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New school, new procedures, no problems

By Nathan Pfau Army Flier Staff Writer

Summer vacation is officially over on Fort Rucker as students made their way back to school Aug. 2, but things are a little different for elementary school students as they tackle the new school year.

Although the back-to-school day was typical for Fort Rucker Primary School students, Fort Rucker Elementary School students were settling into their new, temporary school, The Village, and even though parents and teachers had to learn to navigate a new morning routine, things couldn't have gone any better, according to Dr. Vicki Gilmer, principal of Fort Rucker Schools.

"I think this year's back-to-school was amazing," she said. "I am very grateful to the parents of all our students. Car rider and bus information was distributed, and



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

SEE SCHOOL, PAGE A7 Sgt. Ted E. Bear greets students as they come off the bus during the first day of school Aug. 2 at The Village.

rs welcome new leaders



Col. Kelly E. Hines, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College commandant, assumes command from Col. Garry L. Thompson as he receives the unit colors from Brig. Gen. Troy D. Galloway, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center deputy commanding general, during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

Warrant Officer Career College

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College welcomed a new commandant during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Friday.

Col. Kelly E. Hines assumed command from Col. Garry L. Thompson as Brig. Gen. Troy. D Galloway, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center deputy commanding general, presided over the ceremony and bid farewell to Thompson, thanking him for his years of dedicated service to the warrant officer corps, while welcoming the new commander and giving him his full vote of confidence.

"Today we recognize Col. Garry Thompson and his family's contribution to the Warrant Officer Career College, and we look forward to Kelly Hines and his family taking on that mantle of leadership," he said during the ceremony. "Garry, thanks to you, Mary, Jeb and Addy for a tremendous job – well done.

"Col. Kelly Hines, congratulations - we look forward to your leadership," the general continued. "He's obviously a very experienced leader and we also believe he's the right leader at the right time. If you could paint a picture of what a leader looks like in the United States Army over the last 25 years, that's Kelly Hines."

Hines is no stranger to Fort Rucker, having served in his previous assignment as the 110th Aviation Brigade commander, as well as the director for the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Directorate of Evaluations and Standardization.

He began his military service as an infantryman with the Oklahoma Army National Guard in 1985, and has served in various assignments, including machine gunner, fire team leader, squad leader and platoon leader before graduating college in 1992.

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128th Aviation Brigade

By Staff Sgt. Teresa J. Cleveland 633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. -- Col. Rick Zampelli assumed command of the 128th Aviation Brigade from Col. John Smith during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Langley-Eustis July 28.

During the time-honored tradition, Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, passed the colors to Zampelli, demonstrating his confidence in the new commander's ability to handle the responsibility of command and maintain the unit with discipline.

Following the passing of the colors, Gayler praised Soldiers and leaders within the brigade and reminded them of the significance of their job.

"We are charged in this brigade with our nation's greatest treasure because our most valuable resource is and always will be our Soldiers," said Gayler. "These Soldiers that are on the field today represent the life blood of the Aviation Branch. They represent a commitment to producing combat power anywhere in the world."

During Smith's time with the brigade, more than 11,000 warrant officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers were trained in 12 different programs of instruction. Smith will now go on to serve within the Defense Logistics Agency at Fort Lee.

"I am within the final hour of the greatest assignment I have ever had and quite possibly will have," said Smith. "The Soldiers on the field today, the families in the audience and our dedicated civilians are what is right with America."

Zampelli comes to Joint Base Langley-Eustis after serving as the Army Capabilities Integration Center Force 2025 director.

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Col. Rick Zampelli, right, 128th Aviation Brigade incoming commander, accepts the guidon from Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., July 28.

Volunteer fair helps people give back

By Nathan Pfau

Army Flier Staff Writer

Volunteerism is one way that people can benefit the lives of others, and Fort Rucker is making it easier for people to get involved in their community through selfless service.

Army Community Service will host the 2017 Fort Rucker Volunteer Recruitment Fair Wednesday from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Landing, and people from all over the Wiregrass are invited to learn the ways they can give back to the community, said Samantha Gonzalez, ACS volunteer.

"There will be internal and external agencies that will set up tables and give people information on what their service is, what they offer, how they help the community, and try and share the opportunities that are available to people," she said. "With this being such a small community and such a transient community, people who might not be interested in finding a job, but want to still contribute and be active, volunteering is a great way for them to do that without any commitment or time restraints."

The fair will feature representatives from local nonprofit and community organizations to discuss volunteer opportunities, as well as answer any questions people might have not only about volunteering, but about what resources are available to them through the various organizations.

"It's a good chance for people to find out what types of programs are available on the installation," said Gonzalez. "It's a great opportunity for

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PERSPECTIVE

IMCOM CG message on antiterrorism awareness

By Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl Commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Antiterrorism is everyone's responsibility. Complacency, if present, provides our adversaries with opportunities to attack Soldiers, civilians, contractors, family members and retirees.

Recognizing threat indicators and sustaining a strong defensive posture is the best way to prevent terrorist acts and protect Army critical assets.

August is Army Antiterrorism Awareness Month and we are emphasizing it accordingly, but sustaining a strong defensive posture is a year-round activity for every person in every military community.

The men and women who work tirelessly throughout the year to protect our communities need our help. We must understand the threats we face and how to best report suspicious activity. Now is the time to refresh your skills by taking the annually-required online AT Level I course located at https://jkodirect.jten.mil and to ensure you know your local iWatch reporting procedures.

We have instituted major changes in the way we defend against terrorists over the past year. The Force Protection Condition system has changed, and both the DODI

2000.16 (DOD Antiterrorism Standards) and AR 525-13 (Antiterrorism) have been revised.

However, we know terrorists revise and update their methods, too. In addition to identifying suspicious activities when we see them, we should also be hyper-vigilant for the cyber threats that surround us every day. Ensure your cybersecurity training is up-to-date and maintain awareness of the various cyber threats which change on a daily basis.

Your vigilance could mean the difference between catastrophic network failure, or more importantly, between life and death.

Sustain, Support and Defend!



Dahl

Flexibility – key to success on job hunt

By Bryan Tharpe

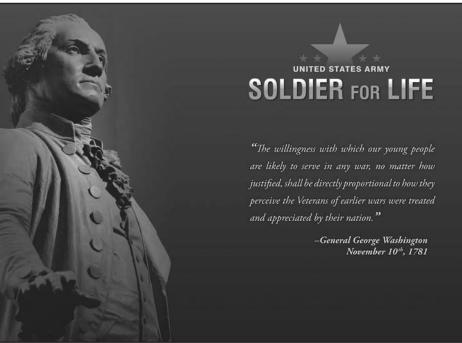
Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Center

Are you approaching the end of your military career? Do you have one more moves left in you? If you do, you may see that despite current economic conditions, there are still plenty of jobs out there waiting for

Many Soldiers exit the Army because they are tired of all the constant moves required of Soldiers and family members over a relatively short period of time. They want to settle down in one place, and finish raising their family and put down some roots. Not that this isn't a great goal, but if you could make just one more move, you may be set, career wise at least, for the rest of your life.

Getting your foot in the door of many companies requires that you go to where the jobs are. Yes, that means at least one more move, but the government will pay to move you to a home of selection, if you are retir-

If you are separating, the government will normally only pay to move you the distance



to your place of enlistment or entry on active duty at their expense. You will have to make up the difference if you move further than authorized. However, it may well be

worth the added expense to get you a good paying job, especially during these resourceconstrained times.

Recruiting firms are paid by hiring com-

panies to find them the best of the best to hire. They have job vacancies that must be filled. However, their area of responsibility is limited to a certain region of the country.

Soldiers who will not move into their region will not be considered for help by most recruiting firms.

