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## 110th Avn. Bde welcomes new commander

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers of the 110th Aviation Brigade welcomed their new commander during a ceremony at Howze Field Tuesday.

Col. Chad E. Chasteen assumed command of the brigade from Col. Kelly E. Hines as the unit colors passed from one commander to the next, with Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, presiding over the ceremony.

"It's often said that change is hard, but in the Army we do it so frequently that I would argue that the Army does change pretty well," said Gayler. "I have no doubt that this organization will transition its leaders incredibly well, and it's because they're a great unit, largely in part because of how they have been led for the last couple of years - Kelly and Shannon are a phenomenal command team.

"One of the coolest parts about our Army is that our depth of talent is so deep," he continued. "When we take one quality command team out, we bring in another qual-



Col. Chad E. Chasteen, 110th Avn. Bde. commander, assumes command from Col. Kelly E. Hines as he accepts the unit colors from Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, during a change of command ceremony on Howze Field Tuesday.

ity command team. Chad, I know that your career of assignments and varied background is going to serve you well in command of this brigade. We're absolutely thrilled

to have you back and welcome

Chasteen returns to Fort Rucker from his previous assignment as the group commander of the Spe-

cial Operations Advisory Group to the Special Mission Wing in Kabul, Afghanistan. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience from numerous as-

signments and leadership positions from across the globe, ranging from platoon leader and company commander for the 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment at Camp Mobile, Korea; battalion S3 and company commander for the 78th Aviation Battalion at Camp Zama, Japan; battalion commander for the 4th Bn., 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington; and the USAACE G-3 director.

It's that breadth of knowledge that Gayler said gives him confidence that Chasteen is the right leader to serve what he said is arguably "the most difficult flying brigade in our Army."

"They are responsible for over 600 aircraft of every type airframe and they launch hundreds of aircraft every single day," said the commanding general. "The diversity of the brigade is unparalleled and its mission is critical."

During Hines' time as commander, the brigade trained more than 5,000 students and safely flown over 395,000 flight hours in 59 programs of instruction, ac-

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Col. Bryan E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander; Evander 'The Real Deal' Holyfield, former world champion boxer; and garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey strike a boxing pose during the boxer's visit to Fort Rucker Friday. Holyfield and other former boxers visited the post to meet with Soldiers and families at Mother Rucker's. For more, see Page D1.

## **Anti-terrorism awareness efforts** focus on homegrown threats

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

As forces around the globe continue to combat terrorism, Fort

means to be vigilant. August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month and this years' observance is focused on homegrown violent extremism, of which there has been an uptick in recent years, according to

Cory Greenawalt, Fort Rucker anti-

Rucker officials want to ensure local

Soldiers and citizens know what it

terrorism analyst. "There is a lot of activity and things happening [overseas] that is driving things that are going on here in the U.S. with [law enforcement agencies], and we're all still saying the same thing – see something, say something," he said, "but one of the big things that we are looking out for is radicalization and homegrown

violent extremism.

"ISIS is still very prevalent on the internet, and people need to be vigilant about [operational security] when venturing online," he said. "OPSEC and [antiterrorism] go hand in hand, especially where social media is concerned – social media can be a breeding ground for bad things to happen."

Although Greenawalt said social



Carlos Whitehead, Fort Rucker community police officer, and Sgt. Michael Adams, 6th Military Police Detachment, advance on a suspect during a scenario for the installation's recent annual all-hazards exercise.

media isn't bad per se, it's when young, impressionable minds are able to be reached out to through the medium that it becomes a problem. But it's not just traditional social media platforms, like Facebook and Twitter, that are the targets of terrorist groups, but gaming platforms, as well.

"It's spilling over into game play through [computer gaming and console gaming]," said the antiterrorism analyst. "We're seeing conversations going on in chat rooms on video games, so it's very entrenched and in depth – it's something that parents and Soldiers need to be aware of because it's out there."

It's because of the depth of reach that these organizations have that Greenawalt said it falls on parents to make sure they know who their children are talking to and what they're talking about. The best way to do that is through conversation.

"Bring them back to the dinner table and ask them who they're talking to online and things like that. Let them know they need to be aware of these things," he said.

"One of the things that I've learned over the last 28 years is that

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### **YOU'RE HIRED!**

#### Thousands attend area job fair

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

Thousands of job hunters made their way out to the Enterprise High School Gymnasium dressed to impress as they flashed their resumes to hopefully earn their dream job.

The school was the site of the 14th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair where people came from all over to inquire about and apply for the more than 5,000 available job vacancies from more than 129 different companies in different fields, including education, retail, staffing, production, transportation and more, according to Brian Tharpe, Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program Center transition services manager.

The fair was an opportunity for not just Soldiers, but civilians, retirees, family members and just about anybody else to get their name and face out to potential employers, and for Derek Hall, retired military, the fair was a perfect way to start his job hunt.

"I was in the military for 20 years and I kind of got used to what I was doing, so when it came time for me to get out I was nervous about getting back into the jobhunting world – it's not something I'd done in a long time," he said. "Having something like the job fair really makes it easier for people who've been out of that world for a while because it can be pretty jarring.

"It seems that these days everything that you apply for has to be online, so you don't feel like you're really getting anywhere," he continued. "This gives you the opportunity to get some face-to-face interaction with them and actually leave an impression, and I think that's important."

That face-to-face interaction is the same reason Linda Trainor, civilian from Ozark, said she wanted to make her way out to the fair.

"I hate applying for work online because I feel like your name just gets lost in a sea of other names. How can you even make yourself stand out?" she said. "I feel

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People speak with potential employers during the 14th annual Fort Rucker Area Job Fair at the Enterprise High School Gymnasium **July 27.** 

# PERSPECTIVE

# TRADOC CSM provides PME curriculum update

By Command Sgt. Maj. **David Davenport** 

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EU-STIS, Va. — As I talk to the force, team members continue to ask for updates on changes to the Professional Military Education curricu-

The changes in the enlisted curriculum for self-development and PME courses will provide an improved and engaging learning experience for our force. I am excited about the changes and want to share with everyone a quick overview on where we are regarding the development and timelines. Please know that timelines listed are for planning purposes and may change due to mission requirements.

#### STRUCTURED SELF-**DEVELOPMENT I – VI REDESIGN**

The legacy levels of Structured Self-Development will continue until the redesigned courses go through validation and are activated in the Army Learning Management System. U.S. Army Human Resources Command will continue to enroll Soldiers in the legacy courses until Oct. 1, 2019, then start enrollment in the new courses thereafter.

Our goal is to have the team deliver levels I and II first, then activate the remaining levels III-VI no later than Oct. 1, 2019. You will see a dramatic change in the lessons that will act as building



Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command senior NCO, talks to the 1st Infantry Division NCO Academy Basic Leaders Course students after joining them in their daily physical fitness March 23 at Fort Riley, Kan. Davenport visited the students to talk about the future of the NCO Professional Development System and its future improvements.

blocks to each level of noncommissioned officer PME and will directly relate to your duties, roles and responsibilities. The content will be streamlined and rigorous, but relevant and progressive to your development. I approved the redesigned lesson plan outlines and look forward to the final prod-

#### **BLC READY FOR** VALIDATION

The lessons plans for the revised curriculum for the Basic Leaders Course are complete. The U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy will begin the process of validating the curriculum at designated

schools and installations across the force. The redesigned BLC will address leader competencies and attributes with concentration in communications, leadership, training management, readiness, operations and program manage-

The validation process includes all components, as we will continue to support the One Army School System. The USASMA will begin content validation starting in October and finish by the

#### ALC, SLC BEING VALIDATED

The USASMA is validating

the curriculum for the leader core competencies curriculum at various Army installations through November. The NCO feedback from the first two locations has been fantastic. As with the other NCO courses, the Advanced Leaders Course and Senior Leaders Course curriculum closes the development gap across all levels of NCO PME, linking BLC through Master Leaders Course and ultimately, the Sergeants Ma-

I know we are on the right track with ensuring you receive the best educational product during these courses. The validation process will continue through November

2017 as we travel to five more locations to deliver the content to the appropriate schools and centers of excellence to continue to improve the content.

#### MLC VALIDATED

The MLC is the most challenging and demanding NCO course that will put your abilities and competencies to the test. You will experience a great sense of accomplishment and take away valuable skills that enhance your problem solving and critical thinking

The USASMA is finishing the MLC validation at the last four of ten locations. The resident phase of the MLC will be operational to the force Oct. 1. The USASMA is developing the MLC as a nonresident course that will present the same academic challenges and demands as the resident course and will be facilitated from the academy. The nonresident MLC course will be operational April 1.

As you can see, we are changing the entire learning continuum for the enlisted cohort. For the first time in the history of our Army, the curriculum is progressive and sequentially linked throughout the entire continuum.

We owe you the right leadership development in your NCO courses, and we are doing that by putting leadership front and center in our leader courses. You deserve the best educational experience possible in your courses, and we will continue to listen, adjust and provide you with a better learning experience.

## **L** August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month. What are some ways Soldiers and families can remain vigilant?"

ior Course.



Tiffany Welsey, veteran

"Be wary or cautious of empty packages. Check to see if they are oily or if they have wires hanging out. Be wary of cars parked too close to a building or unauthorized zones, and watch for suspicious activity. It could be nothing, but you never



Tuwanna Watson, military family member

"Just stay aware of your surroundings and keep track of what's going on."



Shirlyn Clark, civilian

"Don't become too lax. If you see something weird or odd, be sure to point it out because you never know what could happen. If you see something, don't be afraid to report it because if you don't, it could be disastrous.'



Maj. Dustin Perkins, C Co., 1-14th Avn. Regt.

"When you're out and about every day, just be aware of your surroundings. Don't set a pattern of what you do and where you go, and keep an eye on your family and make sure you're aware who's around you.



Jason Pfau, civilian

"Don't venture into areas you're unfamiliar with alone. If you're in a place that you're not familiar with, go with your gut instinct. If it doesn't feel right, then get out of the area."

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### President awards Medal of Honor to former medic

By David Vergun Army News Service

WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump awarded the Medal of Honor to former Spc. 5 James McCloughan during a White House ceremony Monday.

McCloughan, a medic and a Vietnam veteran, was one of 89 Soldiers in C Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 196th Inf. Brigade, Americal Division who fought on Nui Yon Hill, near the city of Tam Kỳ May 13-15, 1969.

Within minutes of landing there May 13, about 2,000 enemy soldiers had them surrounded and two of their helicopters were shot down, Trump related during the ceremony.

One Soldier was badly wounded in the middle of an open field, the president said. "Jim did not hesitate. He blazed through 100 meters of enemy fire to carry the Soldier to safety.'

After tending to that Soldier, McCloughan joined a mission to advance toward the enemy, Trump relayed. But before long, they were ambushed. Again, he ran into danger to rescue his wounded men.

