop is open to authorized patrons only.

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

Volunteer recruitment fair

The Army Community Service volunteer coordinator will host a volunteer recruitment fair Aug. 16 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Landing’s main ballroom. Organizers said the event is perfect for people who want to give of their time and talents to a deserving organization, but aren’t sure which one to pick. The event will bring together a number of organizations throughout the installation in need of volunteers in one convenient location.

For more information, call the 255-1429.

Girls Night Out

The Landing will host Girls Night Out Aug. 18 from 6-9 p.m. Attendees will enjoy an evening full of fashion, fun, and prizes while visiting with numerous organizations from throughout the community that cater to women, according to organizers. Tickets are on sale for \$10 at MWR Central, The Landing Zone, The Landing Catering Office and the Coffee Zone locations at Lyster Army Health Clinic and The Landing Zone.

For more information, call 255-0769.

Blended Retirement System Seminar

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a Blended Retirement System Seminar Aug. 22 from 6-7 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 282. The seminar will be a

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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 Aug. 21. Free childcare will be available with registration.

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

Resilience workshop

Army Community Service will host

its resiliency training workshop Aug. 10 from 9-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm.350. People need to register by Aug. 8. Resilience training is designed to provide family members and civilians with tools to better cope with and overcome adversity and challenges, as well as perform better in stressful situations, according to ACS officials. In August, organizers will emphasize real-time resilience, identifying character strengths in self and others, and challenges and leadership.

For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

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U.S., France celebrate alliance at Bastille Day parade

By Jim Garamone
Defense Media Activity

PARIS — U.S. service members helped France celebrate Bastille Day Friday as they led the military parade down the famed Champs Elysees under the eyes of French President Emmanuel Macron and President Donald J. Trump.

“The ties between the United States and France stretch back almost as far as our shared history as democratic republics,” Trump said in a written statement. “We have remained joined in common purpose ever since.”

From World War I on, the United States and France together weathered the bloody 20th century.

“Today, our two countries stand taller, and more united, than ever,” the president continued. “From Africa to the Middle East to Central Asia, we are fighting to destroy the terrorist organizations that threaten all civilized peoples and that continue to exact a terrible toll on the French people, including one year ago today. Together, we will eradicate their ideology.”

The president was referring to the terror attack on Bastille Day last year in Nice that killed 86 people.

‘GREAT DAY FOR A FLYOVER’

It was a deliriously beautiful day with temperatures in the 70s under a cloudless sky. “A great day for a flyover,” said Navy Capt. Greg Hicks, the special assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former helicopter pilot. And he proved to be right as the U.S. Air Force



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American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines lead the annual Bastille Day military parade down the Champs-Elysees in Paris Friday.

Thunderbirds in their distinctive F-16 Fighting Falcons flew from the Arc de Triomphe to the Obelisk of Luxor in the Place de la Concorde, flanked by two U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptors.

Hicks attended the event because his boss, Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford and his wife, Ellyn, were special guests of French Defense Chief Army Gen. Pierre de Villiers.

Dunford noted earlier that there is hardly a combat zone in the world where French and American service members are not working together. The American military is working closely with French forces in west Africa, Libya, Syria, Afghanistan and in the Pacific. France is a charter member of NATO, and French Air

Force Gen. Denis Mercier commands Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia.

The parade down the Champs-Elysees is an annual event and this year the theme was “Operational Together.” It highlighted the close relationship among all the French security services and with the Americans. While France is America’s oldest ally – the United States would not have won the Revolution without French sailors winning the Battle of the Chesapeake against the English in 1783 – the modern version of the alliance dates to World War I. The 2017 Bastille Day Parade was almost exactly 100 years from when 14,000 American Soldiers arrived in France as part of the American

Expeditionary Force.

The American contingent leading the parade included troops from the Army’s 1st Infantry Division. The soldiers of the flag detail carried vintage 1903 Springfield rifles and were dressed in the uniform worn by World War I troops, with flat helmets, wool uniforms with choker necks and puttees.

The division flag carried battle streamers from Catigny, St. Michel and the Meuse-Argonne – World War I battles where the division lost almost 5,000 killed in action and a further 18,000 wounded. During the Great War, American divisions had 28,000 personnel assigned.

Other American Soldiers marching in the parade were

members of the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 7th Army Training Center and the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade. Airmen from U.S. Air Forces Europe, Sailors from U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Marines from U.S. Marine Forces Europe marched with Soldiers showcasing the joint force of today.

The American Soldiers in World War I fell in on French weapons and vehicles, and the military parade featured a Schneider tank from 1917 next to today’s armored combat vehicle and a 1917 Saint Chamond tank next to today’s Leclerc main battle tank. Following them in a long line, historic transporters, trucks, bridge units and ambulances drove along next to their modern-day counterparts.

The World War I vehicles almost looked quaint. “You have to remember that in 1917, those were cutting-edge weapon systems,” said a French major in the press area. “They would have been very familiar to American forces arriving in France.”

The parade was a straight shot down the Champs-Elysees – one of the most famous streets in the world. While it was the first time Americans had the honor of leading the parade, it was not the most famous American military march in Paris.

Four days after the liberation of Paris on Aug. 25, 1944, the entire U.S. Army 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs-Elysees as a show of Allied unity. French leader Gen. Charles De Gaulle and U.S. Army Gen. Omar Bradley took the salute of the division. The 28th marched all the way through the city and was in combat later that day.

Ceremony recognizes importance of ERI projects in Romania

By Jackie Pennoyer
USAG Bavaria Public Affairs

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU, Romania — Senior U.S. and Romanian leaders gathered here July 17 to celebrate current and long-term infrastructure projects at the Army’s Black Sea hub.

The projects are part of the base’s rapid growth and recently-established role as the centralized operations-and-mission-command center for U.S. Army Europe contingencies throughout the Black Sea region.

“The improvements at Camp MK and Novo Selo Training Area in Bulgaria show that the United States is committed to a stable Black Sea region,” said Michael Formica, director of Installation Management Command-Europe, at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. “These initiatives demonstrate the solidarity and unbreakable bond we share with our great ally Romania.”

Towering as permanent fixtures on the forward installation, the new infrastructure will expand the maintenance, storage and life-support capabilities needed to sustain an increase in U.S. rotational troops and, most recently, the massing of multinational forces deployed here for U.S. Army Europe’s Saber Guardian 17 exercise, said Steven Povilaitis, deputy manager, USAG Ansbach-MK/Novo Selo Training Area.

“Whether it’s space, room or the motor pool – these projects reinforce Camp MK as the regional power projection platform and augment our capability and capacity exponentially,” Povilaitis said. “It magnifies everything: staging, availability and delivery of equipment; increased fire

power; and comprehensive support to our war-fighters.”

Formica noted that units permanently stationed at Camp MK, and other troops moving through the footprint, will be able to store additional vehicles, aircraft and equipment in the base’s larger motor pool area, climate-controlled military warehouse and several maintenance facilities. Also, the installation eventually will house a fully-equipped, battalion-sized barracks headquarters building, two multi-purpose classrooms and a wash rack capable of 24-hour operations.