Remember, if you choose to stay in a certain location, then you are limited to the number of jobs and pay for that particular area. The more flexible you are, the more opportunities you have to get a good paying job.

Who knows, over time you may be able to work your way back to the area of your choice, or you may even fall in love with the new one. Either way, you have to weigh and decide what is best for you and your fam-

Remember, also, that most companies will not pay to move you at their expense, so you will want to make that decision while you still have your relocation option by the

For more information on job searching tips, call the Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center 255-2558.



11 The Volunteer Recruitment Fair will be Wednesday from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Landing. Why is it important for people to dedicate some time to volunteerism?



2nd Lt. Chris Cardon, 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"It's a networking opportunity to meet new people with similar interests, and volunteering allows you to pursue things you're passionate about."



W01 Zachary Dunlap, 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

"It gives you a broader understanding of who we are and why we're here.'



Lisa Nall, military spouse "It helps out the community."



Lance Sponsler, civilian

"It's a way to give back to the community. I know the military does, a lot for the civilian world, so its nice to be able to give back any way you can."



CW2 Solomon Nader, **UH-60 Black Hawk Instructor Pilot Course**

"It's important because it gives everybody a chance to feel like they're part of the community."

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McCarthy confirmed as Army under secretary

By Jalen Brown

For Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate voted unanimously Aug. 1 to confirm former Army Ranger Ryan McCarthy as the next under secretary of the Army.

President Donald J. Trump nominated McCarthy in June for the position. He will succeed Karl Schneider, senior official performing the duties of the under secretary of the Army.

Responsibilities of the under secretary include the Army's budget, business transformation, acquisition modernization and energy-efficiency initiatives.

BACKGROUND

McCarthy graduated from the Virginia Military Institute. He also earned a master's in business



SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE PHOTO

Ryan McCarthy testifies July 12 at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee. He was confirmed as under secretary of the Army Aug. 1.

sity of Maryland.

He served in the 75th Ranger Regiment during the early days

administration from the Univer- of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Early in McCarthy's career, he worked at the Hong Kong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation. He later became a staff member at the United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He also served as an assistant to Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

McCarthy joined Lockheed Martin in 2011, where he worked on programs including the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II. He most recently served as the vice president of the sustainment program for the F-35 program.

CONFIRMATION

In his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee July 12, McCarthy described the Army as "the lynchpin of the U.S. military since 9/11," despite increasing danger and uncertainty in the world, and a smaller Army force.

McCarthy described the job of

under secretary as very challenging. He said that modernizing the Army and maintaining the nearterm readiness of the Army under the Budget Control Act will not be an easy task.

"If confirmed, I will prioritize the readiness of the total Army, modernization of capabilities, and care of the force," McCarthy told the committee.

McCarthy described the Army as a "people organization."

"If confirmed, I will work tirelessly to develop solutions to address the well-being of the men and women in uniform across the total force, their families, and the civilian workforce," he said. He referenced the sacrifices made by Soldiers and their families over the past 16 years, "collectively fighting the longest war in the nation's history."

Army inducts Vietnam medic into Hall of Heroes

By Joe Lacdan

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — As Medal of Honor recipient Jim McCloughan was inducted into the Hall of Heroes Aug. 1, he reflected on those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and the bond he formed with his fellow Soldiers

"The brave Soldiers who died in my arms will remain in my mind and my thoughts for the rest of my life. I heard the last words ... of 18-, 19- and 20-year-old boys," said McCloughan, who spent two years in the Army before returning to his native Michigan to teach psychology and sociology. "I wanted to save them all, but I couldn't."

The Department of Defense and the Army honored the former combat medic for the many lives he did save in a ceremony Aug. 1 at the Pentagon, officiated by Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark Milley, and acting Army Secretary Robert Speer.

McCloughan, who rose to the rank of specialist five, served as a combat medic for the 89 Soldiers in C Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, after getting drafted into the Army at age 22.

With several of the men whose lives he saved in attendance, McCloughan reflected on the harrowing three days he spent in South Vietnam when he repeatedly stepped into enemy fire to rescue and tend to injured U.S. service members. From May 13-15, 1969, McCloughan saved the lives of at least 10 Soldiers during combat at Nui Yon Hill in South Vietnam.

"He's a living example that we all should be," Milley said of McCloughan. "His entry into the ranks of our greatest national heroes as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor is 48 years overdue."

Mattis recounted the details of "Doc" McCloughan's story and lauded his courage. Milley credited Charlie Company



Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis presents former Spc. 5 James C. McCloughan the Medal of Honor flag during McCloughan's Medal of Honor Hall of Heroes induction ceremony Aug. 1 at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

members for leading the campaign to upgrade McCloughan's Bronze Star to a Medal of Honor. President Trump awarded the medal to McCloughan in a White House ceremony July 31.

"I tell you, sir, that while this honor is long overdue, it comes in earnest," Mattis said to McCloughan. "We are very, very honored to have you, your bride and your family here today. We stand in respect of vou, of your warrior brothers, and of your heroic sacrifice. Because you stand as a living example of America's awesome determination to defend herself, or what President Trump called yesterday ica's unbreakable spirit.""

Among McCloughan's heroic acts include running 100 meters into an open field while facing enemy fire to rescue Spc. Bill Arnold, who was thrown from a fallen helicopter.

While wounded from shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade, the medic led two Americans to safety. McCloughan later

ignored a direct order to stay back and entered enemy fire four more times to extract wounded soldiers. McCloughan refused to evacuate as he treated the wounded. On May 14. C Co. was again ordered to move out on Nui Yon Hill. There, McCloughan suffered more injuries while tending to two Soldiers in an open rice patty.

"Doc McCloughan certainly knew the danger that lav before him and his men his brothers. However, not acting was against his character," Speer said. "In the face of death, in the fury of persistent enemy fire, Doc rose to the occasion. Repeatedly he risked his life so that other men would persevere."

The medic helped his men persevere under insurmountable odds when about 1.500-2.000 enemy from a Vietcong regiment and two companies from a second North Vietnamese division descended toward him and his C Co. teammates.

"The enemy looked like lava flowing down off the hill coming down toward our

position," McCloughan said.

Again and again, McCloughan ran into enemy fire to rescue and extract the wounded, inspiring his teammates to fight for their survival. When his unit's supplies began to run out, McCloughan volunteered to hold a blinking strobe light in the dark to mark a beacon for a resupply shipment.

While rockets and grenades flew around his exposed body, McCloughan continued to fight against enemy fire, treating the wounded throughout the night. He also organized the dead and wounded for evacuation. Mattis said the combat medic's actions continue to inspire nearly five decades later.

"You remind us of the gravity of the decisions we make in this building, the support we owe in this building and the enduring truths of combat," Mattis said. "The need for a level of physical stamina that goes beyond words to describe it. You, your example (and) your story are welcome here with all the humbling impact it has on every one of us, regardless of rank."

McCloughan credited his background as an athlete at the prep and collegiate levels with giving him the instincts needed to make pressure decision on the battlefield. He said a high school job working at a funeral home in his native Michigan prepared him for the realities of death. He said his sense of humor was crucial for morale and helping wounded Soldiers from going into shock.

McCloughan also honored his late parents, Oliver and Margaret, for instilling in him values he carried with him into combat, as well as his uncle, Jack, whom he called his idol.

"My character was molded by them, and the mental discipline I learned from athletics allowed me to maintain my focus during our many battles," McCloughan said.

After returning to Michigan, Mc-Cloughan spent 40 years teaching and coaching, eventually coaching both of his sons and numerous student athletes.

News Briefs

Aviation Industry Day

Fort Rucker Aviation Industry Day is slated for today and Friday 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:

- * Tuesday, 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.