As he cared for two Soldiers, shrapnel from an enemy rocketpropelled grenade "slashed open the back of Jim's body from head to foot. Yet, that terrible wound didn't stop Jim from pulling those two men to safety, nor did it stop



DOD NEWS PHOTO

President Donald J. Trump awards the Medal of Honor to former Spc. 5 James McCloughan during a White House ceremony Monday.

him from answering the plea of another wounded comrade and carrying him to safety atop his own badly injured body. And so it went, shot after shot, blast upon blast," the president said.

"As one of his comrades recalled: 'Whoever called medic could immediately count on Mc-Cloughan. He's a brave guy," Trump said.

That evening, Soldiers went into their defensive position. However, one Soldier didn't make it back and McCloughan could not ignore his pleas for help, the president related.

Again, "Doc," as his men called him, did not hesitate, Trump said. "He crawled through a rice paddy thick with steel rain - that means bullets all over the place - and as Soldiers watched him they were sure that was the last time they would see Doc. They thought that was the end of their friend Jim."

But after several minutes, Mc-Cloughan emerged from the smoke and fire, carrying yet another Soldier, the president said.

As McCloughan was carrying the wounded to be MedEvac'd, his lieutenant ordered him to get in, too. "Get in. Get in," Trump

said, conveying the lieutenant's orders. But McCloughan refused, saying "you're going to need me here."

McCloughan later said, "I'd rather die on the battlefield than know that men died because they did not have a medic," Trump related.

Over the next 24 hours without food, water or rest, McCloughan fired at enemy Soldiers, suffered a bullet wound to his arm, and continued to race into gunfire to save more and more lives, the president said.

"Though he was thousands of miles from home, it was as if the strength and pride of our whole nation was beating inside of Jim's heart," the president said. "He gave it his all and then he just kept giving."

In those 48 hours, Jim rescued 10 American Soldiers and tended to countless others, Trump said, adding that of the 89 in the company, their strength had dwindled to 32 by the end of the fighting.

#### PROMISE TO GOD

On the second day of that bloody fight, McCloughan found a Soldier who had been badly shot in the stomach, Trump said.

He knew the Soldier wouldn't make it if he flung him on his back in a fireman's carry. So he lifted him up and carried him in his arms. As McCloughan was carrying the Soldier, a thought flashed through his mind, the president said. "Although Jim had always been close to his father, he realized that it was not since he'd been a young boy that he had told his dad those three simple yet beautiful words: 'I love you."

In that moment Jim offered up a prayer. He asked God, "if you get me out of this hell on earth so I can tell my dad I love him, then I'll be the best coach and father you ever asked for," the president said.

"As he prayed, a great peace came over him. Jim made it out of that hell on earth. And, the first thing he did when he arrived back on American soil, was to say those beautiful words: 'I love you, dad. I love you.' Jim said those words over and over again for the next 22 years until the last time he saw his father, the night before his dad passed on.

"Today, I venture to say, his dad is the proudest father in heaven," Trump said. "Jim fought with all the love and courage in his soul. He was prepared to lay down his life so that his brothers in arms could live theirs.'

The president added that Mc-Cloughan kept the other part of his promise to God, as well, coaching high school sports to the best of his ability for the next 38 years.

McCloughan was joined at the White House ceremony by members of his family, eight other Medal of Honor recipients, and 10 Soldiers who served with him during that epic battle – five of whom McCloughan personally saved.

### Acting Army secretary: Army needs additional, predictable funding

By C. Todd Lopez Army News Service

WASHINGTON — After several years of budget cuts, the Army needs additional and predictable funding, said Acting Secretary of the Army Robert M. Speer.

"To be able to meet mission requirements, we need the resources to be able to do that," Speer said during a fireside chat July 26 with AUSA president and CEO, retired Gen. Carter Ham, at AUSA headquarters. "We are finding emerging near-peer adversaries that potentially out-gun us and out-range us."

Speer highlighted that resources are necessary to ensure that the Army can continue to fulfill its mission of protecting the American people. "I would like to convey to the public that the freedoms we enjoy and what we enjoy regarding economic success is much due to the national security provided by our Soldiers and is assured through our Constitution."

The U.S. military is "highly respected" in the United States, Speer said, even among the many citizens that are unfamiliar with exactly what it is the Army does.

"So what you try to convey (to the public) is the operational tempo and the things Soldiers are doing for you," Speer said. "You convey our role in deterrence for Europe and that the Army is ready to go when you see a nuclear threat in places like Korea. You have to be ready to go, and it takes resources to do it. Your Army is extremely busy. It's providing close to 50 percent of



Acting Secretary of the Army Robert M. Speer speaks with retired Gen. Carter Ham during a fireside chat held at the Association of the United States Army headquarters July 26 in Arlington, Va.

the current global force required by com-

Speer testified to Congress and has repeatedly spoken about the need for stable and predictable funding.

For the U.S. Army to match emerging threats, it'll take the commitment of the entire nation, he said, "to ensure the freedoms and the security we have."

To get the money it needs to continue to operate, of course, the Army must ask the Congress for funds. And that's a problem, Speer said, because even in the face of declining budgets that dramatically affect

readiness, the Army has always been reticent to suggest that it's anything less than fully capable of performing its mission.

"We don't convey the negative impact of it," Speer said of the lack of resources. "It's hard for us to convey to both stakeholders and the American public the negative impact of continuing resolutions and the negative impact of underfunding."

But Speer said he thinks that recently the Army has been getting better at portraying the real damage to readiness caused by continuing resolutions.

"We've done a good job laying out what

the Army needs to be able to fill some of the gaps that we've got in readiness," he said.

#### OPERATIONAL TEMPO SURPRISE

Speer came on board as the acting secretary in January. Since then, he said, he's had ample opportunity to meet with Soldiers around the globe. He stated that on those trips he'd been surprised to learn just how much the Army does, and the breadth for which the Army is responsible.

"The operational tempo surprised me," Speer said. "It's not quite the same to look at a patch chart on paper and seeing the Army going off to individual requirements around the world. A lot is going on to get ready for the deployment.

"Whether it is getting ready for rotation, or you are filling in gaps as an observer controller at one of the national training centers. Or, you are getting into where you go on the next rotation and the impact it has on families. I was amazed at that overall fast pace of the operational tempo," he said.

Also, he said, he's been impressed at the breadth of things the Army does, from the role of the Corps of Engineers to the efforts at Arlington National Cemetery, to the heelto-toe rotations in Europe to deter aggression in that region.

"It is amazing what we are asking our Army to do," he said. "We are a relatively small Army. We are about the smallest we've been since World War II, and yet the amount of involvement and impact we make for the security of our nation, and what the Soldiers and civilians do, is remarkable."

## News Briefs

#### Change of command

The Warrant Officer Career College will host a change of command ceremony Friday 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.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous meets**

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

#### **Resiliency Resources**

The Lyster and Fort Rucker Resiliency Resources mobile device app is available for free in Android and iPhone mobile app stores. The app can help people find information for Fort Rucker, including addresses, phone numbers and event information, and also information such as where running trails are located, if there is a 5k race coming up, when Bible studies occur and more.

#### Tobacco cessation program

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

For more information, call 334-255-

#### Thrift shop

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop needs people's unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call 255-9595.

#### **ID** card section closure

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

#### Lyster update

People are welcome to check out the Lyster Army Health Clinic Facebook Page for the Healthy Tip of the Day and important clinic information, such as class dates and times.

The Lyster Twitter feed is at @Lyster-

#### **Exchange Buddy List**

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

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

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

## 553 YEARS OF SERVICE

## 20 Soldiers, 1 civilian retire at quarterly ceremony

By Jim Hughes

Command Information Officer

With a combined 553 years of service, 20 Soldiers and one civilian retired during Fort Rucker's quarterly retirement ceremony Friday at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Col. Tom von Eschenbach, director of the Capability Development and Integration Directorate, hosted the ceremony. He was assisted by Sgt. Maj. James Johnson, CDID.

A short write-up on each retiree follows.

#### COL. RONALD VOLKIN

Volkin, director of Ballistic Missile Defense System Sustainment at Redstone Arsenal, entered military service in 1991 in the Aviation Branch. He said the highlight of his career was leading a rapid prototyping project team comprised of the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, multiple Army Aviation organizations and Boeing to design, fabricate, test and field a first prototype of a modification to the Longbow Apache that successfully improved survivability against surface-to-air missiles and was later incorporated across the entire fleet and into the production line. He and his wife, Cheri, have two children. They plan to reside in Madison.

### CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) ROGER MCCAY

McCay, Chaplain Service School instructor for ethics, entered military service in 1992 as an artillery Soldier. He was commissioned in 1995. He said the highlight of his career was serving in Afghanistan with the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children. They plan to reside in Monroeville.

### MAJ. GIANA' VONCILE-WARREEN THOMAS

Thomas, Air Traffic Services Command director of logistics, entered military service in 1990 as a legal specialist. She was commissioned in 2000. She said the highlight of her career is being able to reflect and see the impact she has left along the way. She has a son and granddaughter. She plans to reside in Dothan.

#### CW5 STEVE SKAAR

Skaar, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College History Department head, entered military service in 1988 as a power generation equipment repair technician. In 1995, he was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training. He said the highlight of his career was being a contract oversight officer in charge, assessing ground and flight maintenance contractor performance over industry standards. He and his wife, Jodi, have four children. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

#### CW5 DOUG SAVELL

Savell, ATSCOM chief of standardization and flight inspection pilot with the Quality Assurance Division, entered military service after being selected for the Army Warrant Officer Flight Program in 1990. He said the highlight of his career was being selected as the ATSCOM chief of standardization and certification where he was one of only two pilots in the Army to be certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to perform airspace system flight inspections in support of the FAA and Department of Defense. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a daughter. They plan to reside in Lake Villa, Illinois.

#### CW4 KARLA SEGARS

Segars, Brigade Support Battalion support operations officer observer/coach/trainer, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, entered military service in 1993 as an automated logistical specialist. She was selected for Army Warrant Officer Training in 2004. She said the highlight of her career was being an executive officer at the Headquarters and Headquarters Company at the Warrant Officer Career College at Fort Rucker. She has one child. She plans to reside in New Brockton.

#### CW4 STAN KOZIATEK

Koziatek, HHC, 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment Quality Assurance Fixed Wing Platoon leader and company executive officer, entered military service in 1993 as an AH-1 Cobra mechanic. He was selected for Warrant Officer Flight Training in 1998. He said the highlights of his career were serving as the platoon leader of South Camp in Sinai, Egypt, in support of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty of peace, and completing the fixed-wing instructor pilots course to become the quality assurance fixed-wing platoon leader at Fort Rucker. He and his wife, Marisol, have one daughter. They plan to reside in Saint Cloud, Florida.