U.S. Army Europe funded the multi-million dollar construction program at Camp MK through the European Reassurance Initiative, which invests in European military readiness and the U.S. military’s renewed commitment to deterring aggression in the region, Formica said.

Professionals from USAREUR, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and IMCOM have partnered with Romanian engineers and officials from the Romanian government throughout the entire construction process, Povilaitis said, enhancing an already firmly-vested rapport.

“These projects and the involvement of a talented Romanian workforce reinforce the relationship we’ve been building with our Romanian partners – one that over time has really evolved into a friendship.”

Serban Lungu, director of Romania’s Integrated Defense Planning Directorate, Defense Policy and Planning Department, also recognized the alliance, noting Romania’s steadfast commitment to future projects at Camp MK and collaborative engagements.



PHOTO BY JACKIE PENNOYER

Rotating units will be able to park new joint light tactical vehicles, as well as other Army tactical vehicles, at Camp Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, thanks to ERI projects being completed there.

“The implementation of ERI projects in Romania is a priority of the highest order for [the Romanian Ministry of Defense],” said Lungu. The U.S. military’s increased investment at Camp MK, he added, “provides a strong signal of support to regional security in the southeastern flank of the alliance, and it creates new opportunities for intensifying our bilateral cooperation.”

In addition to the eight current ERI projects, more than 60 other capacity-enhancing construction projects are in

the planning stages for future installment at Camp MK, including: aircraft support structures; training ranges; multi-use storage sites; and support for U.S. rotational forces.

All finished and future projects, valuing more than \$50 million of ERI funds, are the U.S. military’s first major infrastructure investments at Camp MK since the Army constructed basic billeting and administrative units in 2010 to support the base’s transit mission.

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‘EXOSUIT’

Prototype aims to improve Soldiers’ physical, mental performance

By Joyce M. Conant
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Public Affairs*

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Thanks to a new suit being developed by the Department of Defense-funded Warrior Web program, future Soldiers will be able to march longer, carry heavier gear and improve mental sharpness.

The suit has pulleys and gears designed to prevent and reduce musculoskeletal injuries caused by the dynamic events typically experienced in the Warfighter’s environment.

Scientists and engineers from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory have been testing variations of the suit for more than three years at the Soldier Performance and Equipment Advanced Research facility at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

“We’ve been primarily focusing on the physical benefits of these types of suits, but we’re also interested in the cognitive benefits,” said ARL researcher Dr. Angela Boynton. “We’re hoping that by reducing the physical burden, that they also have the ability to put more energy into other types of tasks that involve cognitive or perceptual workload.”

The project, funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has many partner organizations across the DOD and academia.

The U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, the Maneuver Center of Excellence, the Army Capabilities Integration Center and the Military Operational Medicine Research Program met at ARL’s SPEAR in June for a soft “exosuit” demonstration and to discuss the path forward for the Army’s Warrior Web Program.



PHOTO BY DAVID MCNALLY

Dr. Courtney Webster makes adjustments to the Warrior Web physical augmentation suit from Harvard’s Wyss Institute in Boston.

The program, which is funded by DARPA, is coming to an end; however, researchers hope to find future collaborators to expand on the progress gained in the current program iteration.

“In the longer term, the systems have benefits to be integrated into larger Soldier systems and can be integrated with other capabilities to provide a marked advantage for our Soldiers and our warfighters in the future,” said Maj. Christopher Orlowski, DARPA’s Warrior Web program manager. “I think it will take at least another five to 10 years to be ready for the infantry Soldier.”

A team of researchers from Harvard’s Wyss Institute in Boston, Massachusetts, led by Dr. Conor Walsh, associate professor of engineering and applied sciences at the Harvard biodesign lab, attended the meeting that was held in conjunction with ongoing testing at ARL. Walsh and his team have been working on

and testing their prototypes on Soldiers since 2014.

“The meeting was a good opportunity for our team to summarize the progress we have made as part of the DARPA Warrior Web Program to other Army stakeholders and get their feedback on how they see the technology and what further work remains to continue to optimize it,” Walsh said.

Walsh said the latest version of the “exosuit” tested at ARL is the result of his team’s system integration efforts over the past year. He said the system is much more user friendly as compared to early prototypes and includes improved functional apparel attachments to the body, control systems that adapt to each individual, and actuation systems that are quiet and compact.

Edwin “Eddie” Davis, director of the Maneuver Battle Lab, Capabilities Development Integration Directorate Maneuver Cen-

ter of Excellence, said he was impressed by what he observed and that Soldiers should have a say in what kinds of equipment they will use in combat.

“Warrior Web is a perfect example where engineers and Soldiers work together ‘early and often’ to develop a capability that might be useful for the future,” Davis said. “It also helps speed up the technology transition and program acquisition. Soldier feedback will help frame the Warrior Web Program outcomes and future Army investment.”

Henry Girolamo, NSRDEC program manager for the Warrior Web project, has been with the project since its inception.

“What we’re trying to do here is collaborate, so we can keep it going in a beneficial way for the Army and the services,” Girolamo said.

Girolamo noted that the SPEAR facility has been highly beneficial.

“We have an indoor lab capability where we can instrument up the Soldiers and keep them in an environment where you can just get pure data on things like treadmills, motion capture and be able to analyze everything in the lab,” he said. “You can take them out on a three-mile course where it’s more aligned with the environments in which they would be working. We’ve got the best of both worlds.”

Walsh and his team agree.

“Our team has benefited greatly from working with the ARL team and Soldiers. We get to evaluate the system with potential end users who are walking significant distance on the treadmill and over ground,” Walsh said. “The feedback we get also informs our ongoing research and developments as we continue to refine the prototypes. Our team is interested in furthering the scientific understanding of how to best optimize these systems for individuals as well as refining the technology by creating more integrated systems suitable for every day wear.”

Researchers tested the same group of Soldiers in April and again in June, both with and without the suit, and gathered massive amounts of data.

“If you reduce the physical burden on somebody, there may be some benefits additionally to the amount of attention they can pay to their situational awareness,” Boynton said.

Officials are still discussing the path forward.

“I see it as a solution-focused suite of technologies that support a wide array of Soldier issues that we are having to deal with right now,” Girolamo said. “We need to iterate the technology a little bit further along to make sure we can actually do that and I know we can. We just need the funding and time to do that.”

U.S. trainers hand-off observer controller academy to Ukrainians

By Staff Sgt. Eric McDonough
For Army News Service

YAVORIV, Ukraine — Soldiers with the U.S. Army’s 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team are deployed in Ukraine in support of the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine, an international coalition dedicated to working together to aid the Ukrainian army in its development of the Yavoriv Combat Training Center – Ukraine’s first CTC.

Critical to the long-term success of the CTC is the establishment of an all-Ukrainian and self-sustaining observer, controller, trainer cadre.

“OCTs mentor the rotational training unit,” said Staff Sgt. Kevin Lawson, an OCT mentor with 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th IBCT. “Their biggest push is the after action review to try and get the units to identify their problems through a process of questioning and self-discovery, and then mentor and coach them from there.”