Military pay briefing

The Defense Military Pay Office briefing for Soldiers scheduled to separate due to expired term of service or involuntary separation (non-retirement) is offered as a weekly group briefing. The ETS briefing is held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371B. Soldiers should bring the following documents to the briefing: two copies of separation orders and amendments, DA 31 - Request and Authority for Leave (if approved) and the original or notarized copy of documents to support changes in marital status not previously reported to the DMPO.

The DMPO will continue to provide desk-side briefings for Soldiers who do not receive orders in time to attend a group briefing. Command teams with Soldiers who cannot attend a regularly scheduled briefing due to time constraints should call 255-3939, 255-9182 or 255-3115.

Lost and found

People who have lost or misplaced property while on Fort Rucker can call the Directorate of Public Safety's lost and found point of contact at 255-3239 to inquire if their property has been turned in. To claim their property, people must be able to demonstrate ownership of the property. DPS retains property found or turned in at special events held on the installation, such as Freedom Fest - the most common items turned-in are keys, cell phones and wallets.

Pay office closure

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

Specialty printing requirement

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

For more information, call 255-1363.

Yoga classes

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

Weight control

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

For more information, call 255-7986.

AAFES restaurants open to visitors, employees

While Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping privileges are only open to Soldiers, Airmen and their families, anyone can dine in Fort Rucker Exchange restaurants or pick up grab-andgo fare from Express locations. Army Regulation 215-8/Air Force Instruction 34-211 (I) lets anyone - including visi-

tors, contractors and Department of Defense civilians – dine at the exchange's more than 1,600 restaurants worldwide. The regulation also authorizes anyone to buy grab-and-go food and beverages from one of the exchange's 300-plus Express locations as long as the items are consumed on the installation.

"Whether you work on the installation or are just visiting a military family member, the Exchange has you covered with a variety of satisfying meal options," said Ralph Kleemann, Fort Rucker Exchange general manager. "With numerous betterfor-you options in both the food court and Express, the exchange proves you don't have to wait until you're off-post to eat a hearty, healthy meal."

Guidelines on who is authorized to use exchange operations are prescribed by Army Regulation 215-8/Air Force Instruction 34-211 (I) and the Armed Services Exchange Regulations, Department of Defense Instruction 1330.21.

Anyone who believes they qualify for full exchange benefits, including access to main stores, should contact the Fort Rucker Exchange at 334-503-9044.

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

For more information, call 255-3903.

DOD restructures acquisition office to improve military lethality, speed

By Jim Garamone

Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military today is the most powerful and technologically advanced fighting force on the planet, and reorganization within the Department of Defense aims at ensuring the military maintains its competitive advantage well into the future, said Deputy Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan.

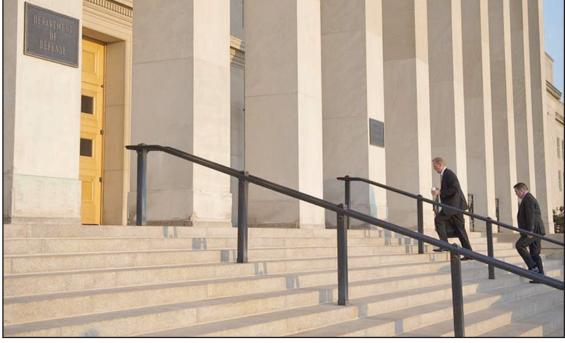
The fiscal year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act directed the department to reorganize the office of the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics. DOD submitted a report detailing the process to Congress in early August.

The "901 report," so named for the section of the law that called for the change, calls for a reorganization that breaks the office into two entities, each headed by an undersecretary. One is the undersecretary of defense for research and engineering and the other is the undersecretary for acquisition and sustainment. Another major portion of the report upgrades DOD's chief management officer.

The changes will be effective Feb. 1.

"THE SPEED OF RELEVANCE"

The move is designed to enable the department to maintain



ARMY PHOTO

Deputy Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan walks up the steps to the Pentagon July 20. Shanahan became the 33rd deputy

technological superiority, ensure systems are affordable and emphasize management of business enterprises

defense secretary July 19.

The change is designed to emphasize "the speed of relevance," Shanahan said during a roundtable discussion with Pentagon reporters. "We have to act well within the cycle of what's important for us to do."

The change is designed to make military capabilities more lethal, encourage partnerships within the department and with allied nations, and to ensure acquisition processes fulfill the needs of service members now and in the future. Shanahan said.

DOD has been spending too much time on the here and now and needs to invest instead in the systems that will maintain the U.S. military lead in the years ahead, defense officials said. Not doing so would enable countries like Russia and China to gain parity.

"The DOD research, engineering, acquisition and sustainment organizations and processes must

be sources of competitive advantage that ensure the warfighting superiority of U.S. forces around the globe," the report said.

Speed is important, Shanahan said. Developing a capability and getting it in the hands of service members is key to the process. "The way I think about speed is like baseball in the farm system. You take a certain talent and [see] how quickly can you get it to the big leagues. Our whole system has to be about the same thing."

Baseball doesn't get a phenom-

enal 17-year-old player and finally get him to the major leagues when he is 45, and neither should the DOD, he said.

ACQUISITION

On the acquisition side of the split, it really boils down to two things, Shanahan said: how to make it easier for companies to do business with DOD, and how to help contractors and suppliers do more for less.

All of this goes back to the basic guidance the deputy secretary received from Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to improve the lethality of the force. "How do we stay downrange to make sure that the privates of today are being supported as well as the privates of the future?" Shanahan said. "My headset is more on them as our customer ... and that is how we tend to work in business. You have a customer and the customer is always right. The smart folks can always figure out the issues that are most important to the customer."

Service members "are the reason we come to work every day," he said. "The way I look at it, I'm overhead, and I have to justify being overhead and that means being faster and with more lethality."

He added that he hopes that service members will start to see improvements soonest on the readiness side.

\$36 MILLION IN SAVINGS

PEO Aviation product manager's Value Engineering proposal earns DOD recognition

By Paul J. Stevenson

Program Executive Office Aviation

REDSTONE ARSENAL — A product manager with Program Executive Office,

Aviation has been recognized by the Department of Defense for efforts to help the Army save millions of dollars.

Alivio Mangieri, a branch chief in the Air Traffic Control product office, received

a Value Engineering award at the Pentagon July 18 for developing a proposal to use government-owned software instead of an obsolete commercial derivative.

His value engineering proposal, Improve the Tactical Airspace Integration System, Air Defense System Integrator Software, implemented in September 2016, received the DOD VE award under the "Special" category. The proposal has a verified cost savings of \$36.9 million over a six year period.

Mangieri, who has been working with PM Aviation Systems since 2007, credits the efforts of the entire ATC product office in achieving the award.

"This is a team recognition award," Mangieri said. "The reward was a result of a dedicated and hardworking team at product office ATC."

Mangieri is no stranger to the Value Engineering program. He successfully executed several VE initiatives while a member of

Aviation Ground Support Equipment product office prior to moving to the ATC office. So, even as he changed product offices he continued his Value Engineering efforts, reinvigorating the program within the ATC.

Having served more than 13 years of federal service, Mangieri says what he likes about the job is everything he and his fellow workers accomplish ultimately helps the Soldier.

"I want to be all I can be for the Army," said Mangieri. "Everybody at PM Aviation Systems shares the same vision and is dedicated to supporting our warfighters in the field."

The VE awards are presented annually by the DOD under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics. The VE program is intended to improve products, systems and processes, with a focus on reduced cost, increased reliability and resolution of identified issues.



COURTESY PHOTO

Alivio Mangieri, product manager for the PEO Aviation Air Traffic Control product office, accepts a Value Engineering Achievement Award during a ceremony July 18 at the Pentagon. Presenting the award is Kristen Baldwin.





Mission command network updates improve simplicity, strengthen capabilities

By Dan Lafontaine

Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications-Tactical Public Affairs

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND. Md. — The Army is implementing a plan to update mission command network software and hardware across 400 Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard units beginning later this year and continuing through 2019.