#### CW4 EUGENE MURPHY

Murphy, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence G-1 warrant officer strength manager, entered military service in 1995 as an avionics mechanic. He was selected for Warrant Officer Flight Training in 1998. He said



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Retirees honored at the quarterly ceremony Friday. Back: CW5 Doug Savell, CW3 Paul Todd, CW4 Eugene Murphy, 1st Sgt. Anthony Lewis, CW4 Karla Segars and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Roger McCay. Front: CW5 Steve Skaar, CW4 Stan Koziatek, Col. Ronald Volkin and Maj. Giana' Voncile-Warreen Thomas.



Back: Sgt. 1st Class Roderick Wiley, Staff Sgt. Joseph Steele, Master Sgt. James Loudermilk, Sgt. 1st Class Clifton Robinson, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Howe and Dean Doudna. Front: Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Orange, Master Sgt. David Beauchamp, CW3 Amber Loeffelholz and Command Sgt. Maj. Lindsay Thompson.

the highlight of his career was being a training, advising and counseling officer, which awarded him the opportunity to train the Army's newest warfighters in the only warrant officer-producing school in the Army. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

#### CW3 AMBER LOEFFELHOLZ

Loeffelholz, 1-145th Avn. Regt. Helicopter Overwater Survival Training OIC, entered military service in 1997 as a combat medic. She was selected for Warrant Officer Flight Training in 2006. She said the highlight of her career was learning to fly the best bird in the air – the CH-47 Chinook. She has three children. She plans to reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

#### CW3 PAUL TODD

Todd, A Co., 1-223rd Avn. Regt. chief of standardization, entered military service in 1997 as a flight operations specialist. He was selected for Warrant Officer Flight Training in 2004. He said the highlight of his career was being the pilot in command of the rescue of two downed French Mirage pilots near Camp Farah, Afghanistan. He and his wife, Jessica, have three children. They plan to reside in Pembroke, Georgia.

### COMMAND SGT. MAJ. LINDSAY THOMPSON

Thompson, 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion command sergeant major, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, entered military service in 1987 as a tactical circuit controller. He said the highlight of his career was marrying his beautiful wife, Sarah, and having four children. They plan to reside in Cantonment, Florida.

#### 1ST SGT. ANTHONY LEWIS

Lewis, brigade sexual assault response coordinator and senior air traffic control system maintenance supervisor, entered military service as a combat signaler. He said the highlight of his career was marrying his beautiful wife, Malika, and having four children. They plan to reside in Daleville.

#### 1ST SGT. REGINALD SNELL

Snell, Army Contracting Command operations sergeant major, Redstone Arsenal, entered military service in 1988 as a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist. He said the highlight of his career was marrying his beautiful wife, Sharron, and having two children. They plan to reside in Madison.

#### MASTER SGT. JAMES LOUDERMILK

Loudermilk, ATSCOM Quality Assurance Division NCOIC, entered military service in 1992 as an air traffic control specialist. He said the highlight of his career was the camaraderie he shared with the brothers and sisters he served with. He and his wife, Tammy, plan to reside in Dothan.

#### MASTER SGT. DAVID BEAUCHAMP Reguchamn 164th Theater Airfield Opers

Beauchamp, 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group operations NCO, entered military service in 1994 as an aircraft structural repairer. He said the highlight of his career

was having the opportunity to serve as a cavalry first sergeant in Hawaii. He and his wife, Jennifer, have five children. They plan to reside in Crestview, Florida.

#### SGT. 1ST CLASS RODERICK WILEY

Wiley, brigade master resilience instructor, brigade ready and resilience coordinator, operations NCO and Aviation operations NCO-IC, entered military service in 1985 as a motor transport operator. He said the highlight of his career was completing his bachelor's degree in psychology. He and his wife, Gwendolyn, plan to reside in Enterprise.

#### SGT. 1ST CLASS MICHAEL HOWE

Howe, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, entered military service in 1991 as an ammunition specialist. He said the highlight of his career was serving with the 5th Special Forces Group during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He and his wife, Aruwan, have three children. They plan to reside in Fairburn, Georgia

### SGT. 1ST CLASS CHRISTOPHER ORANGE

Orange, detachment sergeant of Flatiron, entered military service in 1995 as a medic. He said the highlight of his career was the completion of more than 1,000 medical evacuation missions. He and his wife, Catherine,

have one child. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

#### SGT. 1ST CLASS CLIFTON ROBINSON

Robinson, Security Force Advisory Course instructor, Fort Polk, Louisiana, entered military service in 1995 as a uniform signal support system specialist. He said the highlight of his career was marrying his beautiful wife, Antoinette. They plan to reside in Mobile.

#### STAFF SGT. JOSEPH STEELE

Steele, 1st Aviation Brigade brigade schools NCOIC, entered military service in 1988 in the Alabama National Guard as a military policeman. He became active duty in 1997. He said the highlight of his career was marrying his beautiful wife, Marcia, and having a daughter, three grandsons and a goddaughter. They plan to reside in Huntsville.

#### DEAN DOUDNA

Doudna, Aviation Center Logistics Command chief of Flight and Ground Standardization and government flight representative, retired from active duty in 2005 as chief warrant officer 5. He said the highlight of his career was his assignment as the ACLC GFR. He and his wife, Diana, have a daughter and three grandchildren. They plan to reside in Enterprise.







By Devon L. Suits Army Media Production

FORT BLISS, Texas — Along with testing new equipment, Network Integration Evaluation 17.2 creates an opportunity for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and other participating units, to increase their readiness through realistic and demanding scenarios against peer or near-peer threats.

For the 2-101st AB, preparation and training for NIE started while they conducted operations in Iraq, according to Col. Joseph E. Escandon, the brigade commander. While deployed, they found innovative ways to use older technology - compared to the equipment being tested at NIE 17.2 – to enable Mission Command, he said.

"When [2-101st AB] returned in January, they had a lot of combat experience in the use of mission command systems and how to maximize its effect," he added. "They were using the network to gain a position of advantage in what they were doing."

#### TACTICAL, MOBILE, AND AGILE

In March, training for NIE was in full swing, as the U.S. Army Joint Modernization Command established a forward presence at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to integrate with the brigade.

Under the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, JMC executes realistic and rigorous exercises to provide Soldier feedback on emerging concepts and capabilities that will improve the combat effectiveness of the joint force.

"Compared to previous NIEs, [JMC] has deliberately carved out time for the brigade to increase readiness," said Col. Charles Roede, the JMC deputy commander. "We want to make sure that they leave a bettertrained unit and set them up for success."

Army senior leaders have said future operations will require a need for decentralized command and control centers and disbursed formations of Soldiers. To meet the needs of the warfighter, JMC has created a similar training environment.

"[NIE] helps Soldiers prepare for the fight



A CH-47 Chinook flown by Soldiers from the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), sling loads the Tactical Control Node-Light at Fort Campbell, Ky., June 15. The training was part of their preparation for NEI 17.2.

we are going to have in the future," Escandon said. "We are not going to fly into a country and walk onto a forward operating base.

"Out here, we're tactical. Soldiers are walking around in full battle rattle," he added. "We haven't brought out any sleeping tents or cots. We are getting back to basic Soldier fieldcraft and learning how to adapt to our environment."

Throughout the exercise area of responsibility, freshly dug foxholes and a crude perimeter of razor wire appeared to be the only line of defense between 2-101stAB and the opposing forces.

"If the Soldiers are uncomfortable out there while having to move while fighting, I think that is what the chief of staff of the Army envisions what the future fight is going to look like," Roede said. "We are trying to create a combat-training-center-caliber experience for the testing unit."

#### **OPERATING IN MULTIPLE DOMAINS**

In addition to providing valuable feedback to Army senior leaders on ways they can modernize the Army's tactical network, JMC also evaluates how a brigade operates in a dynamic battlefield.

As potential adversaries continue to develop their ability to engage with U.S. forces across multiple domains, the Army's future operating environment will be highly contested, congested, and lethal.

"The concept of multi-domain battle is that all domains (land, air, maritime, space, cyberspace domains and electronic spectrum) will be contested. The U.S. cannot assume the superiority of any given domain consistently," Roede said. "Multi-domain requires that the commander creates the conditions that contribute to areas of superiority across multiple domains, and exploit that temporary superiority to accomplish the mission."

To try and replicate parts of the multidomain environment, 2-101stAB provided Soldiers to participate as opposition forces. After extensive training from JMC, the Training and Doctrine Command G-2 (Intelligence) OPFOR directorate certified these forces.

Throughout the evaluation, the OPFOR team, augmented by some local personnel, contested the ground and air domains through the use of unmanned aircraft systems, anti-tank guided missiles, upgraded rocket propelled grenades and anti-aircraft missiles.

In addition to ground and simulated air combat, 2-101stAB experienced the effects of offensive electromagnetic capabilities: jammers, sensors, radars, and other cyber capabilities in an attempt to degrade, disrupt, or exploit their operations.

"From a network perspective, a congested environment is the proliferation of everyone using everything, from cell phones to garage door openers to the internet - that utilizes the electromagnetic spectrum to send and receive. On top of all that, you have the military use of that spectrum," said Col. Bert Shell, JMC's chief of the Network Integration Division. "It is an invisible traffic jam in the sky.

"One of the benefits of doing NIE on the White Sands Missile Range is that there are limited places in the U.S. that you can do live, threat-type electronic warfare activity," he added. "Since White Sands controls the airspace, we are authorized, in a controlled matter, to use some of the representative threat-type jamming systems that allow the testing unit to understand the effects."

As a unit is going through a jamming process, it provides with an opportunity to exercise their primary, alternate, contingency, and emergency communications plan, he

"The benefits of going through that and seeing it in real time are invaluable to a unit," Shell said.

#### THE WAY AHEAD

The rise of urbanization and the growth of megacities have made the operational environment even more complex, according to Douglas L. Fletcher, JMC chief of staff.

The focus of JMC is to stay ahead of the competition and continue to adapt and inno-

"When you look at the ever-growing urbanization worldwide, the megacity phenomena presents a dynamic problem set for future military operations," Shell said. "We need a communications network that is agile and can operate and enable mission command in any environment."

### Commander

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cording to Gayler, which is why it's necessary that the Army picks only the best to lead.

Hines echoed Gayler's confidence in the new command team and said that although leaving command is bittersweet, there is no one else he'd rather see take the reins

you do for this nation on a daily basis," said the outgoing commander. "Over the last two years, there have been ups and downs ... and giving up command is never an up, but I've known Chad and Jess Chasteen for at least 17 years. and I really could not have asked for a better Soldier, friend, mentor and family team to take over. "

Chasteen thanked his family, friends and leaders for the "I'm extremely honored to have served with such fine pro-support they've provided throughout his career, and said ify U.S. and multinational Aviators for the current and future fessionals, and I thank each and every one of you for what he will do his best to serve the battalion to the standard that fight. It is a great day to be a Warrior."