When the JMTG-U mission first began in 2015, U.S. forces served as OCTs. However, over the last six months, members of the 45th IBCT have mentored the Ukrainian military on developing, man-

aging, and sustaining a well-trained and enduring staff of Ukrainian OCTs.

Monday, the OCT Academy graduated its third class of students. This class brings the total number of OCT cadre at the Yavoriv CTC up to more than 100 Ukrainian soldiers. This class also has the distinction of being the first entirely Ukrainian-led course.

The academy consists of two weeks of intensive training.


The most important thing communicated at the academy is the ability to teach through a process of guided self-discovery using AARs. AARs, although familiar to U.S. service members, are a relatively unique concept to many veteran Ukrainian soldiers who were trained under outdated Soviet-era doctrine.

“You can’t take the easy road – would it be easier to step in and do the AAR myself? Sure it would, but I’ve got to step back to mentor and develop [the Ukrainian OCTs],” said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Watson, another OCT mentor with 1st Bn., 179th Infantry Regt. “You have to keep that in the forefront of your mind. Everything we’ve done here has been geared towards working ourselves out of a job.”



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Students at the Ukrainian Observer Controller Trainer Academy participate in a student-led situational training exercise at the Yavoriv Combat Training Center July 11.



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Army’s 1st cipher office broke the code on modern cryptology

By Lori Tagg
Fort Huachuca

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — When Ralph Van Deman established the War Department’s intelligence organization shortly after the United States entered World War I, he was faced with the daunting task of building his section from nearly nothing.

Although his background was more in the field of counterintelligence, he readily recognized the need for an office dedicated to cryptology. He received numerous letters from amateur cryptologists offering their services, but he was intrigued by one person in particular—a bored State Department telegraph operator named Herbert O. Yardley who had deciphered a communication between President Woodrow Wilson and his aide in two hours.

Putting aside concerns about Yardley’s age—he was only 28 years old—Van Deman chose him to create the Army’s first code and cipher bureau, known originally as the American Cryptographic Bureau but most popularly as MI-8.

Yardley reportedly remarked that “it was immaterial to America whether I or someone else formed such a bureau, but such a bureau must begin to function at once.”

Yardley was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps on June 29, 1917, and was given two civilian assistants. Over the next year, MI-8 grew rapidly to 165 military and civilian personnel working in five subsections: Code and Cipher Solutions, Code and Cipher Compilation, Secret Inks, Shorthand, and Communications.

Code and Cipher Solutions examined communications from commercial telegraph and cable companies, intercepted radio traffic and seized mail. Every suspicious missive, military or civilian, ended up on the desks of this subsection.

In addition to written communications, the section also analyzed atypical items like postage stamps, musical scores, religious amulets, and even a pigeon’s wings. The amount of work was overwhelming, especially after the U.S. Navy stopped its cryptology efforts and let the Army take the lead.

During the course of the war, the subsection read more than 10,000 messages and solved 50 codes and ciphers used by eight foreign nations. This included the celebrated case in which Capt. John Manley deciphered a coded message found on Lothar Witzke (aka Pablo Waberski), a suspected German spy and saboteur. Manley’s solution to the code sealed Witzke’s conviction for espionage.

The Code and Cipher Compilation Subsection established secure communications for 40-plus military attachés and hundreds of intelligence officers in the American Expeditionary Forces. Its services were critical for several reasons.

First, the Army’s 1915 telegraph code book had been stolen during the Punitive Expedition and had yet to be updated. Additionally, British cryptologists informed the War Department that German telegraph operators on U-boats were able to copy U.S. messages sent to the AEF and its allies via the transatlantic cables.

Because breaches in U.S. communications would ultimately compromise the whole Allied effort, the subsection revised the entire War Department code and cipher system. In conjunction, the Communications Subsection operated around the clock, averaging the secure transmission of more than 100 sensitive and classified messages per day.

The Secret Ink Subsection established two laboratories specifically for MI-8 use. Chemists succeeded in developing an iodine vapor reagent for all types of secret inks. As a result, the MI-8 uncovered communications directing sabotage, which allowed the War Industries Board to implement tighter security measures.

At its peak, the subsection was reviewing more than 2,000 items weekly. As more sophisticated methods to conceal messages were developed, the subsection continually worked on new reagents.

The Shorthand Subsection was an impromptu addition to the organization. Military censors provided MI-8 with a number of messages believed to be in code but were found instead to be written in shorthand. The subsection cultivated a community of experts in more than 30 shorthand systems used worldwide.

MI-8’s work was at times exciting and often fruitless, but personnel persevered. In a series of post-war articles, Manley stated, “It is the business of a Cipher Bureau never to allow its interests or energies to flag, for although a thousand suspicious documents may turn out ... to be entirely innocent or insignificant, the very next one might be of the greatest importance.”



ARMY PHOTO

Ralph Van Deman, shown here as a colonel, was instrumental in establishing the Army’s first code and cipher bureau during World War I.

Manley also stressed that while the organization successfully uncovered cases of nefarious activities, it also cleared the name of several innocent civilians wrongly accused of spying for Germany.

Although employing relatively simple deciphering methods using little more than pen and paper, MI-8 constituted a significant development for military intelligence during World War I.

Brig. Gen. Marlborough Churchill, the Army’s Director of Military Intelligence,

predicted in 1919, “Code attack is indeed still in its infancy. It is capable of rapid and incalculable development.”

Consequently, both the State and War Departments continued MI-8’s efforts as the Black Chamber in the post-war period. Soon thereafter, cryptology evolved into more sophisticated codes and ciphers requiring the invention of mechanical devices that would dominate both Allied and Axis code operations during World War II.

DVs observe multinational engineer capabilities during Resolute Castle

By Sgt. Justin Geiger
For Army News Service

CINCU, Romania – U.S. Ambassador to Romania Hans Klemm, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commanding general of U.S. Army Europe, and many other military delegates visited multinational engineer Soldiers deployed in support of Resolute Castle 17 at the Joint National Training Center in Cincu Friday.

Resolute Castle 17 continues through Sept. 30 in various locations throughout Poland and Romania. This U.S.-led, multinational training exercise, promotes regional stability and security while training construction engineers on their combined mission capabilities. □

Those multi-component forces and their collective assets are developing multiple range facilities and improving infrastructure for NATO Allies and partners to utilize during future exercise in Europe. These upgrades to the Joint National Training Center in Cincu will enable NATO forces to sustain combat readiness while strengthening partnered capabilities.

About 300 service members are currently participating in the training event, which includes Soldiers from the 10th Engineer Brigade, Romanian Land Forces; the United Kingdom Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia); the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1; units from the South Carolina and



PHOTO BY SGT. JUSTIN GEIGER

A Romanian officer with 10th Engineer Brigade, Romanian Land Forces, briefs Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commanding general of U.S. Army Europe and other military delegates about a multipurpose covered shelter that was built in support of Resolute Castle 17 at the Joint National Training Center in Cincu, Romania, Friday.

North Carolina Army National Guards; and the 926th Engineer Brigade, U.S. Army Reserves. Throughout the seven-month exercise, roughly 2,100 multinational Soldiers will rotate through Europe and contributed to Resolute Castle 17.