This robust effort will reduce the number of disparate software and hardware systems in today's command-post environment, mitigating system complexity and allowing for easier network initialization and sustainment, said Col. Troy Crosby, project manager for Mission Command, who has the lead for implementation of the fielding efforts.

The ultimate goal of the effort will be to reduce more than a dozen mission command network software and hardware versions across the Army to one standard baseline, he said.

"The rapid pace of deployments in the past 15 years has led to a significant increase in the Army's mission command systems as units have requested additional capabilities," Crosby said. "The Army is changing how it fields and sustains these systems, necessitating a move to a single baseline today, while we continue developing the next baseline as part of the Army's Common Operating Environment effort."

In May, the Army G3/5/7 issued an Army-wide directive for tactical units to consolidate to a single software baseline for mission command applications by the end of 2019. To execute the order, elements from Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical are mobilized to support fielding up to 280 units within the next year and to the remainder of the Army in 2019. This innovative approach will encompass fielding new systems, training units that require it, and providing field support where needed.

The Army G3/5/7, with coordination across Army Forces Command and other stakeholders, has prioritized unit fielding by taking into consideration operational and regional alignment of units to ensure all are upgraded at the right time and place. Army Reserve and Army National



The Army is implementing a plan to update mission command network software and hardware across 400 Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard units through 2019.

Guard tactical units will also receive the from 28 to 94 people to have the global software and hardware improvements with careful coordination to ensure unit availability and training schedules are taken into account.

Fielding will begin in August 2017, with an aggressive completion timetable of 28 months to the more than 400 total units, from battalion through corps ech-

ACCELERATED FIELDING **TIMELINE**

The Army will employ Unit Set Fielding practices to execute the baseline reduction effort. USF, initiated in 2006, works as a "one-stop-shop" for units by managing the planning and implementation of fielding and reset for network ca-

USF is synchronized with units' longrange training calendars, reset and support. It is also closely aligned with the Army's Sustainable Readiness Model for building trained and ready forces.

Through the USF process, capabilities are provided to a unit in a sequenced order until a complete kit is received. Because network capabilities require technical knowledge, training and support are provided throughout the process.

"Through unit set fielding, we typically touch between 80 and 100 units per year," said Thane C. St. Clair, PM Mission Command's materiel fielding branch chief. "The Army is asking us to do in two years what we normally do in a five-year process (as part of technical refresh). This is a key readiness effort, so we increased the size of our new equipment training team reach to get the job done."

To meet the accelerated schedule, Army fielding representatives will bring together active Army, Reserve and National Guard units from across a region to a central site, usually a large installation, instead of traveling to every unit's location. To date, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Fort Hood, Texas, have been identified as initial regional target locations. Mission Training Centers and National Guard training hubs will also be leveraged to allow for sufficient capacity.

The greatest anticipated challenge with this initiative is the amount of unit training needed to familiarize signal, general purpose user and maintainers with the upgraded capability, St. Clair said. Balancing the training need with worldwide deployments, readiness exercises, permanent change of station moves and unit rotations will be a challenge.

This effort will take continuous planning events across Army Staff, the program community, FORSCOM, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. Planning teams are meeting regularly to ensure up-to-date information flows to receiving units over the course of the next two

Currently, units stationed in the Pacific will begin to receive fielding and training in fiscal year 2018, those in Europe and Southwest Asia in 2019, and those within the United States are scheduled for both years. The new hardware and software that units will receive depend on the versions they were last fielded.

If hardware can accommodate mission requirements and the latest software termed software block 11.16 - it will not need replacement. The length of training and travel requirements will depend on the unit type/echelon and number of hardware and software updates needed to achieve a common baseline.

REDUCING TRAINING BURDEN

Over the last 16 years of continuous combat, multiple, interdependent mission command software versions were fielded at the same time to meet units' operational requirements. In some cases software baselines were specific to the mission or the region in which the unit was being deployed.

Although this approach met mission requirements, it resulted in arduous training, sustainment and interoperability issues.

"In the last several years, the program office has been answering requests from Soldiers for additional capability or software patches and we kept enhancing new features and functionalities," said Kim Reid, product director for PM Mission Command's Strategic Mission Command. "Now we must simplify and automate the tools that we've added and improve the Soldier's ability to stand up infrastructure, install software, as well as configure and connect it to units around them."

Currently across Army tactical units, there are as many as five laptop models and four versions of server stacks. The fielding effort will reduce the varieties of tactical laptops and servers to two baselines of common hardware. This will ultimately enable end users to manage hardware sustainment and warranties more easily, while reducing the hardware footprint in the command post.

Standardization of mission command software will be a major priority of the baseline fielding effort. Although mission command application functionality is similar across tactical units, different software versions have created varying user experiences, sustainment issues, interoperability challenges and training

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Cpl. Dean Craig chats with a truck crew in Mosul, Iraq, June 8 before moving to an advise and assist patrol base in a neighborhood liberated from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

On 3rd anniversary of ISIS fight, 5 million free from terrorists

By Cheryl Pellerin Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Aug.

8 marked the third anniversary of the U.S.-led coalition air campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, during which millions of people have been freed from ISIS control, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said Monday.

Briefing the Pentagon press corps, Davis said the air campaign was a response to a terrorist army that came seemingly out of nowhere and emerged as one of the most well-funded, fastestgrowing and most capable terrorist networks anywhere in the world.

"On Aug. 8, 2014, two FA-18 [Super Hornet] jets launched from the USS George W. Bush in the [Persian] Gulf and dropped the first 500-pound laser-guided bombs on fighters near Irbil," Iraq," Davis said.

ISIS was more than just an insurgency, he added. They were capable of holding 40,000 square miles of territory and able to launch external attacks in Europe and the United States.

At one point they held an area the size of Ohio, Davis said, "and ... 8 million people were being ruthlessly held captive by their rule, living in misery, many fleeing their homes, many forced into refugee status, many forced into slavery. And we saw their depravity in videos that they posted on YouTube."

Although 5 million people are now liberated from ISIS control, ISIS still presents a great threat, he said.

"We know that they continue to murder and wound innocent people - using them as human shields and displacing families into refugees. And we know that they're spreading to other places. We've seen their attacks in Europe ... [and] we've seen their influence shift into places like Afghanistan, Mali, and now even the Philippines."

DEFEAT-ISIS COALITION

In the three years since that first air strike, Davis noted, "we've worked very methodically over time with our defeat-ISIS coalition and ISIS' control has been reduced significantly."

In Iraq, about 70 percent of the territory ISIS once held is now liberated. In Syria, 50 percent of the territory they once held is liberated, and ISIS has not retaken one inch of territory liberated by the coalition, Davis said.

"This includes places where external operations were [being] hatched and that served as hubs for the flow of foreign fighters in and terrorists out. Places like Manbij, and now Raqqa, their capital in Syria, which is surrounded and collapsing quickly," he added, noting that all was done with the cooperation of a large coalition.

The coalition now includes 73 partners - 69 nations plus the European Union, NATO, the Arab League and Interpol, he said.

"The coalition is progressing and ISIS is facing its inevitable defeat. We will win and they will lose. Our campaign against ISIS has been done with the utmost care to minimize civilian casualties," Davis said, adding that although this campaign has been the most precise in the history of warfare, "Civilians do die in war and that's a sad truth.

"But the 5 million innocent people liberated from ISIS would still be living under that brutality and the death toll would be even higher but for our efforts against ISIS," he said.

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everyone has been terrific at following set procedures.

"Parents and students were excited and happy to be back ... and we had extraordinary, positive feedback from both students and parents," she added. "At the primary school, I also felt that excitement in the air as young students came in eager to start school."