Hines did during his time.

"General Gayler, thank you for the opportunity and sacred trust to lead America's sons and daughters. It is truly a privilege to be back at Fort Rucker and an honor to be a part of your team," said the incoming commander. "To the Soldiers and civilians of the 110th, I'm proud to be your commander and I look forward to working with you as we train and qual-

## Job fair

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like when you're able to show these [potential employers] a bit of your personality and professionalism, you're more likely to get a call back for another interview.

"I got to speak with so many different companies today and it gives me a bit more confidence when I'm looking for work because I actually feel like I'm getting somewhere," she continued. "I like the human element of it because it shows that you're a person. I feel like people can really gauge your dedication and character when they actually meet you in person, versus what they might read on an applica-

Trainor said the job fair was also a good way for her to make connections and even explore other career fields she might not

have thought of.

"I've worked primarily in retail most of my life and I've enjoyed what I do, but when you come out here you can see all of the different opportunities that are available," she said. "It's really like, 'Wow, there is so much I can explore if I really want to,' so that has given me something to think about.

"And the great thing is, you can ask

questions about the jobs and how to get started in them even though you might not be applying for the position. And who knows, I might have made a connection here today in another field that might help me down the line," she added. "It's just a really great service they're doing for the community here and people need to make sure they're taking advantage of every opportunity they're given."

### Awareness

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terrorism will find a way - its prolific," Greenawalt said. "[Terrorists'] tactics, techniques and procedures change, as ours do. That's why we need to people to remain vigi-

The main way people can remain vigilant is by utilizing the iWatch Army program, which is an antiterrorism program that focuses on encouraging Army-wide commu-

nity awareness and outreach efforts to address important topics related to protecting those communities, said the antiterrorism analyst.

To access the iWatch Army website, people can visit http://www.myarmyonesource.com/familyprogramsand-

If people see something, they should say something, he

services/iwatchprogram/default.aspx. In addition to information people can get from the web-

site, Greenawalt said booths will also be set up at various locations across post throughout the month, including the post exchange, the commissary, Bldg. 5700 and outdoor recreation. Representatives will be on hand to talk to people and answer questions.

Greenawalt also stressed that when reporting suspicious activity, people should call the Fort Rucker nonemergency line at 255-2222, adding that 911 should only be utilized for emergency situations.



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CH-47 Chinook helicopters from the B Co., 2-149th GASB, Task Force Saber, undergo maintenance and inspections at Erbil, Iraq, July 10.

# IN THE FIGHT

## Task Force Saber exploits initiative in Iraq, Syria

By Capt. Stephen James For Army News Service

ERBIL, Iraq — Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared victory against ISIS in the city of Mosul July 9.

Supporting the fight against ISIS is the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade's 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment. Organized as Task Force Saber, the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment provides reconnaissance, surveillance, logistical support and offensive strike capabilities while supporting partner forces in both Iraq and

Syria, said Lt. Col. Eddy Lee, the supporting them with fires, Lee 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment commander.

The battle for Mosul coincided almost directly with Task Force Saber's entry into the theater. "When we first started, there were only a couple of neighborhoods liberated on the eastern side [of Mosul]," said Maj. James Brant, the operations officer for Task Force Saber. "The Iraqis really put their heart into the fight."

The 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment became an enabling force for the coalition by emboldening the Iraqi security forces and

"This is a fight where you feel you have a purpose and see the greater good," said Brant.

The regiment is equipped with the AH-64E Apache, described by Lee as the "best platform of choice to fight in this environ-

The Apache itself became a symbol of American support to the partner forces on the ground. "The Iraqis wanted Apaches there as a message to ISIS," said

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A UH-60M Black Hawk assigned to the 2-149th GSAB lands at Erbil.



Aviators from the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade position their AH-64 Apaches in an attack-by-fire position during distinguished visitors' day for Getica Saber July 15 in Cincu, Romania. Getica Saber 17 is a U.S.-led fire support coordination exercise and combined arms live fire exercise that incorporates six allied and partner nations with more than 4,000 Soldiers participating.

## TEAMWORK

#### Guard teams with active Army, Air Force to train up for mobilization

By Capt. Jessica Donnelly For Army News Service

FORT STEWART, Ga. — AH-64D Apache pilots with the South Carolina National Guard conducted advancedlevel gunnery training in partnership with active duty components during the unit's annual training in July in preparation for mobilization.

Soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard's 151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion partnered with members of the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3/17th Reconnaissance Squadron, as well as Airmen from the 15th Air Support Operations Squadron, and Pennsylvania National Guard Soldiers with C Company, 1-151st ARB to conduct qualification training.

"This is the first time we've conducted practice qualification gunnery with more than one aircraft on the range at one time," said Maj. Steven Seigler, 1-151st ARB opera-



AH-64D Apache pilots with the South Carolina National Guard, 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, partnered with members of the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3/17th Heavy Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, and Pennsylvania National Guard Soldiers to conduct advanced-level gunnery training during annual training in July at Fort Stewart, Ga., in preparation for mobilization.

tions officer. "It is part of the progression from individual Aviator to company-level, and eventually battalion-level collective gunnery proficiency in advanced tables."

The gunnery training consists of levels, or tables, that progress in complexity as they continue, explained Seigler. They begin with classes, simulators, and practical exercises in order to validate weapon systems on the aircraft and test the individual Aviator's proficiency.

While at Fort Stewart, the pilots progressed through Table V, which involved daytime crew qualification engaging moving and stationary targets; Table VI, which included nighttime crew qualification; Table VIII, daytime team qualification; and Table IX, nighttime team qualification.

CW2 Aaron Sargent, C Co., 1-151st ARB AH-64 Apache pilot, explained how the advancement of each table increases the amount of planning and coordination that goes into it, as well as the amount of communication and decision making for the pilots.

In previous tables, a script is provided to the Aviators and they react based on the guidance given. In Table VIII, the air mission commander makes decisions on how the teams will react and engage targets.

"Table VIII gives more control to the pilots," added Sargent. "It allows the AMC and pilots to develop critical thinking skills and make decisions. What we'll be doing overseas is multiple aircraft will go out as a team, operating together, so this training is more realistic of what we'll see on the deployment."

The annual training also allowed for coordination and familiarization with active duty components that the 1-151st ARB may deploy with in a combat situation. Seigler explained how the 3rd CAB assisted in scheduling ranges at Fort Stewart, and pilots with the 3/17th Heavy Attack Reconnaissance Squadron conducted the team training alongside the South Carolina and Pennsylvania National Guard Soldiers.

Joint terminal attack controller Airmen with the 15th ASOS also worked with the Army units on the range, add-

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## VALIDATI

### Task Force Falcon trains air defenses during Saber Guardian

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

CAPU MIDIA, Romania — The 10th Combat Aviation Brigade's Task Force Falcon completed several days of air defense artillery training alongside units from the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command and Romanian Land Forces titled Tobruq Legacy in Capu Midia July 14-18.

The task force is currently deployed across Europe in support of U.S. Army Europe's Atlantic Resolve mission to improve interoperability among NATO Allies and deter foreign aggression from the

Tobruq Legacy was one exercise within the larger framework of Saber Guardian 17, which is a U.S. European Command, U.S. Army Europe-led annual exercise that took place in Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria and involved more than 25,000 service members from over 20 Ally and partner nations.

"This training allowed me to coordinate with some units that we don't often get an opportunity to work with," said CW2 Daniel Gannon, a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot with B Company, 2-10th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 10th CAB, 10th Mountain Division (LI). "We talk a lot about radar threats and what indications we're going to get, but it was nice to see their systems on the ground, how they use their systems and how to better avoid detection."

The training began with Aviators and tacticians working together to plan routes to fly along a stretch of beach on the Black Sea where 10th AAMDC and the Romanian Land Forces had many types of radar systems setup for Saber Guardian. After routes and training parameters were set, the Aviators would perform various aerial maneuvers to avoid detection by the systems while the tacticians would attempt to target them in the air. The training held immense value for each side, taking lessons that often occur in simulators and bringing them to life.

"This allows us to see on our weapons systems the actual threats that are out there," said CW3 Stephen Rojas, an AH-64 Apache pilot with C Co., 1-501st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade. "It validates everything we see in the simulator in the real world – in the actual aircraft, and allow us to practice our tactics and try to defeat these systems."

To the units on the ground, Saber Guardian offered a unique opportunity to work hand-in-hand with what assets that are normally their targets.

"Saber Guardian and Tobruq Legacy is valuable to me as a tactician because it validates all the training we've put in up to this point," said 1st Lt. Nicholas Ontiveros, executive officer for D Battery, 5th Battallion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command. "From an Alliance perspective, it's valuable because it's rare for so many countries to come together and operate under the same roof like this. I think we're making the most of it, and the alliance is stronger because of it."

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### Saber

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Brant.

The Apache pairs with the RQ-7Bv2 Shadow Unmanned Aircraft System, which performs reconnaissance and surveillance for the coalition forces.

"The Shadow identifies enemy personnel and hands the target off to the fires platform to strike it," said CW4 Paul Van Loan, the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment UAS operations technician.

These fires platforms include the AH-64E Apache and the 29th CAB's MQ-1C Gray Eagle UAS from D Company, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade.

The Shadow, working in tandem with these fires assets, proved to be highly effective and "took it to ISIS in areas they thought they were safe," said Van Loan.

"The 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment attacks the enemy in a time and place of our choosing, in a place he does not expect us to attack," added Lee.

Although their equipment proved vital to the battle, one of the keys to the fight against ISIS was the mindset ingrained in

the Soldiers of Task Force Saber.

Prior to deploying to the Middle East, the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment trained to maintain a high state of combat readiness and prepared from the onset to be ready to get off the plane and start fighting, said Lee.

"We teach, train and empower our subordinates," added Brant.

This expeditionary thought process trickled down to the most junior leaders and provided a foundation for action across the squadron.

"We have leaders that exploit the initiative," said Lee.

This approach translated to the battlefield as subordinate leaders were able to use the tools at their disposal to quickly bring the fight to the enemy and aid the coalition.

"Our guys were the quickest from identifying to prosecuting the target," said Capt. Jay Laing, commander of B Troop, 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment.

"We focus operationally, are aggressive and have tactical curiosity. There is a fight out there and we want to be involved with it," Van Loan added.

Task Force Saber has the equipment and the mindset to actively aid partner forces in the fight against ISIS, but the most important factor was – and continues to be – their maintenance and sustainment Soldiers, Lee

"If we lose maintainers, we lose the ability to push combat power forward," said CW4 Shawn Middleton, 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment battalion aviation maintenance officer.

"They are our lifeblood," said Lee.