While engineers working on a tank maneuver live-fire range in the background, Lt. Gen. Hodges took the time to express his admiration on the direction that the Romanian facilities were headed.

“Behind me, you can see, what I think, is going to be soon known throughout the Romanian Army and the Black Sea Region as the best mounted gunnery range in this part of Europe,” he proclaimed. “And all because of the vision of the commander of the Joint National Training Center and senior Romanian leadership and the work of U.S. Army, Romanian and British engineers.”

Resolute Castle 17’s engineer capabilities exercise demonstrated the abilities and the accomplishments of a multinational and multi-component force overseen by a deployed Reserve element conducting training while supporting Operation Atlantic Resolve.

“This is a great experience to have the Soldiers in my unit participate in a multinational training exercise,” said Lt. Col. John Haas, battalion commander of the 391st Engineer Battalion South Carolina National Guard. “It helps us build our relationships with our NATO Allies and it increases our ability to project (combat) readiness across the world.”

“When these Soldiers work next to each other, on the same project to overcome the same challenges it builds a bond that promotes a brotherhood,” he added.

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Montgomery Zoo Press Release

The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum will host Twilight Tuesdays each Tuesday during the month of August.

The zoo and Museum will open at 11 a.m. and the last ticket will be sold at 6:30 p.m. to allow guests the opportunity to enjoy the animals and exhibits in the cooler evening hours.

All rides, attractions, and animal encounters will remain open pending weather and animal husbandry

needs. All guests must exit the front gate by 7:30 p.m.

Schedule of Events:

- **Aug. 1:** Wild Night- Dress up as a favorite zoo animal
- **Aug. 8:** Book Night- Enjoy readings of treasured animal themed children’s books
- **Aug. 15:** Superhero Night- Dress up as a favorite superhero
- **Aug. 22:** Zoo Tour Night- Follow a guided tour of the zoo and Mann Museum
- **Aug. 29:** School Spirit and

Game Night- Dress in favorite team’s colors and enjoy playing festive games

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$11 for children age 3-12 and free for toddlers age 2 and under. Combination admission for the zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is \$20 for adults, \$15 for children and free for toddlers. Combination admission for the zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum as well as discount rates for military and seniors are available.

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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 8-11a.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 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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For more information, visit www.montgomeryzoo.com.

Gump City Con

Montgomery’s Alcazar Shrine Center will host the Gump City Con Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. Gump City Con is a multi-genre fan convention for the whole family celebrating all things geek, according to organizers. Events include a cosplay contest, tabletop gaming, panel discussions, concert and after party. Special guests include Walter Jones, Tiffany

OZARK

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

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

ONGOING— Every Monday through Friday, aerobic classes are open to the public at the Autrey Recreation Center from 8-10 a.m. Call 774-2042 for more information.

PINCKARD

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

SAMSON

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

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

TROY

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

WIREGRASS AREA

ONGOING — The Marine Corps League, Wiregrass Det. 752, welcomes all Marines, Navy corpsmen and chaplains, and their families, to its monthly meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Attendees are welcome to arrive early for food and camaraderie. The next meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Dothan. For more information, call 718-4168 or 805-7335.

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

ONGOING — AMVETS Post 23 monthly meeting is held the second Thursday of each the month at 7 p.m. at the AMVETS Service Center, 203 MLK Dr., in Opp. For more information, call 334-493-0785 or visit www.amvetstpost23.com.

Beyond Briefs

Southern Thunder

Inspired by the Alabama Gang’s influence on auto racing, Vulcan Park and Museum in Birmingham showcases its latest Linn-Henley Gallery exhibition through December 2018. Southern Thunder: The Legacy of Alabama Auto Racing, presented by the Jefferson County Commission, will showcase hair-raising stories and bring to life the impact that auto racing in Alabama had on the regional and national scenes, according to organizers. The exhibit relives this thrilling piece of Alabama history when driving by the seat of your pants wasn’t a figure of speech and explains why this legacy is the foundation for auto racing in Alabama today.

Daily admission rates: adults, \$6; Seniors (65 and older) and military, \$5; children ages 5-12, \$4; and children 4 years and younger are admitted for free.

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

Zoo’s Twilight Tuesdays

The Montgomery Zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum will host its Twilight Tuesdays each Tuesday in August. The zoo and museum will open at 11 a.m. and the last ticket will be sold at 6:30 p.m. to allow guests the opportunity to enjoy the animals and exhibits in the cooler evening hours. All rides, attractions and animal encounters will remain open pending weather and animal husbandry needs. All guests must exit the front gate by 7:30 p.m.

Schedule of events: Aug. 1, Wild Night – Dress up as a favorite zoo animal; Aug. 8: Book Night – Enjoy readings of treasured animal-themed children’s books; Aug. 15: Superhero Night – Dress up as a favorite superhero; Aug. 22: Zoo Tour Night – Follow a guided tour of the zoo and Mann Museum; and Aug. 29: School Spirit and Game Night

Grant and John Anderson.

Tickets are \$20 for adults – military, first responder and senior discounts are available – and \$5 for children 6-11. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.com.

For more information, call (334) 464-0191 or visit www.gumpcitycon.com/.

‘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.alabamadancetheatre.com/stars-on-the-riverfront.html.

PROTECT, SERVE

U.S. Army Civilian Police Academy trains civilian police officers for world-wide duty

By Stephen Standifird
Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — First established at Fort Leonard Wood in 2007, the U.S. Army Civilian Police Academy trains Department of the Army civilian police officers assigned to law enforcement duties at Army installations across the world, and enables these law enforcement agencies to better perform their law enforcement, antiterrorism, physical security and force protection missions, said David Reed, Law Enforcement Operations Branch chief.

“We do world-class training of civilian police,” Reed said.

The course is a combination of classroom instruction and practical exercises. Students are required to pass three exams and 67 practical exercises from the 97 subjects covered in the course, said Tim Boone, instructor and team leader.

The practical exercises include physical fitness endurance training, defensive tactics to include impact weapons, ground fighting, weapons retention drills, pepper spray direct contamination with law enforcement officer survival and apprehension scenario stations, day and night firearms skill training, and vehicle dynamics.

“Most of what they do involves real-world things a police officer would have to do,” said Scott Cheek, course manager. “A police officer needs to be a master of many disciplines.”

Reed said the need for this academy was recognized when military police deployed in support of combat operations. Now, all newly hired DA civilian po-



Phil McCombs, instructor, provides feedback to students following a building-clearing exercise July 11 at the U.S. Army Civilian Police Academy at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

lice officers are trained here to patrol Army installations, camps, posts and stations, not only in the U.S. but in Germany and Korea, as well.

“The Army cannot perform its full law enforcement mission with just military police,” said Col. Bryan O’Barr, director of Training and Education at the U.S. Army Military Police School. “Our civilian police force is an essential and critical part of the team.”

The academy was recently re-accredited by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation, said Reed, a distinction that means the U.S. Army Military Police Corps is now the largest organization so accredited.

O’Barr said the academy being fully accredited “reflects its

standing as a top tier training academy amongst law enforcement agencies across the United States.”

Because of that distinction, the academy also teaches members of the U.S. Coast Guard Police Department.