The challenge of the morning was making sure traffic ran smoothly as people came to drop their children off at the new location, and with eight school busses running instead of the usual three, some delays were expected, but everything went off without a hitch, said Gilmer.

Becky Tindall, military spouse, said that she was surprised at how efficient the process was given that it was the first day in the new facility.

"We got up extra early this morning because we were fully expecting a line of cars to drop the kids off today, but when we got here we were really surprised at how smoothly everything was operating," she said. "I think things went really well and they did a really good job of getting everyone in."

Parents were also impressed with the facility itself, which houses grades three through six, and features a full gym, outdoor play area, media center and cafeteria.

"When we came [for the Sneek-a-Peek] we were really



PHOTO BY NATHAN PEAU

Col. Brian E. Walsh (right), Fort Rucker garrison commander, along with Dr. Beverly K. Joiner (left), deputy to the garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey (center), garrison command sergeant major, and Dr. Lisa Coleman (second from right), Department of Defense Education Activity Georgia/Alabama superintendent, present Dr. Vicki Gilmer (second from left), Fort Rucker Schools principal, a plaque commemorating the efforts of the school and faculty, and symbolizing where the school has been and where it is headed into the future, during an assembly at The Village Aug. 2.

surprised at how well put together the school is," said Daniel Graves, military spouse. "From the outside it might look like a temporary school, but once you get inside it's like a real school with hallways and lockers and everything – it's really nice.

"It's always a bit nerve-racking when dropping the kids off for the first day of school," she added. "You get used to having your kids around for the summer, then it's back to the daily school routine, but knowing that the children are so well taken care of makes it a lot easier. I know they always do a great job of taking care of our kids."

Although the site is temporary, Gilmer stressed that quality will not be sacrificed when it comes to the education of children on Fort Rucker. "The transition to The Village has been overwhelmingly impressive," said the school principal. "I am so pleased with the high-quality facility and all the safety features it includes.

"This has given us the opportunity to really put all our efforts into our students' success," she continued. "Our focus has been able to remain on the students and delivering the best opportu-

nities imaginable."

During the school day, Gilmer and the faculty were presented a commemorative plaque by Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey, garrison command sergeant major, and Dr. Beverly K. Joiner, deputy to the garrison commander, featuring the school mascot from the old facility as a reminder of where they've been and where they are going in the future.

"We wanted to come in and thank the faculty and staff for all the hard work that they did to get us here from the old school," said Walsh. "You've done an outstanding job from making the transition from the old school to this facility a seamless one. It's a testament to your awesomeness that there was no traffic this morning, so great work.

"To Dr. Gilmer, we know that you probably haven't had a day off this summer, and we want you to know that we appreciate your leadership and dedication. We know no matter what building we're in, we're going to get excellence from you," he continued. "To the faculty and staff around the room, we truly appreciate you. It symbolizes not only where you've been - the great accomplishments and memories that were made at the old school - but, moreover, it symbolizes a bright future as you embark on this journey that will eventually lead to a more modern, 21st-century facility, so the garrison team and I thank you."

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them to ask questions and learn about resources that they didn't know existed."

Volunteerism is a way that people can get involved in their community and have an impact on people's lives in a way that can improve their quality of life, said the ACS volunteer.

"The impact can be profound," she said. "It really comes down to servant leader-ship – do for them as you would want to have them do for you. Give them the tools that they need to overcome whatever it is that they're experiencing – a little bit really can go a really long way."

Gonzalez said she was directly impacted by volunteerism growing up, which is why she knows the impact that volunteers can have on the lives of people who benefit from these organizations.

"I volunteer because I personally benefitted from volunteer services as a kid," she said. "We left a troubled family environment, and it was the work of a lot of volunteers who helped keep our life somewhat stable as kids, so I've always felt like I have this debt to repay back and I'm always trying to be the person who helped

me. Even if it benefits one person over the next 10 years, I feel like I've accomplished that."

Not all volunteer work is working directly with family members or Soldiers, but can also involve administrative work, which is how Karyn Kaempfer, Army Emergency Relief volunteer, chooses to give her time in service.

"Working with [AER], most of what I do is administrative – I don't work with any of the clients or anything like that," she said. "But what I do I feel like it gives [AER] the opportunity to spend more time dealing with the clients because I can take care of the little things, which gives [them] more time with the clients to help them out a little bit more."

Kaempfer, who has been a military spouse 24 years, has spent much of it volunteering her time to help others, and said it's a great way to spend time in the community and give a sense of purpose.

"For me, my kids are gone, so I have a lot of time at home ... so I like volunteering because it gives me something to do without having the rigidness of a schedule and having to be at work five days a week," she said.

The time spent volunteering is also a good way to gain work experience to add to a resume, added Elizabeth Tirol, Army Family Action Plan volunteer.

"I've been trying to build up my resume because I'm pretty fresh out of college and I don't have much on my resume to begin with, so volunteering helps," she said. "It's a great way to make friends, too. Every time we go to a new installation, that's how I find my buddy."

Although volunteerism might not be for

everyone, Gonzalez said that it's something that everyone should give a try because they never know what opportunities might open up for them.

"Just try it once. If it's not for you, then you can say you at least tried it, but you might be surprised at what you discover in the process," she said. "You may find that you really enjoy it or that you're good at whatever opportunity is presented to you, or you may find you have a passion you didn't know about – just try it."

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Hines has held numerous leadership positions across multiple continents throughout his career, ranging from flight section leader and operations officer for the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt; platoon leader and liaison officer for the 5th Battalion, 101st Avn. Regt., in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; company commander and battalion S3 for 3-160th Special Operations Avn. Regt. at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, as well as in Iraq and Afghanistan; and commander of the 2-25th Avn. Regt., at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, and in Afghanistan.

"I'm extremely honored for the opportunity to join such a prestigious organization," said Hines during the ceremony. "I'm looking forward to getting to know everybody on the team, and I want to thank [Lt. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center commanding general] for placing his trust in me."

That trust is part of an organization that Galloway said is necessary in today's Army. "For nearly 100 years, our Army has benefitted from the technical, tactical and leadership capabilities of our warrant officer corps. You absolutely serve a vital mission in the transformation of our Army today," said the general.

"This one goes down as the absolute best [commands] for my family and me because of everyone that we've had the opportunity to touch – it's not often you get a chance to touch this many future leaders in the Army," added Thompson. "A few years ago, I fought for this assignment, and I can say that it's the absolutely best one I've had in nearly 30 years. I wouldn't be here without warrant officers, and I think anyone in Army Aviation can attest to that."

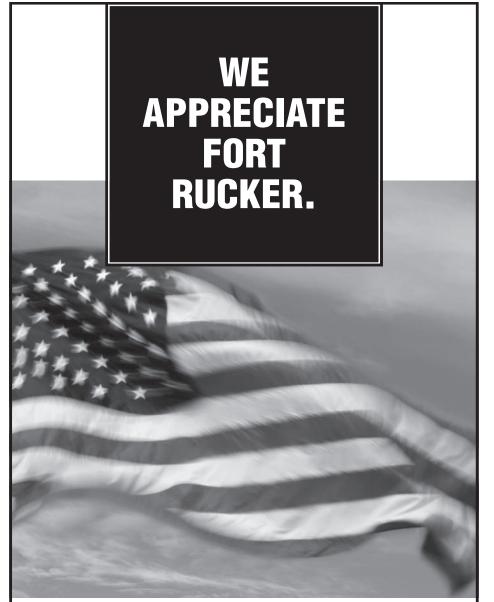
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"The brigade works tirelessly to ensure that every Soldier who passes through its doors has every opportunity to become a part of something bigger than they ever could imagine and continue their transition into the profession of arms," said Zampelli. "I'm humbled and proud to be a part of the team and I look forward to serving alongside each and every one of you."