Compounding the complexity of aircraft maintenance was the fact that Task Force Saber elements were spread across different locations in Iraq, Syria, Kuwait and Afghanistan. Furthermore, the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment was the first unit to

field the new E model Apache in theater.

"We needed special tools and maintainers," said Brant. In addition to bringing the first AH-64E helicopters to Operation Inherent Resolve, the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment is the first unit to operate the U.S. Army's new LAIRCM aircraft survivability equipment in combat.

The Task Force Saber maintenance and sustainment sections worked with the same levels of fervor and focus that AH-64E pilots brought to bear against enemy targets, Lee added.

Maintenance Soldiers took the initiative with solid planning, which "was key to us continuously running missions to outlying stations," said CW2 Matt Marshall, the Task Force Saber technical supply officer.

#### **Teamwork**=

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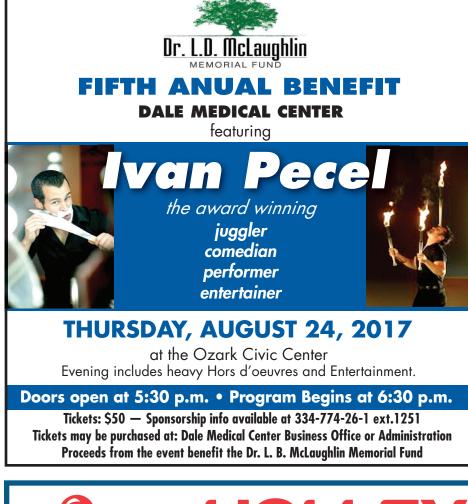
ing another realistic element of coordination to the training. The JTAC provided script reading for the tables and input on Air Force operations while deployed to joint environments.

In addition to the Aviaqualifications, the annual training also allowed for other Soldiers within the 1-151st ARB to gain familiarity with their career fields, including arming and fueling the Apaches for the range, and conducting aircraft and vehicle maintenance.

"Collective gunnery requires additional skills and [Table] VIII and IX exercise the team skills required to fly in a combat environment," said Seigler. "Training in this way before a deployment is significant because it is a time to put the finishing touches on team techniques that may be employed during the upcoming deployment."











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**AUGUST 3, 2017** 

# READIN DESIGN

### Children log almost 150,000 minutes in summer program

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

It's tough to get children to keep learning throughout summer break, but the Center Library's Summer Reading Program had children putting down video games and picking up books.

This year's program had 326 students participate throughout the summer and log 149,658 minutes of reading as they competed for prizes that were given out during the culminating event at The Commons Friday, according to Cameron Hill, Center Library youth librarian.

During the event, prizes were awarded to the top readers in four categories: pre-reader, ages 0-4; elementary, ages 5-8; tweens, ages 9-12; and teens, ages 13-17.

The winners in each category from first to third place, respectively, were; Olivia Lee, Ariella Brown and Owen Kelly, for pre-readers; Mel Chan, Natasha Pattison and Jessica Hoh, for elementary; Daisy Brown, Alyssa



CW4 Will Green, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, helps his son, Ezekial, as they work on a project together during the Summer Reading Program award ceremony at The Commons Friday.

Hansen and Franky Brown, for tweens; and McCoy Elmore, Truly Elmore and Benjamin Baguley,

The theme for this year's program was "Reading by Design," and with that theme, Hill made it her priority to host events throughout the summer themed around

the design aspect to keep children engaged in the reading program.

"I'd say we had a successful program this year," said Hill. "We had a fairly high turnout for all of the events and everyone who came seemed to enjoy the activi-

"It should be all about reading, and for the most part it is, but it's hard during the summer to get children motivated, so just having the different activities to keep the children motivated was important," she said. "I think the children and parents appreciate that, and it also gets people into the library, too."

The events ranged from learning about science through hands-on activities, to learning about working together to achieve a goal, but all of the events had some type of design aspect that they were centered around, said Hill.

For Elizabeth Allen, military spouse, the activities were a welcome addition to the program, which her children had participated in years past on other instal-

"This gave us something to do and it kept [my children] reading when school was not in session, so it was a pretty good program," she said. "They didn't have activities every couple weeks [at our previous installation] like the program here did, so this was awesome."

This was also the first year that parents were able to log their children's' reading minutes online, which made registration and keeping track of minutes much more efficient, said the youth librarian.

"People were able to register as soon as we opened the program and we had some pretty positive feedback on how easy the system worked, especially when people are on vacation or travelling during the summer, so it makes it easy for them to track their minutes," she said. "The program also helps keep track of the books that each child has already read, so it makes it easier for parents to know which books their children have already

In addition to making things easier for the children, the program was a good way to get children interested in reading at an early age, said Allen, adding that she's grateful to the library staff for the effort they put into the program this year.

"It's good to start [the children] reading early and get them on the right track and hopefully they read and enjoy it for the rest of their lives," she added. "[Cameron] has so much patience and has been so great. She puts a good program on. I think it really helps that there is really good leadership and employees at the library, so kudos to them."



Marcus Whiting, military family member, works on his project during the Summer Reading Program award ceremony .

## 'ENGAGE YOUR DESTINY'

### Veteran shares story, seeks to instill spiritual resiliency in community

By Jeremy Henderson Army Flier Staff Writer

Soldiers, veterans and families are invited to share their stories and lay their mental burdens down during "Engage Your Destiny" at Wings Chapel Aug. 13 at 10:45 a.m.

During the event, hosted by the Fort Rucker Religious Services Office, speaker Ben Peterson, an Army veteran, will share stories from his time in the military and his struggles with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after returning home from Iraq.

"I very openly and candidly tell the very good parts and the very dark parts of my story," he said. "And then we do something very unique, where we invite them, during the event, to reflect on what they've been through. We're not in any hurry. There is no objective, no mission to go conquer. We invite them to just reflect on their burden.

"Not everyone I speak in front of has combat experience," he added. "There are families in that room. There are people who have served, but have never been in combat. This event is about [the Fort Rucker community members] and whatever their burden is. Each one of these people who attend the event have a burden that they're carrying and we want to give them an opportunity to lay that down. I have a pack that's filled with burdens and stories, things that people have laid down, that I carry with me everywhere I go."

Peterson served in the Army from 2004-2012. A large portion of his time was served with an Army Aviation brigade and as a chaplain's assistant.

"I went to Iraq in 2008-2009 with an Army Aviation brigade," he said. "I had a lot of experiences with faith and tough times - mountains and valleys and everything you can imagine. When I came home from Iraq, I was 22 years old. I was dealing with a lot of pain. We lost seven guys while we were over there. We dealt with a suicide, as well, while in country.

"I came home really hurt and angry," he added. "I felt like God had done such an amazing thing in my life before I left and then I felt like he had just abandoned me. I came home and was dealing with bad dreams, and a lot of probably what would be described as PTSD. I was having a really tough time and, honestly, it was a local church that surrounded me, loved me, talked to me, prayed with me and really carried me through that tough time."

That welcoming sense of community and sharing is what Peterson hopes the event will inspire at Fort Rucker.

"I was able to recover and heal," he said. "I was honestly protected from a lot more that I would have gone through if I had been on my own.

"The military, as we all know, is a community," he added. "It's a brotherhood. When you come home, and the deployment is over, everything changes. Everything really changes when you get out of the military. The church has been a constant for me. It has provided a sense of community and support."

Chaplain (Maj.) Collie Foster, Wings Crossroads Chapel senior pastor, echoed Peterson's desire to invite healing through community and sharing.

"We are seeing such a high rate of sui-



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cide among our Soldiers and veterans, statistics state as much as 20 a day," he said. "We have so many Soldiers and veterans who are struggling with depression because of the things they've experienced or seen. We want to be a resource for them to turn to for guidance and commu-

Although the event is Christian-based, Foster urges Soldiers, veterans and families of all walks of life to walk through the chapel doors and lay their burdens down.

"No matter your faith, you are welcome

to come," he said.

And for those who might be hesitant to attend a faith-based event?

"You don't know what something is until you see it, taste it and feel it for yourself," Peterson said. "The only way to know if something is really for you is to take a chance, take a step and take a leap of faith. If you are a person who is connected to the military, then this event is for you."

For more information, visit www. engageyourdestiny.com or call 255-2989.

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#### Federal jobs workshop

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop Wednesday 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

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

#### 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 Tuesday. 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.

#### 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.

#### **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. 17. 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.

### **BOSS Whitewater Rafting Day Trip**

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will host a whitewater rafting trip to Phenix City Aug. 18 that will be free to BOSS-eligible Soldiers. The trip will be limited to 60 participants. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call 255-9810.

#### **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.

#### **Newcomers welcome**

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for Aug. 18 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.

#### **Blended Retirement System Seminar**

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present



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### **Mad Scientist Workshop**

The Center Library will host its Mad Scientist Workshop - a science, technology, engineering, art and math program - Aug. 17. The event, Fizzy Chemistry, will be divided into two free sessions. The first session will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and the second will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Each session will be open to ages 7-12 and be limited to the first 20 people to register. The event will be open to authorized patrons and be Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information or to register, visit the Center Library or call 255-3885. Military family members gaze in awe as books are stacked on top of the bridge they built during the Mad Scientist Workshop in February.

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 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.

#### **Literature and the Veteran Experience**

The Center Library and the Alabama Humanities Foundation are partnering to bring area veterans and active-duty Soldiers a new program titled Literature and the Veteran Experience. It will provide an opportunity to meet and discuss readings from books, short stories, poems and personal accounts of participants' choice within a safe environment, according to organizers. The program will be led by a veteran who is also an active reader and has experience in leading discussion groups. Registration is limited to the first 15 participants and is open to both veterans and active-duty Soldiers. The first meeting will be Aug. 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Center Library.

To register or get more information, visit the Center Library or call 255-3885.

#### Game-a-thon

The Center Library will host its Game-A-Thon Aug. 31 from 4-5:30pm. The event will feature family-friendly games and no registration will be required. The event will be open to authorized patrons and be Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

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

#### Fort Rucker Right Arm Night

The Landing Zone will host the Fort Rucker Right Arm Night Aug. 31 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.

#### High school football field trip

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host a field trip to see a high school football game -- Northview High at Enterprise High – Sept. 1. Youth going on the trip need to be registered with child and youth services. The bus will leave the facility at 5:30 p.m. The deadline to sign up is Aug. 25. Youth are responsible for their own game admission fees, and buying their own food and drink.





For more information, call 255-2271.

Part-day preschool open house

The child and youth services school age center will hold a part-day preschool open house Sept. 7 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For more information, call 255-9108.

#### Dog Days of Summer Dog Swim

SPLASH! Outdoor Pool and Spray Park will host its Dog Days of Summer Dog Swim Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will be required to participate. Cost will be \$7 per dog. At time of registration and payment, all dog owners will be required to attach a copy of their dog's current vaccination records. No

people will be allowed in the pool water with the dogs unless there is an emergency. Users of the facility will do so at their own risk. Owners are responsible for the actions of their dogs. There may be a limit to the number of dogs allowed at one time. Dogs must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Humans are limited to two dogs at the facility at any given time. Dogs must be under owner control at all times, must be leashed when not swimming, and will be removed at the first sign of any aggression. Humans must clean up after their dogs - plastic waste bags and bins will be provided.