One Coast Guard student, Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephen Rizzo, out of the Coast Guard Sector New York, agreed that the Coast Guard sends their police here because this is the standard for military policing.

Reed added that the U.S. Marine Corps is looking at sending their civilian police force here in the future.

Brandon Haynes, a student who recently accepted a civilian police officer position at Fort Detrick, Maryland, said he’s been in and out of law en-

forcement for 20 years and this academy ranks up with the best training he received.

After time in the Army as an MP, Haynes spent time as a DOD police officer and in a community sheriff’s department before returning to the Army.

“I wanted to come back to this side because they have a lot to offer as far as law enforcement goes,” he said.

Reed said there are often classes with a mix of students with a lot of experience, like Haynes, and some who are first getting introduced to law enforcement. The results are the same for both ends of the spectrum.

“I have yet to hear anyone say this academy didn’t enhance their knowledge,” Reed said. “A lot of them say there



Students Jason Miller, of Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., and Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephen Rizzo, Coast Guard Sector New York, ascend a stairwell with Rick Wheeling, instructor, during building-clearing operations.

are things they learned in the academy that they didn’t know in 25 years as a MP Soldier.”

That mix of experience opens the students to opportunities to network among peers, Cheek said.

Cara Hacker, out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, said the networking was an opportunity for those with less experience to learn from those with more.

Reed said the input from students like Hacker and Haynes helps ensure the course is set up for success.

“We reinvent this academy every three years in order to make sure we do our part to train those who go out and keep America safe and keep Army garrisons safe and functioning,” Reed said. “It’s very important that we do our job well and that we get it right.”

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109

8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940

8:30 a.m. Catholic Confessions

9 a.m. Catholic Mass

11 a.m. Collective Protestant

12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass

(Tuesday-Friday)

4 p.m. Catholic Confessions (Saturday)

5 p.m. Catholic Mass

(Saturday)

Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036

9:30 a.m. Protestant

Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints

10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads

(Contemporary Worship

Protestant Service)

11 p.m. Eckankar Study

(4th Sunday)

Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939

10:15 a.m. CCD

(except during summer months)

BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAY

Crossroads Discipleship Study

(Meal/Bible Study)

Wings Chapel, 6:30 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Adult Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center,

6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Catholic Women of the Chapel

Spiritual Life Center, 9 a.m.

Above the Best Bible Study

Yano Hall, 11 a.m.

1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study

Hanchey AAF, Bldg. 50102N, Rm. 101

11:30 a.m.

164th TAOG Bible Study

Cairns AAF, Bldg. 30501,

11:30 a.m.

Precepts Bible Study

Soldier Service Center,

12 p.m.

Kingdom Kidz & Youth Group

Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center,

6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center,

6 p.m.

Spanish Adult Bible Study

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.

SATURDAY

Protestant Men of the Chapel

(1st Saturday)

Larry’s Restaurant, Daleville,

8 a.m.

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KEEPING IT COOL

Fitness centers provide haven from heat of outdoor workouts

Army Flier
Staff Reports

Summers in the Southeast, with its soaring temperatures and infamous humidity, can often be stifling, making working out outdoors extremely uncomfortable if not downright dangerous.

That's why Fort Rucker offers multiple ways for people to get their workouts in without battling the heat.

The installation offers two fitness centers, including the post's main gym, Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center, located on Andrews Avenue; and Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center, located on Skychief Street – both facilities offer a plethora of amenities from weight lifting equipment and treadmills to workout classes and more.

The main gym is a 64,000 square-foot facility that features treadmills, free weights, functional fitness equipment, a 25-meter indoor pool, multi-purpose court and three racquetball courts. And for milder days when the temperatures aren't soaring, the facility also boasts an outdoor multi-purpose field, a quarter-mile track and an 18-hole disc golf course that runs the length of the Beaver Lake trail.

Fortenberry-Colton PFC is the post's smaller fitness center, but it doesn't slouch when it comes to fitness amenities. The facility has Nautilus selectorized strength equipment, free weights, a regulation-size basketball court, spin bikes, fitness rooms with full mirrors, and a 28-foot climbing wall with four auto-belay systems and four manual belays.

The fitness centers are open Mondays-Fridays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Fort Rucker PFC is also open on



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Shauna Attaway, fitness specialist at Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center, leads a kickboxing class during a previous Resolution Execution in this file photo.

federal holidays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The facilities are about more than just fitness equipment, though, with classes and programs to fit people's fitness needs, such as spinning, Strong Bodies, ABsoGlutely, yoga, Pure Strength, Hardcore, T.A.C. and Intro to Weights and Plates.

The cost for classes is \$3.50 per class, \$15 for two weeks of unlimited classes, or \$30 for one month of unlimited classes. People can sign up for any individual class on the day of the class after 5:30 a.m., and attendees must check in 10 minutes prior to classes.

For a full list of classes and times, visit <https://rucker.armymwr.com/programs/fitness-centers>.

The majority of the fitness classes take place at the Fortenberry-Colton PFC, and range from classes to help tighten and tone

muscles or get an introduction into weight lifting, or programs to help motivate people, such as the Fort Rucker Lifting Club.

The lifting club is a program that rewards participants as they train toward goals they set, according to Zea Urbiztondo, fitness program specialist, who designed the club to get people excited about weightlifting.

"Ever since the functional fitness area opened [last year], the amount of people who have included both power lifting and Olympic weightlifting into their workout program has drastically increased," she said. "It is always rewarding to see someone hit a personal record while lifting, so I wanted to establish a program to continue that excitement."

"By participating in the Lifting Club, you can surround yourself with like-minded peo-

ple who are all striving for a certain strength goal," said the fitness program specialist. "The fitness community is about building each other up, and supporting each other toward their fitness and health goals. You can learn something new, and surprise yourself with strength and abilities you might have never known you could achieve."

When the workouts have proven to be a bit too much, the fitness centers also feature the Body Mechanics Spa, which offers relaxation at a reasonable price, according to Barbara Leger, licensed massage therapist with Body Mechanics.

"Everyone can and should be treated to a special occasion and be pampered, and Body Mechanics has extremely competitive prices and a service available for every income level," she said. "The benefits of massage go hand-in-hand with fitness, and historically has been used to help circulation, muscle soreness and tenderness, and chronic pain to include fibromyalgia and arthritis."

The spa is open for appointments Mondays-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and anyone who is an authorized patron of Directorate of Family Morale Welfare and Recreation services is allowed to make an appointment with Body Mechanics.

There are several different styles of massage people can choose from, including pregnancy, Swedish, deep tissue, neuromuscular and hot stone, and the spa offers several different services, which include a 30-minute massage for \$25, a 60-minute massage for \$45, a 90-minute massage for \$70, a retreat for the feet for \$30, and chair massages that are \$1 per minute.

For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-3794 or visit <https://rucker.armymwr.com/programs/fitness-centers>.

DOD WRAPS UP WARRIOR GAMES

JCS vice chairman praises 'hidden heroes'

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

CHICAGO — After a week of intense competition that yielded 1,101 medals for more than 90 events earned by athletes from the U.S. Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army and Special Operations Command, as well as members of the United Kingdom and Australian armed forces, the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games drew to a close July 8.