Leaders and instructors within the 128th Avn. Bde. work to carry on the proud traditions of those who have gone before, ensuring training is realistic, relevant and rigorous, enabling graduates to make an immediate and positive impact at their first duty assignment.

Ceremony attendees closed the event by singing the Aviation Branch song and the Army song.



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Task Force Knighthawk positions Aviation assets in Romania



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Task Force Knighthawk massed a battalion-size Aviation element, which included flying in 15 UH-60 Black Hawks to Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, July 24-25.

By Sgt. Justin Geiger 7th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania — Aviators with the 2-10th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, completed their two-day mission after flying fifteen UH-60 Black Hawks from Plovdiv, Bulgaria, into Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, July 24-25.

Working with each country's embassy, several air traffic control agencies, customs and their allied counterparts to coordinate the flights for seven Black Hawks on Day 1 and the remaining eight the following day, facilitated the movement between both countries, which made each trip a success, according to CW2 Joshua Truman, pilot with B Company, 2-10th AHB.

"I contributed to the planning process from Bulgaria to Romania," he said. "We worked with different coordinating agencies to make sure each flight had a seamless transition from one country to the other."

Departing from Bulgaria after participating in a multinational training exercise in support of Saber Guardian 17, the task force demonstrated the ability to mass a battalion size Aviation element in the Eastern European Theater. Establishing an AHB in Mihail Kogalniceanu enables U.S. Aviation capabilities to integrate and synchronize with their NATO counterparts. This combined effort strengthens the professional relationships within the alliance allowing follow-on units to deploy Aviation assets to Romania.

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WELL-OILED MACHIN

Aviators, special forces train alongside partner nations at Black Swan

By Staff Sgt. Aaron Duncan

U.S. Special Operations Command Europe

SZOLNOK, Hungary - The soldiers patrolled their compound surrounded by the thick, green bush common throughout the area, alert for any signs of trouble. Carrying AK-47 rifles and joking quietly, they stood as dangerous warnings to any would-be intruders.

The quiet of the morning broke; however, as special operations forces rapidly swarmed their posts. They came from all directions, wearing the uniforms of their respective nations, working through the compound's defenses efficiently and effective-

Unbeknownst to the guards, those forces had arrived the night before. They spent the previous day observing, refining their plan and waiting to strike.

The assault was just one part of a larger exercise, Black Swan 2017. Black Swan was a Hungarianled special operations forces exercise from June 26 to July 22 in locations across Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. Designed to enable participants to re hearse and demonstrate integration between special operations and conventional forces to prepare for real-world contingencies, it included participants from over eight countries, according to U.S. Army Col. Derek Lipson, the commander of the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

"(We) worked with SOF from Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Croatia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; establishing a Hungarian-led special operations component command conducting an exercise across Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria," he said. "More than 600 soldiers participated in this exercise - reinforcing allied relationships, conventional and special operations interoperability, interdependence and integration."

Black Swan was one of a series of U.S. and European-led exercises under the umbrella of U.S. European Command's Saber Guardian. The U.S. Army Europe-led annual exercise is designed to enhance joint operational capability with allied and partner nations across a variety of mission sets, and involved more than 25,000 service members from over 20 allied and partner nations.

U.S. SOF personnel partnered with their Hungarian counterparts to assist in the planning of the exercise, as well as the execution. U.S. SOF worked alongside their hosts at multiples levels of the exercise command structure.

"The working relationship we've established with our partner nations will enable us to further train as a SOCC - especially as we build on our mutual understanding of NATO SOF doctrine," said Lipson. "We'll work together for the next two years to better execute Black Swan 19, as part of Saber Guardian 19."

The experience of working alongside different

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PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. AARON DUNCAN

Hungarian special operations forces prepare to load a simulated casualty into a medical evacuation helicopter July 17 during the exercise.



PHOTO BY SPC. THOMAS SCAGGS

Soldiers board a UH-60 Black Hawk before participating in night air assault training during exercise Swift Response at Bezmer Air Base, Bulgaria, July 21. The exercise was part of Saber Guardian 17.

Soldiers lead way with AH-64E phase maintenance

By Staff Sgt. Isolda Reyes 29th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI MILITARY COM-PLEX, Iraq — When the call went out for more firepower to support the Iraqi security forces in operations against ISIS, it was answered by the AH-64E Apache "Guardian" helicopters of 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment.

Maintenance became a top priority to keep the Apaches in the fight as the battle for Mosul began. As a result, the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade developed an additional AH-64E phase maintenance team of Soldiers from the National Guard to augment the active Army AH-64E maintainers

"If you [don't have] Aviation assets, you are in trouble across the board in every aspect," said Master Sgt. Scott Skellenger, the phase team NCO in charge from the 1107th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group. "Parts, material, ammo - everything stops if we aren't fly-

Soldiers of the Texas Army National Guard's 449th Aviation Support Battalion, organized under the 29th CAB, and the 1107th TASMG from the Missouri National Guard, assembled at Taji Military Complex, Iraq, to augment the 4-6th Cav. Regt.'s phase maintenance capability on the new AH-64E Apache Guardian. A few of the Soldiers from the 449th ASB received some AH-64E maintenance training at Fort Hood, Texas, during the 29th CAB's mobilization under 1st Army- Division West, but the Soldiers' first practical experience did not happen until they arrived in Iraq, Skellenger said.

"These guys didn't work together prior to this assignment," he said. "While we have worked on the AH-



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ISOLDA REYES

Soldiers of the 449th ASB, organized under the 29th CAB, and the 1107th TASG work together on the 500-hour phase maintenance cycle of the AH-64E Apache "Guardian" at Camp Taji Military Complex, Iraq, July 6.

64D model Apaches in Texas, the National Guard hasn't been issued the AH-64E models yet."

"We worked with the 4-6th Cav. Regt.'s maintainers to learn the differences of the two models, which manuals to look at and lessons learned so that we could make this happen," Skellenger said. "These guys learned

With the assistance of the 4-6th Cav. Regt., the maintainers were able to quickly and methodically absorb the updated material requirements and start the 500-hour phase cycle on its first AH-64E during which they were able to discover and correct issues that hadn't been found before, he added.

"This team devised a plan based on time management, so they would take the first two days to depopulate the helicopter and identify the parts that need to be replaced early in the process, which helps maximize time needed to order parts," said Lt. Col. Robert Guevara, the commander of the 449th Aviation Support Battalion. "This, in turn, cut down on the time spent waiting for necessary parts when it's time to put it back together."

This ad hoc team of 14 maintainers was able to successfully return one Apache to the fight within the prescribed amount of time that typically a larger, full-fledged team would complete, Guevara said.

"Since we moved the phase team to Taji, we were able to cut down on time between phases by one to two weeks," said CW4 Shawn Middleton, 4-6th Cav. Regt.'s battalion Aviation maintenance officer. "The 449th maintainers helped to solve another problem."

The AH-64E phase team in Taji won't see their work slow down when the 4-6th Cav. Regt. departs Iraq this fall. The Soldiers from 449th ASB and 1107th TASG will continue doing phase maintenance for the 2-17th Cav. Regt. through the end of the

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Initiating the continuous rotation of Black Hawks to Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, the task forces based out of Fort Drum, New York, is deployed throughout eastern Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, a U.S. European Command, U.S. Army Europe-led exercise that promotes regional stability and security, and enhances interoperability amongst participating NATO allies and partners.

"When a U.S. Army Aviation (unit) is present and committed to a region, it shows that the United States supports that country," said Truman. "With Army Aviation assets on ground, it reassures our NATO allies and partners that we're here and committed to deterring any potential aggression that region may face."