For more information or to register, call (334)255-9162.

#### CKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 3-6

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Saturday, August 5

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**Sunday, August 6** 

**Wonder Woman** (*PG-13*) ...... 1 p.m. **Megan Leavey** (PG-13) ......4 p.m.

TICKETS ARE \$6 FOR ADULTS AND \$5 FOR CHILDREN, 12 AND UNDER. MILITARY I.D. CARD HOLDERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 255-2408.

# KEEPING THE PEACE

### Soldiers mediate hostile actors in South African exercise

By Sean Kimmons Army News Service

LOHATLA, South Africa – As soon as the 101st Airborne Division platoon entered a camp full of people who were forced to flee their homes, Soldiers were peppered with complaints of rebels stealing their food, belongings and even kidnapping women.

Leading the platoon, 1st Lt. Zachary Lewis scanned the area as he spoke to the camp's leaders July 25 as part of a scenario for Shared Accord, a two-week annual exercise meant to enhance the peacekeeping capabilities of U.S. and African forces.

Once his platoon from the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment fanned out around the camp, a nearby rebel shouted a war cry, sparking dozens of aggressive rebels to charge the camp's concertina-wired

Brandishing machetes and other weapons, the rebels heaved bricks over the wire as Soldiers rushed to stop the group from invading the camp.

"As I was talking to the leaders, the rebels returned ... with machetes and all sorts of things," said Lewis, 24, of Mendota, Illinois, after the training event. "We were trying to be the mediator and not let anything escalate so you don't have a war happen between the two sides."

Lewis yelled to his squad leaders to take charge and control the belligerent crowd. A line of U.S. and South African soldiers quickly set up, pitting the soldiers in between the rebels and the internally displaced people inside the camp.

One of the squad leaders, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Harrell, was on the line with his Soldiers. While the line bent, the Soldiers made sure it didn't break as the group of rebels tried to penetrate it.

"It's a little overwhelming," he said of the training, which is part of the force-on-force portion of Shared Accord. "The squad did great. They wouldn't back down from any of them waving machetes in their face."

Harrell got pulled into an argument with one of the rebels, who was playing a bodyguard for the group's chief and had an AK-47 rifle. The 36-year-old squad leader yanked the rifle – which was a replica to make the training more realistic – from the man to make sure no shots would be fired.

"If you're here for peace, then give me the gun," explained Harrell, of Clayton, North Carolina. "You have no need for it, and you'll get it back once your chief comes back and you're ready to go."

Things settled down after the Soldiers were able to mediate a meeting between the chief and the camp's leaders, so they could come to an agreement. The tone of the belligerent crowd then turned more cheerful as



A line of Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) attempts to stop rebels from invading a camp for internally displaced people during a peacekeeping scenario at the South African Army Combat Training Center in Lohatla, July 24.

they marched away from the camp, ending the training event.

With 15 years of service in the Army, Harrell said the event reminded him of similar incidents he saw while deployed. In 2003, he was part of the Iraq invasion with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and helped secure Kirkuk Air Base in the north.

During that chaotic time with a power vacuum in the government, Harrell and other troops were ordered to help maintain

"We've seen these types of situations where the city kind of erupts because [residents are] angry about something," he said. "Our task is to find out what happened, and help keep them safe and come to an agreement."

While the Iraq invasion is now history, the seasoned Soldier is confident that other challenging incidents, which could turn violent in an instant, are on the horizon for

"I keep trying to get it in their head that we're not in South Africa right now. These aren't MILES [multiple integrated laser engagement systems] that we're wearing. This is real life," he said. "Keep your head on a swivel [because] who knows, in six months we might be going to Syria, Afghanistan or



First Lt. Zachary Lewis, center, a platoon leader with the 2-327th Inf. Regt., answers questions from South African soldiers playing members of the media.

With just one year in the Army, Pvt. 2 he said. Robert Nielsen was assigned to the platoon in February. Shared Accord, which has over 230 Soldiers from the division participating, is his first major exercise and it hasn't let him down yet.

"This is probably the most realistic training I've ever done," said Nielsen, 28, of Enumclaw, Washington.

The staged riot was an eye-opener for Nielsen, who mans an M249 squad automatic weapon for the platoon that typically trains for urban warfare. While important, that type of training can sometimes become repetitive and lose its element of surprise,

"When you get something new thrown at you that you're not used to, it kind of gets you prepared for the unexpected," he said.

As a young platoon leader, Lewis wants Nielsen and other fresh Soldiers better prepared for what they may come across in the future. The resources put into Tuesday's training event, which also included handmade structures, helped do just that.

"If someone threw a brick at you right now, you'd get pretty stressed out," he said. "They'll [now] be able to make better decisions after acting this out in such a realistic manner."



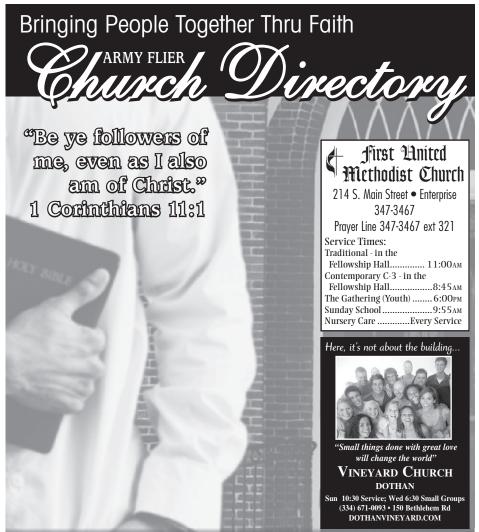
A Soldier with 101st Airborne Division pulls security as other Soldiers perform crowd control.



A South African soldier playing a rebel heaves a fake brick as part of a peacekeeping scenario for Soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).



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# Montgomery Zoo offers discounts

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

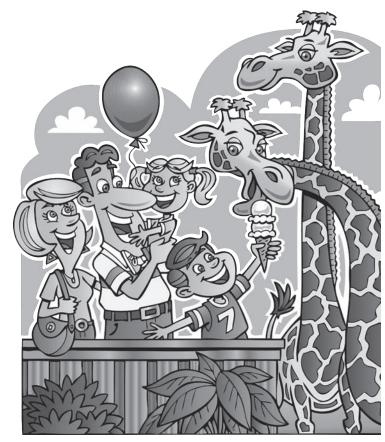
enjoy playing festive games Admission is \$15 for adults, \$11 for children age 3-12 and free for toddlers age 2 and under. Combination admission for the zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning Museum is \$20 for adults, \$15 for children and free for toddlers. Combination admission for the zoo and Mann Wildlife Learning

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## WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

#### **DALEVILLE**

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

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

#### DOTHAN

**ONGOING** — The 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.

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

#### ENTERPRISE

AUG. 24 — Disabled American veterans Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. at Mom's restaurant in Morgan Square Mall. Business for the meeting will be confined to swearing-in

of a new commander, senior and junior vice and other vital positions within the chapter for 2018. Meal and soft drinks will be served at \$13 per person. Members are asked to RSVP by calling 718-5707 by Aug. 18.

**AUG. 7, 14, 21** — Beginning Waltz dance lessons are offered at the Hildreth Building, 202 N. Main Street. Classes are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person per evening. For more information, call 393-4811

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

#### **GENEVA**

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

#### MIDLAND CITY

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

For more information, call 983-3511.

#### NEW BROCKTON

**ONGOING** — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton 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.

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

#### OZARK

**ONGOING** — The 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-

**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. amvetspost23.com.

**ONGOING** — Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 970 County Road 528, Elba, offers Sunday school the first, second, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:45 a.m., and worship the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. Bible study is Wednesdays after the first and third Sundays from 6-7 p.m. For more information, call 334-774-1738.

### **Beyond Briefs**

### Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon

The Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon is scheduled for its 11th year on Alabama's beaches Sept. 9 at Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. Locals and visitors are invited to participate in the long-course triathlon that will feature a 1 1/2-kilometer swim in the Gulf of Mexico, a 40-km bike ride through the Gulf State Park and 10-km scenic run, or the "Tri-It-On," consisting of a 300-yard swim, 10-mile bike ride and 2-mile run, according to organizers. Preand post-race activities for both events will take place at The Hangout. People can register for the triathlon by Aug. 20 for \$120 for individuals, \$170 for two-person relays and \$200 for three-person relays. "Tri-It-On" registrations received by Aug. 20 costs \$70 for individuals, \$90 for two-person relays and \$105 for three-person relays. Prices will increase Aug. 21. To register, visit http://team-magic.com/events/67/contents/

register

There is also a heavy need for volunteers during this race. The Sports Commission Volunteer Incentive Program supports civic groups by contributing \$40 per volunteer for each shift worked at designated sporting events. To learn about volunteering with the Sports Commission, call Sarah Cooper at 251-947-4611 or send an email to SCooper@GulfShores.com.

For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama's Gulf Coast, visit GulfShores.com/Sports/Media-Room, or call 1-800-745-SAND.

#### **Southern Thunder**

Inspired by the Alabama Gang's influence on auto racing, Vulcan Park and Museum 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://visit-vulcan.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 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/.

#### Mobile Delta: Glass & Light

The Mobile Museum of Art is hosting the exhibit, "The Mobile Delta: Glass & Light" through March 11. Rene Culler's site-specific work is a mural in glass that celebrates the species-rich delta and its atmospheric qualities. The delta is a changeling environment that is constantly shaped and molded by the weather and waterways, according to museum officials. As the grasses, almost transparent, catch the light, Culler's drawings and painting in glass suggest the landscape that southern Alabama holds so dear. The composition is a wall of natural light utilized as a glass canvas for drawing, painting and printing with vitreous enamels. The museum is located at 4850 Museum Drive in Mobile. Admissions is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for military members and students, and children under 6 are admitted for free.

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

## SOAKING UP KNOWLEDGE

### Soldiers find water, learn local survival tips during South African exercise

**By Sean Kimmons** Army News Service

LOHATLA, South Africa -Spc. Matthew Ledford is a survivalist. In his spare time, he often hunts, hikes through the wilderness and studies how to live off the land.

So when he got the chance to practice finding water in a parched region of western South Africa during a bushcraft lesson on July 21 at the Shared Accord exercise, he jumped right in.

"I like to learn how to use the land to my advantage," said Ledford, 23, of Vale, North Carolina. "It's definitely good knowledge because you never know when you're going to be put into a situation where you might have to use it."

Ledford and more than 230 Soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment were taught the local survival tips by South African Army soldiers as part of the first portion of the two-week exercise.