At the closing ceremony, Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recognized what he and other leaders called, the "hidden heroes" – the family members, coaches and counselors for the athletes.

"I was watching a mother in the bleachers, and she was just riveted on the pool, and the look in her eyes and the pride and how she was carrying herself speak volumes about the hidden heroes," he said.

He asked the family members to stand up to be recognized and said, "Thank you for all you do for us, for all of us who wear this uniform, because you are the people we do this for, and we wouldn't be here without you."

Selva also recognized the service dogs that have meant so much to many of the Warrior Games athletes. "I find them incredibly amazing," he said. "If I get a chance to get down on a knee and hug a service dog, you can bet I am there."

The vice chairman presented the ultimate champion awards, for which each service branch nominated a man and a woman who had competed in five sporting events. Medically retired Air Force Senior Amn. Jamie Biviano earned the gold medal, medically retired Air Force Capt. Austin Williamson earned the silver medal, and SOCOM's medically retired Marine Corps Staff Sgt. John Stanz took home the bronze medal.

"The only goal I had set for myself before I came was to get a gold medal in cycling," Biviano said. "I got my gold. I was top eight in almost every sport. I've made lifelong friends in this program, and I feel like my whole team won it with me. I worked hard, and it paid off. We did this, my team,



PHOTO BY EJ HERSOM

Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, applauds ultimate champion medal recipients, from left, Air Force Senior Airman Jamie Biviano, gold; Air Force Capt. Austin Williamson, silver; and Marine Corps Staff. Sgt. John Stanz, bronze, during the closing ceremony for the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games in Chicago, July 8.

my blue family."

Biviano served as a security forces specialist, played several high school sports and competed at the national level in Taekwondo. She said the Warrior Games have made her feel like an "elite warrior" again.

Williamson, who is battling cancer, said he enjoyed himself even though it was a tough week as he competed while working through medical setbacks.

"It was fun competing and great representing Team Air Force," he said. "There's more beyond whatever you're fighting with at the time. Life is still worth living and getting out and doing that despite whatever you're going through."

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Actor and comedian Jon Stewart spent the week with the athletes at the various sporting events and hosted the opening and closing ceremonies. He thanked the athletes for welcoming him warmly and for the positive impact he hopes they had on his son, who attended the opening ceremony again this year.

The athletes surprised Stewart with an impromptu gift of a game ball from the gold medal sitting volleyball match, signed by the Navy and Army players, and a small, blow-up kangaroo from the Australian team.

"I promise you I won't sleep with one of these," he quipped. "This means a great deal to me, but please know one thing. I just want to say, from the bottom of my heart, you never have to thank me for being here. It is one of the great honors of my life to be able to share some time with you all and to have you warmly welcome me."

HOST CITY

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said his city has the largest Junior ROTC program enrollment in the nation, with 12,500 students, and that Chicago is the only city in the United States to have every service branch's Junior ROTC program available.

Chicago was honored to host the first DOD Warrior Games to take place outside of a military base, the mayor said.

"It's a city where its football field is Soldier Field. Its two airports, O'Hare and Midway, have their own recognition in the armed services," he said. "Here, your sacrifice and selflessness isn't just recognized on Independence Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. It must be recognized every day. I want to thank you, because you exemplify the human spirit and its endurance and its greatness. It's been a tremendous honor for the city of Chicago to host

Soldier brings home gold in swimming

By Annette P. Gomes
Warrior Care and Transition

CHICAGO — For retired Staff Sgt. Randi Hobson, the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games is a bittersweet experience. This is her final Warrior Games and, after years of competition, Hobson is now looking forward to the future.

"It's time for me to take the next step, which hopefully will be as a mentor or an assistant coach. It feels like the right time – I know the team will be in good hands," she said.

Hobson's road to the games began while recovering at the warrior transition unit in Kaiserslautern, Germany, in 2009. She battles nerve damage, post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries that she sustained while deployed to Ramadi, Iraq. During that time she developed a love for adaptive sports, particularly swimming. Hobson describes the pool as a place of comfort.

"It's just where I've always found peace whether it's in the water or on top of a mountain. You can be completely surrounded by the world, but feel like the only one in it, even just for a few seconds and that can be beautiful," Hobson said.

"It's a feeling I want to share with my fellow Soldiers who have been wounded. Some people get tunnel vision after they've been hurt. Adaptive sports and other activities support emotional and physical health of our Soldiers and veterans as they transition and adjust," she added.

Hobson brought home one gold, one silver and one bronze medal in swimming; two bronze medals in track;

SEE GOLD, PAGE D3



PHOTO BY PFC. GENESIS GOMEZ

Army veteran Randi Hobson places second after competing in the swimming competition for the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games at Chicago July 8.

SEE HIDDEN HEROES, PAGE D3

DOWN TIME

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RULER OF THE CITY IN THE CLOUDS

FLASH GORDON

7-16 BY JIM KEEFE

DISGUSTED AT THE OUTCOME OF FLASH'S TRIAL BEFORE THE ROYAL COUNCIL, KING VULTAN MAKES HIS WAY TO A SECRET RENDEZVOUS WITH THE ALLIANCE... A COVERT GROUP IN SUPPORT OF FLASH.

SOMEONE ON THE INSIDE SET FLASH UP. THE COUNCIL FOUND HIM GUILTY OF SMUGGLING AND MURDER AS CHARGED.

HAVING BEEN A HERO OF THE PEOPLE, HIS SENTENCE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PUBLIC ASSEMBLY IN THE PALACE COURTYARD.

IT'LL BE A MADHOUSE! THIS TRIAL HAS RIPPED THE REPUBLIC APART! WE NEED TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE PALACE...SOMEHOW BREAK THEIR SECURITY CODES.

I BROUGHT SOMEONE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO HELP IN THAT REGARD. COME ON, DALE, THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE. LET'S GET STARTED.

DR. ZARKOV!

MEANWHILE, IN THE ROYAL DUNGEON... THE REAL PRINCE THUN WOULD NEVER HAVE DESERTED US WHEN WE WERE ESCAPED, THORNE. WE'VE BOTH COME ACROSS CREATURES WHO COULD CHANGE THEIR FORMS. WERE UP AGAINST AN ENEMY WHO COULD BE ANYONE. THERE'S NO ONE WE CAN TRUST!

THEN WHO...? AND WHO IMPERSONATED YOU SO FLAWLESSLY?

NEXT: MASTER PLAN!

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

ARE YOU KIDDING! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS PARTY FOR MONTHS. I EVEN BROUGHT A ZIPLOCK BAG.



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

T R I V I A

1. LANGUAGE: What is a kerfuffle?
2. MEDICAL: What are you suffering from if you have a condition called veisalgia?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which famous World War II general had a bull terrier named Willie (named after William the Conqueror)?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What ocean is the Coral Sea in?
5. MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in 2 gallons?
6. FOOD & DRINK: What fish has varieties called skipjack and bonito?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What causes spectrophobia?
8. LITERATURE: What was the setting for Shakespeare's play "A Midsummer Night's Dream"?
9. MILITARY: What year was the Pentagon completed?
10. COMICS: What superhero had an enemy called The Riddler?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword

BROADWAY OPENINGS

ACROSS

1 China's Mao — -tung

4 Thumb locale

8 Cries of unveiling

13 Spanish fleet

19 Post-bender headache

21 Poetry Muse

22 One-sided views

23 Old stage actress Duse

24 "Things go by so fast!"