Capt. Jeffery Timmick, the commander of B Co., discussed the benefits of establishing a battalion-size Aviation element



PHOTO BY SGT. JUSTIN GEIGER

Aviators with the 2-10th AHB, 10th CAB, completed their two-day mission after flying 15 UH-60 Black Hawks from Plovdiv, Bulgaria, to Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.

in eastern Europe.

"We've been able to work with the Romanians and the Royal Air Force, so improving interoperability amongst each other," said Timmick. "It has been a great opportunity and, now that we have the entire battalion massing here, we're

looking forward to conducting more training with our allies."

The task force commander's intent is to conduct deliberate Aviation operations to strengthen collective capabilities with host and partner nations' armed forces while deterring potential aggression and protecting

U.S. forces, allies and partners. Officials added it also sets the stage for European Theater operations through integrated and multinational Aviation training while deployed in Europe.

"It has given us a great opportunity to work with people that we usually don't have the opportunity to work with in the states," said Truman. "As far as the local defense forces, it has been great to learn what procedures they use, we share tactics and techniques and generally increase our overall combined capabilities to secure the region."

Machine



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. AARON DUNCAN

Special operations forces from the U.S., Hungary, Romania, Slovenia and Croatia assault a building from U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawks from the 10th CAB while Hungarian SOF fast rope from a Hungarian Mi-8 (Hip) multirole Medium-Lift Helicopter July 12 during exercise Black Swan in Szolnok, Hungary.

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nations in the planning of such a large operation was not lost either on Col. Tamas Sandor, commander of the Hungarian Defense Force special operations forces.

"Working with U.S. forces was smooth and easy," said Sandor. "The U.S. team was professional, and really willing to share their experience and mentor our staff. Although language is always a challenge, the similar doctrine and experience from Afghanistan and Iraq made cooperation easier. I would like to underline the professionalism and all the great efforts which made real teamwork through the exercise."

The event allowed special operations staffs to develop their planning expertise. For the U.S., it is imperative to be able to plan alongside allies.

"It was a great exercise and great op-

portunity for application of special operations from the tactical to the strategic level, and in a part of the world where partnership is crucial," said Lipson.

Additionally, while SOF perform specialized missions, they work towards and alongside conventional forces' operational objectives. This makes the ability for SOF and conventional soldiers to coordinate and operate like a well-oiled machine a must, he added.

In addition to Hungarian conventional units, U.S. Army paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade and Aviators from 10th Combat Aviation Brigade also participated in the exercise.

"Working with the Hungarian SOF teams and soldiers has been great," said a U.S. Army special forces team leader. "It was a great opportunity to build relationships and see how everyone tackles challenges."



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Giveaways, music, pampering make for a 'really good time'

By Nathan PfauArmy Flier Staff Writer

As summer starts to wind down, ladies across the Wiregrass can still find a hot night out with one of the installation's most popular ladies-only events.

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Girls' Night Out returns to The Landing ballroom Aug. 18 from 6-9 p.m., where people can enjoy a live DJ, games, dancing, shopping, door prizes and contests, according to Lynn Avila, Fort Rucker special events coordinator.

"This is a great event for the ladies to have a good time and shop the latest trends in the area," said Avila, adding that the event takes weeks of preparation to provide a night of pampering, fun and excitement for ladies of the local area.

Throughout the event, a host of local businesses and organizations donate different prizes, such as gift certificates and gift baskets to be given out throughout the night, said the special events coordinator.

This year's event will showcase numerous organizations that will set up tables that will allow ladies to shop the latest trends, as well as services and goods, including spas, medical services, clothing, jewelry, cosmetics and

People can bring a friend and receive a gift that will be given to each friend duo while supplies last, and the night will also feature a game called "Friend or Frenemies," which is a game like the Newlywed Game where friends will have to answer questions about each other in a fun, quiz-game atmosphere, said Avila.

The event is open to the public, for ages 18 and older, and tickets are available at The Landing, MWR Central, The Landing Catering Office and Coffee Zone locations, or can be purchased at the door on the night of the event.

This iteration of Girls Night Out will also host a scavenger hunt among the vendors and sponsors that will give people a chance at more door prizes and a chance to win the grand prize, which is a Henri Bendel beach bag filled with goodies, said the special events coordinator.

Advanced tickets for the event are \$10 and \$12 at the door, which includes a complimen-

tary beverage. There will also be more than 75 door prizes given away from local businesses and organizations, plus the special grand prize, she added. The grand prize drawing will be at 9 p.m. and participants must be present to win.

The event has been put on since 2011, and is not just an opportunity to promote local businesses, but also serves as a way to boost morale and give ladies a chance to "to get out and enjoy each other as women, moms and girls," said Avila.

"A big part of what we do is to provide morale-boosting and recreational fun," added Janice Erdlitz, DFMWR marketing director. "Girls Night Out is one of our most-loved events and it's just a fun opportunity for our female population to get together."

"It's just a great way for women to grab their friends and have a little fun," said Avila. "It's nice to have a night out that caters directly to the women with shopping and dancing all in one place."

Advanced tickets can be purchased at MWR Central, The Landing Zone, The Landing Catering Office or Coffee Zone in Lyster Army Health Clinic.

For more information, call 255-9810.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFA

Delia Medrano, military spouse, has her makeup done by Chris McDowell during a previous Girls Night Out.



Kelsey Owens, military family member, celebrates her win during the first round of a game.



Ladies get down on the dance floor with Sgt. Ted E. Bear.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

New program aims to help Soldiers, veterans connect, decompress

By Jeremy Henderson *Army Flier Staff Writer*

Literature is a popular escape from daily stress, and facilitators of an upcoming program hope to provide an opportunity for Soldiers and veterans to decompress and form new bonds using reading.

The program, Literature and the Veteran Experience, begins Aug. 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Center Library.

"Literature and the Veteran Experience is a program intended to provide veterans and active-duty members an environment where they can discuss various reading selections, share experiences and connect with other veterans," Jodi Wilcox, Center Library reference librarian, said. "Attendees will have the chance to discuss readings, chosen from a list of titles, to include a novel, short fiction, poetry, letters and personal accounts, and share the insights and ideas

prompted by the reading.

"Attendees are welcome to create connections between their own personal experience and others, but they will not be pressured to share their experiences," she added.

Registration is open to activeduty Soldiers and veterans, and limited to the first 15 participants. Refreshments will be provided.

The program is co-hosted by the Center Library and the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

"It was important for Center

Library to host this event for our veterans and active duty members to provide an opportunity to connect with others who have had similar encounters," Wilcox said. "Veterans often feel isolated, as society outside the military often fails to understand or properly support those within the military. This program offers current and former soldiers an opportunity to share stories, discuss life and to explore topics of interest to them, without the danger of being misunderstood."

According to Wilcox, the discussion will be led by Army veteran Gilbert Liddell.

"Veterans, retirees and activeduty Soldiers who have served a tour might not feel comfortable talking about their experiences with civilians or others who have not been in combat or war," she said. "This program offers the opportunity for these individuals to create connections with those who understand and have been through similar circumstances.

"Literature can offer a chance for veterans, retirees and Soldiers to discuss how their stories are similar to the readings," she added. "When people have been through traumatic situations, it helps them to know that they're not alone. Literature can sometimes give people the words necessary to discuss or process hard things. And, sometimes, it is just fun to read stories and discuss them with friends."

Individuals interested in attending the program need only bring an open mind, Wilcox said.

"Soldiers and veterans who attend will not be pressured or expected to share their stories," she said. "This program is not intended to be a therapy session or a class, but an opportunity for them to make meaningful connections through exploration of literature.

"Those who do not feel comfortable attending the meeting, but would like to still share their stores may call me at 255-3885 to get the contact information of the facilitator," she added.

For more information about the program or to register, call 255-3885 or visit the Center Library.



COURTESY PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

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

Book club

The Center Library hosts a book club for adults the third Tuesday of each month from 5-6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The club is open to authorized patrons. For more information, call 255-3885.