The bilateral exercise, which ends today, is held annually at different African locations. This year, it is taking place at the South African Army Combat Training Center, which is located deep in dry bushland and records about 10 inches of rainfall per year.

In one section of the desolate area, Ledford and his platoon gathered around South African army Staff Sgt. D.C. Nkosi to learn how to use nature to get water. She then allowed the Soldiers to practice the various methods.

One of the methods for obtaining water involved a tree branch and a plastic bag. Nkosi taught Soldiers the following steps.

1. Find a green, leafy tree. Snap one of the tree branches to make sure no milky substance comes out. If there is milk, the water could be poisonous.

2. If the branch looks fine,



Pfc. Brian Morris, left, and Spcs. Grant Fletcher and Matthew Ledford, all from 101st Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, build a contraption that obtains drinking water from leaves through condensation during bushcraft training as part of the Shared Accord exercise at the South African Army Combat Training Center in Lohatla July 21.

cover the plastic bag on a portion of green leaves and tie the bag to the branch.

3. As the sun hits the branch, the leaves will produce condensation and water will stick to the inside of the bag. The condensation will then flow to the lowest point of the bag.

Another method also involved harvesting condensation from leaves, but this time using a hole, a plastic bottle and plastic sheet.

- 1. Dig a hole about a foot deep.
- 2. Gather small green, leafy branches from a nearby
- 3. Cut a plastic bottle in half and place it in the middle of the hole. Then place the leafy branches around the bottle.
- 4. Lay the plastic sheet over the entire hole and place rocks or something heavy around the perimeter of the hole so it does not move.



Fletcher places a plastic bag over a tree branch to get drinking water through condensation.

5. Position small rocks in the middle of the plastic sheet, so it dips slightly toward the plastic bottle.

As in the first method, heat from the sun will cause water from the leaves to evaporate and produce condensation, which

will slowly drip into the bottle.

"Finding tricks and methods of creating your own water is very important," said Staff Sgt. Matthew England, who took part in the lesson. "It can be between life and death."

When Soldiers deploy, he

noted, these tips could easily be replicated in another country. "Everything we learn out here on how to get water is really key to survivability and the function of your unit," said England, 27, of Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

After a day or so, a few sips of water can accumulate from either method. Since about two liters of water is recommended for a person to drink each day, one should also seek other ways of staying hydrated.

Nkosi told the Soldiers that wild animals can often lead them to water sources. In the morning, she said, someone can listen out for the sounds of baboons, which live in the area. If they hear them, head toward their direction.

"You follow them and you will definitely get water," she said.

Water may also be discovered from an underground source. Along a dry river bed, for example, you can look out for a low spot where water may have collected. After a few minutes of digging in that spot, water will come out, she said.

If there's no water in sight, Soldiers can find a small pebble and place it under their tongue. This activates the salivary glands to produce saliva that will keep their mouth wet until they can find water.

"You just put it under your tongue and you carry on," Nkosi told the Soldiers. "You won't be as thirsty."

To conserve water in their bodies, she added, Soldiers can also wear long sleeves and not expose any skin to the sun, as well as not be outside during the hottest parts of the day.

As they listened, Ledford and other Soldiers wrote down the tips, which could one day prove lifesaving in a real-life survival situation.

"It's probably unlikely, but there's always a small chance," he said

## **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,

#### 10:15 a.m. CCD (except during summer months)

Bldg. 8939

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

**Protestant Women** of the Chapel Wings Chape, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. **Adult Bible Study** Spiritual Life Center, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAYS **Catholic Women** of the Chapel Spiritual Life Center, 9 a.m.

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

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

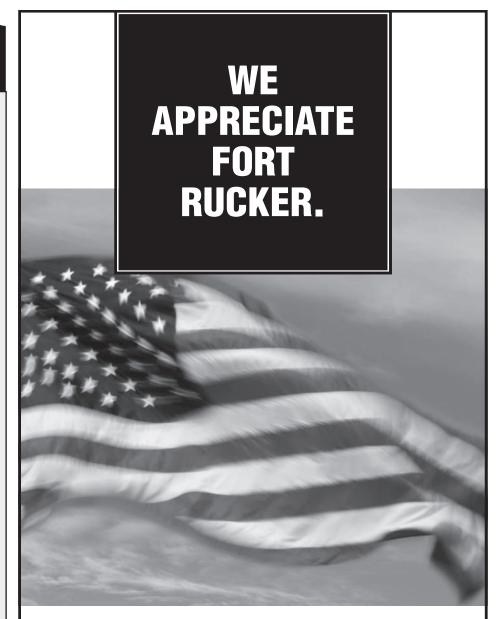
**Kingdom Kidz** & Youth Group **Bible Study** Spiritual Life Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study** Spiritual Life Center, 6 p.m.

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

**Praise and Worship** Meal/Bible Study Wings Chapel, 5:30 p.m.

**SATURDAYS Protestant Men** of the Chapel (1st Saturday) Larry's Restaurant, Daleville, 8 a.m.



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#### WHOLE HEALTH

Army launches holistic health and fitness initiative

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## THE REAL DEAL

## Boxing greats visit with Soldiers, family members

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Four of boxing's greats made their way to Fort Rucker for a meet and greet that gave boxing fans memories to last a lifetime.

Boxing legend Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield, who became the undisputed champion in both the cruiserweight and heavyweight divisions, along with fellow boxers Dwayne Ziegler, James "Spider" Web and Byron Mitchell visited with Soldiers, family members and civilians at Mother Rucker's Friday where people got the chance to square up and have their photos taken with the boxing greats.

For W01 Jeremy Hanson, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, meeting with the professional boxers was something he wouldn't have missed for the world, he said.

"How could you miss out on a chance to meet Evander Holyfield? He's a boxing legend," said Hanson. "There are only a few celebrities that I would ever go out of my way to meet, and Holyfield is definitely one of them."

Hanson, who is a self-proclaimed boxing fanatic, said when he'd first heard the news that Holyfield would be visiting the installation, he made sure to secure his spot to see the fighter up front and personal.

"There was no way I was going to miss out on this," he said. "I've been watching him since I was a kid. I still remember his fight against Mike Tyson and the excitement I had leading up to that fight – it was like two giants going into battle.

"Of course, the fight didn't go as people had hoped, but what can you do about that? If anything, the fight solidified Holyfield into my memory," he said. "His career was more than just that fight, though, and getting the chance to meet him has [been] checked off my bucket

For Lani Kline, military spouse, her chance to meet the boxing great happened by chance on a night out with friends.



Sgt. Nick Foust, 1-11th Avn. Regt., poses for a photo with Evander Holyfield, former cruiserweight and heavyweight champion of the world, during his visit to Mother Rucker's Friday.

"I didn't even know he was going to be here, and when I found out that he was visiting, I didn't believe it," she said. "When I saw him come in, my first thought was, '[My husband] is going to be so jealous that he missed this!'

"I just thought it was so great that someone like him can take the time and meet with Soldiers like that," she continued. "When do you get the chance to meet someone like him, especially in a smalltown area like this? I'm definitely glad I came out with my friends tonight."

In addition to meeting with Holyfield, people got the chance to talk and take photos with fellow boxers Ziegler, Web and Mitchell, who were more than willing to talk, mingle with people and sign auto-



during a meet-and-greet session Friday.

graphs before Holyfield arrived.

"They were all great sports," said

with them and take those fight- ally appreciate that they took time pose photos with them, so they're Hanson. "We were all able to joke a really great group of guys. We re-

out to come hang out with us. This is definitely one for the books."

## MODERN BATTLEF

### Ordinary Soldiers must also prepare to be frontline medics

By David Vergun Army News Service

WASHINGTON — When Lt. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland left Afghanistan in 2013, he said he remembers troops there had an expectation that medical evacuation helicopters would evacuate the wounded within the so-called golden hour – a time period identified by medical professionals as the hour after an injury during which prompt treatment

In the next fight, particularly against a near-peer adversary, MacFarland said, there likely won't be a golden hour. Instead, it may take much longer to get MedEvac missions under way, particularly during the early entry phase against an entrenched enemy, known as an anti-access, area denial

by doctors can often mean the difference between life and

MacFarland, who serves now as the deputy commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, spoke July 24 during a medical symposium hosted by the Association of the United States Army in San Antonio, Texas.

Because Apache attack helicopters will be needed for the fight, they likely won't be available to serve as escorts for HH-60M Black Hawk medical evacuation helicopters, MacFarland explained. And the air superiority the U.S. has enjoyed for so long may also no longer be a guarantee in future warfare scenarios.

Additionally, telemedicine links between medics and doctors might not work because enemy cyber attacks could disrupt those communications, he said. Even if MedEvac flights are possible, there is no guarantee that medical centers will still be available, especially since in recent years adversaries have targeted hospitals.

During A2AD, the best way to save lives would be to defeat the enemy first with all means necessary, he said.

#### SOLUTIONS TO URGENT CARE

If immediate medical care by doctors is not available, medics and even non-medic Soldiers will "need every tool to provide medical care at the point of injury," MacFarland said. The U.S. military is already working on a number of solutions when MedEvac is not an option.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. WILL REINIER

Special operations medics assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) assess casualty training aids during a medical simulation training exercise at Fort Carson, Colo., April 6.

The Marine Corps is experimenting with unmanned aircraft systems that could drop needed medical supplies, he said. The Army is interested in this new technology as well.

Training ordinary Soldiers for duties normally performed by medics may be the best immediate option, MacFarland noted. Training kits known as Tactical Combat Casualty Care are already being sent out to select brigade combat teams, he said.

TC3 kits contain mannequins that mimic human breathing, bleeding, pulses and traumatic amputations. With the kits, three medics can train up to a 30-man platoon of Soldiers on common medical tasks, such as clearing airways, controlling hemorrhages, and identifying and rendering aid to chest decompressions.

Another approach is that combat support hospitals may need to reorganize into smaller, more dispersed modular units so they become less of a target, he said.

Maj. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, deputy commander of XVIII Airborne Corps, said Soldiers need to be toughened in a physical, mental and spiritual sense before they go to

He added that the hardening goes beyond what's often referred to as "resilience." Instead, "warrior-athletes" is a term that is more fitting.

### **Lyster changes** seek to improve patient care

By Jenny Stripling

Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs

Lyster Army Health Clinic has bid farewell to some providers due to the PCS season and is working diligently to bring in new staff.

The clinic recently hired new staff with the intent of providing the best mix of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, as well as support staff, to provide beneficiaries with a high-reliability healthcare team tailored to meet their specific healthcare

"Lyster is strategically aligning physician and nursing staff to ensure your assigned PCM team meets or exceeds all of your expectations," said Shannon Vickery, chief of managed care opera-

"Unfortunately, due to staff alignment, this could also mean longer wait times for appointments or not always being seen by your assigned primary care manager," said Vickery.