26 "As far as I'm aware ..."

28 Brunched, e.g.

29 Kwik-E-Mart clerk

30 Writer Seton

31 Iris locale

32 Pres. advisory gp.

34 New — (Yanni, e.g.)

35 Become king after being a prince, say

43 Quirk of behavior

46 — Schwarz (toy retailer)

47 Kuwaiti royal

48 A third of IX

49 Totally up the creek

55 Semi section

58 Witty writer Bombeck

59 Hornswoggle

60 Actress Swenson

61 Hill's partner

62 Nose partition

65 Piece for two

67 Paid no heed

70 "We've been raking in the profit"

75 Advance markdown

77 Requirement

78 Church decrees

81 Painter of melting watches

82 Camera varieties, for short

86 Vientiane's country

88 "My Country" author Abba

89 Hole-poking tool

90 Phrase just before an act is introduced

95 Pouchlike body part

96 Incantation opener

97 River of Bern

98 Veer off course

99 What Thomas became, in kid-lit

107 Alone

108 See 102-Down

109 Love-letter "hugs"

110 Former toy company

114 Alley- — (court play)

115 Juicer

117 Overdoing the effort

123 Writer of the Tony-winning musical

126 Flavored with a certain spice

127 Introduced acts, e.g.

128 Lenya of "Cabaret"

129 IRS part

130 Tallies again

131 Arctic people

132 Central part of a church

133 Star site

5 Bristol's river

6 Pianist Peter

7 Party to a financial transaction

8 Giggled

9 Yank with a #13 jersey

10 Hip-hop bud

11 "Listen up!"

12 "— lied!"

13 Help do bad

14 Plentiful

15 Bad start?

16 Cheese in an Italian deli

17 Intensify

18 Make certain

20 Some Spanish paintings

25 Spiked staff

27 Harsh cleanser

33 "I dunno" gesture

34 Financier Onassis

36 ET ship

37 Avis rental

38 Unemotional

39 Vietnamese New Year

40 Actor Katz

41 Dusk-dawn linkup

42 Move quickly

43 Rail supports

44 Pertaining to

45 Singer Glen

50 Fad dance of the 1960s

51 Bro

52 Sonata, e.g.

53 Honoraria

54 Actor Scott

55 Payload area

56 Bitter brew

57 Part of B&B

61 One of Santa's reindeer

63 Old Glory's nation

64 Wire measure

66 "Sn" element

68 Sierra maker

69 Actress

Peeples

71 Lark's home

72 — -confident

73 Boyfriend

74 Hound's clue

75 High-tech "appt. book"

76 Uncooked

79 Zippo

80 Winter drifter

83 — apso

84 Pat of the Christian right

85 Ride a wave

87 Antler sporter

90 — -Mart (retail chain)

91 Unemotional

92 Greek letter

93 "Bali —"

94 Suffix with southeast

95 Willy

99 Worker on a housetop

100 Huge, in French

101 Camel kin

102 With 108-Across, of acceptable quality

103 Department in northern France

104 Near-eternity

105 Noodle

106 Erstwhile anesthetic

111 Spun tales

112 Floorboard sound

113 Curiously

115 Lineup 121-Down

116 REO part

118 Post-Q string

119 Himalayan legend

120 Funny Fey

121 Showing via the idiot box

122 Arch with a double curve

124 Composer Florem

125 Manning of football

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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: ♦♦♦

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

KID'S CORNER

Riddle Card

1. Why is a star like an old barn?
2. When does a man have to keep his word?
3. What is it that you break when you name it?
4. What is the last thing you take off before going to bed?
5. Why does a freight car need no locomotive?

Answers: 1. Both contain R, A, T, S. 2. When no one will take it. 3. Silence. 4. Your belt from the floor. 5. Because the freight makes the cargo.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A DUEL IN THE SUN!

Batter up, or should I say, puzzlers! This problem deals with the sport of baseball, and in particular, pitchers and batters. In our puzzle grid there is room for nine words or phrases associated with the game. The hints below should help.

1. Total paid attendance.
2. A fisherman might use this pitch.
3. A virtuous unit at bat.
4. Number of balls and strikes.
5. Comes before releasing the ball.
6. An illegal pitch.
7. A dancing pitch.
8. As good as a hit.
9. A pitcher's territory.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly find all of the words asked for, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out what every batter wishes for.

Answers: 1. The gate. 2. Strike. 3. Scoreless. 4. Curve. 5. Walk. 6. Strike. 7. Kibbles. 8. Strike. 9. Grand slam.

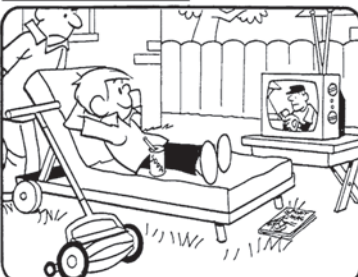
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Navy takes Warrior Games gold

By Shannon Collins
Defense Media Activity

CHICAGO — In a hard-fought matchup for the sitting volleyball gold medal at the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the United Center July 7, Navy topped Army 25-20 and 25-23.

“It’s a credit to our coach and our team,” said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Shane Gilley, who also played in the Warrior Games last year. He said the team’s previous coach was focused more on the team playing six-on-six, but the new head coach, Bailey Wagner, had the players focus more on movements and drills to develop the players and get them to the next level.

Gilley said the work paid off. “Everything we worked so hard for in the camps, all the sweat and blood that we left on the floor prior to coming here, it validated everything we did,” Gilley said. “Our team clicked – we had cohesion. It was everybody pumping everybody up. No one here thought they were bigger than the team. We’re all family. Ryan Shannon, he was the best man at my wedding. I stay in touch with a bunch of these guys throughout the year.”

Ryan said he and some of his teammates play in semi-professional wheelchair basketball leagues, and he’s training to compete in biathlon.

“We’re athletes,” he said. “A lot of able bodies couldn’t keep up with us. I’ve been playing and training for five sports for the past

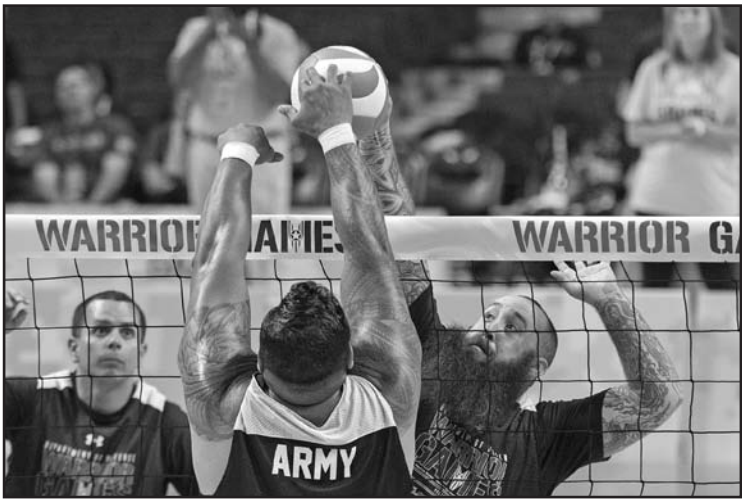


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Navy veteran Seaman Steven Davis attempts a spike during the sitting volleyball gold medal round of the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the United Center in Chicago July 7.