LAHC beneficiaries are encouraged to register and utilize the Relay Health System, where prescription refills, continuity referrals and some laboratory tests can be requested from your provider.

"The most important aspect of PCM changes is to make sure our patients are happy receive the best care possible from providers," said Lt. Col. Jon Baker, LAHC commander. "Realigning some aspects allows us to better provide our patients with outstanding, highly-reliable healthcare that best suits them and their family."

To register and begin using Relay Health, visit https://app.relayhealth.com.

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by Dave T. Phipps

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2. MYTHOLOGY: Whose kidnapping was said to trigger The Trojan

3. AWARDS: Who was the youngest person to receive a Nobel Prize?

4. MOVIES: Which 1988 movie starred a character named John

5. MATH: How would you write the number 1015 in Roman numerals?

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What profession's members would most likely wear a toque?

7. MUSIC: What pop-music star sang the theme song "Nobody Does It Better" in the James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me"?

8. SCIENCE: Who developed the

Periodic Table of Elements? 9. ANATOMY: How many pints of

blood are in the human body?

10. LANGUAGE: What is noteworthy about the word "facetiously"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

### **Super** Crossword

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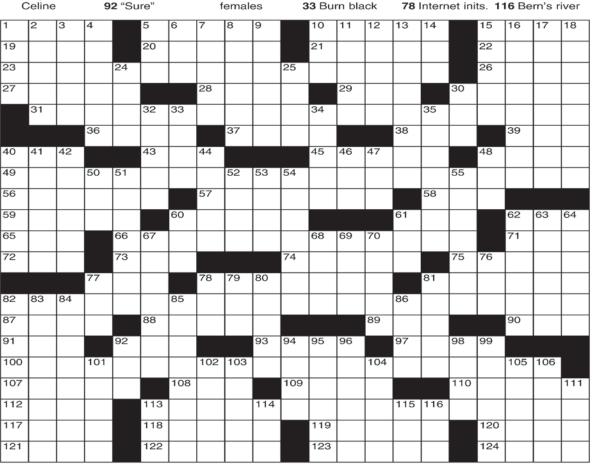
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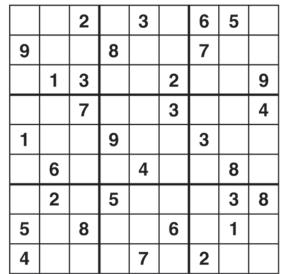
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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

### Weekly **SUDOKU**

#### by Linda Thistle



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

#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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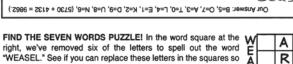
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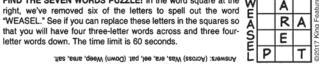
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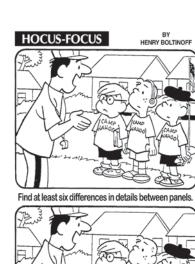
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### Army launches holistic health and fitness initiative

By Joseph Lacdan Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has more obese Soldiers than ever before, and to address the problem, senior Army leaders discussed a holistic approach that includes vegan options at dining facilities and box breakfasts at fitness centers.

Currently, one in 20 Soldiers fails the Army Physical Fitness Test annually and 13 percent of Soldiers are clinically obese, according to statistics from the Army Surgeon General's Office that were presented Monday at the 2017 Medical Symposium. The conference was hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army in San Antonio, Texas.

"I do think that we've been recognizing that what we are doing has not been working," said Michael McGurk, director of the Research and Analysis Directorate at the Army Center for Initial Military Training. "Holistic health and fitness is a radical change – radical departure. It is going to cost the Army money, time and people. And we've got to be willing to give that up to make the changes that we need."

The Army's new campaign plan, called Holistic Health and Fitness, focuses on improving the Soldier selection process, physical perfor-



Healthier food options will be introduced at five Army installations as part of an effort to improve the overall health of Soldiers. The Army's new holistic approach to health and fitness was discussed at the 2017 Army Medical Symposium.

mance, performance education, and transforming and improving Soldier fitness/training centers.

Tim Higdon, Healthy Army Communities program manager, said one suggestion is to have fitness centers provide box breakfasts so that Soldiers in a time crunch will not need to choose between having breakfast and working out.

Higdon said HAC is also planning to attempt innovations such as requiring 15 to 50 percent of vending machines to have healthier options, while others will be 100-percent comprised of healthy items. Vegetarian and vegan options may also be added to dining

hall menus.

"It's about action and what we could do next to improve the overall health of our communities," Higdon said.

Healthy Army Communities has identified eight demonstration installations to test some of the new measures: Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Fort Meade, Maryland; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Redstone Arsenal; Fort Bliss, Texas; USAG Italy, and USAG Humphreys, South Korea.

McGurk noted that the Army has not changed its physical fitness test since 1980. He said the field manual for Army Physical Readiness Training, FM 7-22, is now being rewritten with a new name, Holistic Health and Fit-

"Wearing the uniform that says 'U.S. Army' is a privilege and an honor and there [are] responsibilities," McGurk said. "And one of them is a baseline level of fitness and capability which I think we need to maintain."

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gragg of TRADOC said five installations and eight fitness centers will transition to meet the new initiatives. At those locations, sports performance, nutrition and PT training classes will take the place of recreational activities, and will take place during non-peak fitness hours. Units can use the facilities for training and Soldiers who need additional PT time can also take courses.

Col. Matthew Garber, director of the Rehab and Reintegration Division at the Office of the Surgeon General, said that new emphasis will also be placed upon decreasing the impact of muscular skeletal injuries on readiness. Looking at the entry standards and alternative training methods could help decrease preventable injuries during physical training.

He also said it is important that Soldiers suffering from muscular and skeletal injuries have access to treatment.

"When you do get hurt, we know it's vital that you get seen early to prevent a chronic problem

from developing," Garber said. Retired Brig. Gen. Peter Palmer said to achieve a truly holistic approach to health and fitness, the cognitive aspect of training must be studied.

"The key challenge here is if we're going to really talk human performance, we've got to understand how we actually perform," Palmer said. "And that's why I emphasize the brain portion."

In another panel discussion, Maj. Gen. Brian Lein, commanding general of the Army Medical Department Center, discussed the possibility of artificial intelligence aiding the work of Army medics in the battlefield.

Lein said that the Army is already experimenting with virtual reality in training situations at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. There, simulations with frames of cockpits and armored vehicles simulate emergency medical situations.

Lein said the Chinese already have an A.I. system for medical providers.

"That's never going to replace the anxiety and the stress of a real patient bleeding to death in front of you," Lein said. "But the closer that you can get to virtual reality, the better off we're going to be."

### **DOD:** Partnerships, collaboration essential in global fight against health threats

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SILVER SPRING, Md. — As service members deploy and operate around the world, the ability to protect the troops from exposure to health threats is critical to the overall mission. In the fight against infectious diseases, the Department of Defense has interagency partnerships, including with the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to target these diseases.

These partnerships have contributed to numerous vaccines, aimed at such threats as Zika and Human Immunodeficiency Virus, along with efforts to decrease risk for disease. Dr. Susan Blumenthal, a retired rear admiral and former U.S. assistant surgeon general, said the HIV infection rate has fallen by 18 percent in the United States over the last decade.

"How does that happen? It's happened because of the people in this room, who work together with partners across America and the world to develop and implement a roadmap to end AIDs," said Blumenthal, speaking at a recent amfAR conference in Washington, D.C. Blumenthal is currently serving as the senior policy and medical adviser for amfAR, the Foundation for



Dr. David Smith (second from the right) was part of a panel discussing the national security implications of epidemics during amfAR's recent conference in Washington, D.C.

AIDS Research.

This kind of collaboration has helped the Department of Defense establish strategies using data-driven measures to address health epidemics that affect national security. Dr. David Smith, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Health Readiness Policy and Oversight performing the duties of the assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, stressed the connection between global health threats and national

security while speaking at the same con-

ference. "We put a major investment in research and development in this area because of the protection piece of it, but under the precept of prevent, protect, and respond," said Smith, adding that major global health issues remain a threat to national and international security.

The U.S. Military HIV Research Program contributes expertise, surveillance,

and vaccine development in response to global health threats. DOD has supported the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief in the global fight against HIV and AIDS since 2003.

DOD involvement in the fight against epidemics is extensive, especially in areas affected by the most devastating diseases and the instability that follows. Collaboration with the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, academic institutions, and other governments proves vital to the ongoing work against infectious diseases. DOD continues to train health workers and helps build capability in partner nations, while providing HIV prevention, care, and treatment to military personnel, said Smith.

Established in 1986, the U.S. Military HIV Research Program serves as a leader in HIV acute infection and cure research. It provides prevention, care, and treatment to military personnel while providing surveillance and threat assessment. The military's efforts against HIV have also been leveraged to fight against other threats, including Ebola and Zika. Walter Reed Army Institute of Research moved Zika vaccine development forward, from concept to human clinical trials in less than 10 months, with the help of HIV program researchers.

#### Golf gear demo day

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its Callaway Demo Day Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the driving range. Attendees will be able to experience the latest and greatest in golf club equipment, according to organizers. Golfers will be able to test out the performance of the latest golf equipment offerings from major manufacturers. The event is open to the public and non-members.

For more information, call 255-0089.

#### **Tactical Throwdown**

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host its Tactical Throwdown third quarter challenge Aug. 14-18. For the third quarter, there will be a rowing challenge. Participation in the challenge is free and open to all Fort Rucker active-duty Soldiers. Official attempts will be conducted during posted dates and times, or by appointment with the functional fitness specialist, according to organizers. Official rules will be posted after the previous quarter's challenge has been completed.

For more information and a complete listing of challenge rules, call 255-2296.

#### Fort Rucker Color Run

The Fort Rucker Color Run is schedules for Aug. 26 at the festival fields. Participants are encouraged to preregister - forms are available at either physical fitness center or MWR Central. Race start times will be at 8 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., according to bib numbers.

For more information, including costs for the run, call 255-2296.

#### **Bowling leagues**

Rucker Lanes will host its fall and winter bowling leagues starting the first week of September. Leagues will be available to all ages and be open to the public. For more information, call 255-9503 or visit rucker.armymwr.com.

Stars and Strikes Bowling

Rucker Lanes will host its Stars and Strikes Bowling special Sept. 4. People can bowl for 25-cents per game and get 50-cent shoe rental per person. For more information, call 255-9503.

#### **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.

**Super** Crossword

#### Weekly SUDOKU —

#### Answer

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

- 1. Wrangell-St. Elias in Alaska (over
- 8 million acres) 2. Helen
- 3. Malala Yousafzai, at age 17
- 5. MXV
- 4. "Die Hard"
- 6. Chefs 7. Carly Simon
- 8. Dmitri Mendeleev 9. About 10

10. It uses all vowels in alphabetical



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