10 days, and I just turned 41. Step up. I’m hurt, but I’m not out of it.”

Wagner noted that her team went undefeated the entire tournament and beat all of its opponents in two sets.

“The Army has a great team,” she said. “We went point for point with them, but I kept reminding the team, especially during the timeouts, [that] what was important was what we’re doing on our side of the court – to refocus and remember our training and go back to the basics of volleyball,” she said. “Army put up a great fight but our guys took it at the end.”

KEYS TO VICTORY

She said the Navy’s strength was ball control and having three contacts to set up the offense. She said the players also were good at reading what the other team was

doing.

“We’ve been practicing together since November, and we’re a team and a family both on and off the court,” she said. “We train and eat together. We get there early so we can talk with each other. It’s important to have that support system for when you step away from the games – to know you have family and friends when you’re having a bad day.”

ARMY COACH PROUD OF EFFORT

Army coach Linda Gomez said she was proud of her silver-medal team and how they competed.

“They took everything we put together and executed very well today,” she said. “We only had one returning starter and one sub from our Warrior Games last year, so this is a brand new team. I’m

just so proud of their effort and everything they’ve learned that they were able to transfer onto the court.”

She said the strength of the Army team was its serving and being able to initiate an offense against an experienced Navy team. “Some of the Navy team have been playing sitting volleyball for a long time, so to see this team compete with them and hold their own, we know now just how good this team really is.”

Medically retired Army Staff Sgt. Randi Hobson, Army team captain and returning player echoed her coach’s pride.

“We played our game,” she said. “We had some awesome blocks, and our serving was on point. You can’t ask for much but to hope that you make the other team make more mistakes. It’s a game about mistakes, and we just made a little more than they did. Our team had never played together until the first day before rounds started. We had a 45-minute practice, and to come from never having played to a gold medal match at the United Center, you can’t really ask for anything better than that.”

The Army team is also a family on and off the court, Hobson said.

“Whether you’re playing a team sport or doing an individual event, you always have somebody behind you,” she added. “We had some people doing gold medal shooting this morning, and we had a big support group there. Everybody came out to watch us play volleyball. Everybody who’s on the team

who’s not playing basketball after this, we’re going right up into the stands to watch them play.

“You can’t ask for a better family than the Army family,” she continued, “and whether that’s athletes and competitors or the family members they bring with them, you really can’t ask for a better support group.”

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

The Marine Corps team earned the bronze medal outlasting Air Force in a three-set match.

Air Force won the first set 25-22, but the Marines fought back to take the second set 25-19 and sealed the deal with a 15-9 third set.

“It’s the best volleyball they’ve played all week,” said Marine head coach Brent Peterson. The team hadn’t played together before this week, he noted.

“We started a little bit slow, but they realized they could trust each other and themselves and got confident. They started taking over, and from that second day on, we won. It was excellent. They worked really hard, and it showed.”

Peterson said he’s been coaching since the games began in 2010, but that this the proudest he’s been of a team. “These guys just poured it out and came to win today. It’s an incredible feeling,” he said.

Medically retired Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lake, team captain for the Marines, said it had been a long week for the athletes, as many have competed here in other sports besides sitting volleyball.

Hidden Heroes

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these games. Congratulations to all of the athletes.”

Navy Adm. Philip S. Davidson, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, thanked Chicago, the sponsors, and the family members, coaches, medical caregivers, counselors and friends of the athletes. “Thank you, hidden heroes, for your humanity and dedication; you give selflessly so that warriors can begin the long healing process,” he said. “Thank you, warriors. You were an inspiration to watch in competition this week.”

The commander of the 2017 DOD Warrior Games was Navy Vice Adm. Mary M. Jackson, commander of Navy Installations Com-

mand. Speaking at the closing ceremony, she said her voice was rough from cheering the athletes on all week.

“What an amazing week we’ve had,” she said. “There was some stiff competition out there, the type of competition that has you at the edge of your seat, up and down, running around, biting your nails, cheering. There’s nothing better than that – watching driven, accomplished, tough athletes competing in world-class venues.

“You poured out your competitive spirit, your heart and soul, the pains and joys of recovery into Warrior Games 2017 here in Chicago, and Chicago welcomed you with open arms,” she continued. “To our athletes, you are the reason we are here. Thank you for

showing us the possibilities for getting to the other side of adversity. You’ve pushed your physical and mental limits and won, and now it is time to rejoice, regroup and recharge.”

PASSING THE TORCH

Jackson passed the torch to Lt. Gen. Gina M. Grosso, the Air Force’s deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services, who will head up the 2018 DOD Warrior Games.

“It’s a tremendous honor for me to be able to take the torch on behalf of the United States Air Force,” Grosso said. “Many congratulations to the Navy team on a phenomenal Warrior Games, and many thanks for letting my team go ‘left seat, right seat’ these

past eight days, because there’s no doubt you helped make 2018 just as good, if not a tiny bit better, than 2017.

“To our warriors and their families, you inspire all of us to be better warriors and citizens,” she continued. “It’s an honor to serve with you. We look forward to seeing all of you at the United States Air Force Academy in 2018.”

Stewart couldn’t help but add to the general’s remarks in wrapping up the closing ceremony.

“Thanks everyone, I’m looking forward to next year’s games,” he said. “Get home safe and get some sleep, because Colorado Springs, they ain’t got no oxygen. You’re going to need it.”

Gold

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and one silver medal in sitting volleyball during the 2017 Warrior Games. But for the Colorado native, adaptive reconditioning sports brought about more than competition.

“Regardless of someone’s injury, disability, or illness, everyone is completely capable of accomplishing greatness. That, coupled with being with my fellow Soldiers,

means everything,” Hobson said. “This family isn’t one in a traditional sense, but you won’t find a better one. The camaraderie, the support, it’s unmatched, a feeling of trust felt only by the military itself.”

As the 2017 DOD Warrior Games wrap up, Hobson is ready to get back to a few roles she holds dear: a brand new wife to her husband Richard, mother to her “fur babies” (dogs Max and Larry) and being a volunteer in her

community with Team Rubicon, a veteran-based disaster response team.

“You have to keep growing and giving as a person – be better tomorrow than you are today – appreciate and learn from who you were yesterday. It’s just another way of serving my country and giving back to a community that I love. It’s just one of the many lessons you’re taught in the military – forever Army strong!”

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.

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Trivia

Answers

1. Fight or argument
2. A hangover
3. George S. Patton
4. Pacific Ocean
5. 32
6. Tuna
7. A fear of mirrors
8. Athens, Greece
9. 1943
10. Batman



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