Volunteer recruitment fair

The Army Community Service volunteer coordinator will host a volunteer recruitment fair Wednesday 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.

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.

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 BOSSeligible Soldiers. The trip will be limited Library or call 255-3885. to 60 participants. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call 255-9810.

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 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



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

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. Pictured is a scene from the January Girls Night Out.

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

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 mili-

tary 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.

Federal jobs workshop

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

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

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.

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Friday, August 11

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Saturday, August 12

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Actor makes surprise visit to USAG Ansbach

By Stephen Baack USAG Ansbach Public Affairs

USAG ANSBACH, Germany — Awardwinning actor, director and screenwriter Bryan Cranston made a surprise visit to U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach July 24 as part of his USO tour of military installations in Europe.

Cranston, who's been in more than 50 movies and even more TV shows, is most famous for his role as Walter White in AMC's "Breaking Bad" TV series - for which he won four Primetime Emmys for Lead Actor in a Drama Series. The actor is also well known for his role as Hal in the Fox comedy series "Malcolm in the

Unlike some of his appearances at other military installations in Europe, he chose not to publicize his visit to Ansbach in advance, so that he could meet with community members in a more spontaneous way and in more natural environments, he said.

His visit included stops to catch Soldiers and Army civilians by surprise in their everyday working environments, such as in health clinic hallways and waiting rooms, airfield hangars and even during lunch breaks in the dining facility.

"I really wanted to do this, and I've wanted to do it for a long time," Cranston said about visiting members of the military community.

Cranston, who was accompanied by his wife, Robin Dearden, started his tour visiting with Soldiers, family members and civilian health care professionals at Ansbach Army Health Clinic, after which he stopped at Katterbach Army Airfield to shake hands, chat and take photos with Soldiers of the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade. Later in the day, he did the same with Soldiers of the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade at Illesheim Army Airfield.

After lunch, Cranston made a stop at USAG Ansbach's Terrace Playhouse, where he sat down for an almost hour-long Q&A with theater volunteers and members of the garrison's book club. Cranston discussed his favorite and most challenging roles, the preparation that goes into performing and the auditioning process.

"His approachability and candor during the Q&A really impressed me," said James S. Dill, who serves as USAG Ansbach's emergency management program manager who frequently performs and volunteers with the Terrace Playhouse. "I'm so grateful he took the time to meet I think this will greatly benefit those of us in the theater."

Cranston also had advice to those who want to perform professionally.

"You really only should try to become a professional actor, writer, director if you love it – if you have a burning desire," Cranston told one Soldier earlier in the tour.



First Lt. Brandon Clayton, an AH-64 Apache pilot with the 12th CAB, talks to actor Bryan Cranston during his visit to Ansbach, Germany, July 24.

"The people who do theater are no different than me. So, what I try to tell people who are enthusiasts of the profession of acting is different from the desire to act. They're both acting. We approach it the same way. We get the same thrill, the same nerves and excitement of being on stage. If they can be happy doing something else, they should do that something else, because there's never going to be a shortage of people in my profession."

One of Cranston's last stops was to the flight simulator facility at Storck Barracks, where he took the controls of a UH-60 Black Hawk simulator. Flight instructor Wendall "Spike" Condon had Cranston fly through heavy fog and handle a double engine failure.

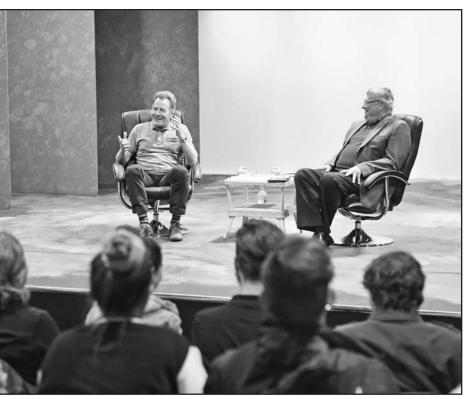
Condon also asked Cranston to try landing the aircraft on a Navy frigate: "A frigate?" Cranston asked. "You gotta be frigate kidding me!"

Cranston ended his Ansbach visit by meeting with Soldiers until after duty

"I think if you're fortunate enough to have a busy career, you can sometimes find yourself being insulated from the outside world – from people who live in difwith us and open up to us about his craft. ferent parts of the world and have different occupations," said Cranston. "From time to time, I realize I get a little antsy, and I want to get out, I want to shake hands with people, I want to meet people I would not ordinarily meet in my everyday life. And then the factor of meeting military personnel who are doing heroic things, and I'm truly grateful for their service."



Cranston stands with Soldiers of A Co., 1-3rd Avn. Regt. (Attack Reconnaissance), for a photo.



Cranston talks to theater volunteers and book club members at the U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach Terrace Playhouse.

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

Headquarters Chapel, **Bldg. 109**

8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940

8:30 a.m. Catholic Confessions 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 11 a.m. Collective Protestant 12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday-Friday) 4 p.m. Catholic Confessions (Saturday) 5 p.m. Catholic Mass (Saturday)

Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints 10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service) 11 p.m. Eckankar Study (4th Sunday)

Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939

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

BIBLE STUDIES

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel Wings Chapel, 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY **Catholic Women** of the Chapel Spiritual Life Center, 9 a.m.

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

1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study Hanchey AAF, Bldg. 50102N, Rm. 101 11:30 a.m.

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

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — Palestinian Preventive Security Service Lt. Col. Sameer Marouf Masri knew he was missing a part of the picture of how online cyber profiling could help identify terrorists in his country.

It was 2011, and Masri had been named the first director of the newly established Counter Cyber Terror Department of the Preventive Security Service, an intelligence organization that protects the internal security of the Palestinian Authority.

At this time, Masri had close to 20 years of experience in the service, but terrorist use of the internet and cyberterrorism was new not only to him, but also his bosses.

"My bosses wanted to know what was going on online, specifically how terrorists were exploiting the internet to their advantage," he said. "This was something entirely new to me, and I did not have much knowledge on what to do to gather information online to track down terrorists and stop them from radicalizing our youth."

HELP AVAILABLE

But Masri did know where to go for help.

He had recently graduated from the Program on Terrorism and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. Offered twice a year, the four-week program provides advanced professional education to those charged with understanding and reducing the scope and capability of terrorism threats.

"To my mind, the Marshall Center's mission is to find solutions to today's most pressing security problems," said James Howcroft, the PTSS course director. "I think one of the great strengths of our PTSS program is the fact that we do look at solutions and not just at the problem."

Masri contacted Marshall Center counterterrorism faculty and his fellow classmates for help planning his new department. He also consulted the Marshall Center's Research Library and GlobalNet, an alumni portal that provides a searchable directory of alumnus as a networking tool. The Marshall Center's alumni network currently has more than 12,000 security professionals from 152 nations.

guidance and sage advice to be successful



Lt. Col. Sameer Marouf Masri, director of the Counter Cyber Terror Department of the Palestinian Authority, presents How Women Prevent Terrorism and Violent Extremism during the Global Counterterrorism Alumni Community of Interest Workshop Jan. 11, 2016, at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

and make a seamless transition to combating cyberterrorism.

Fast forward two years and Masri was still working out his department, but the world of cyberterrorism had grown.

"At this time, everyone was panicking about online cyber issues," he said. "My job and my department had grown in importance. Not everyone understood how to combat cyberterrorism, but I was recognized as an expert."

TURNING POINT

Masri was invited back to the Marshall Center for an alumni workshop. It's at these workshops where best practices and lessons learned are shared by professionals involved in counterterrorism work every

"Peers talk about real, concrete solutions at these workshops," Howcroft said.

During his first alumni workshop, Masri was introduced to a counterterrorism model used effectively by the New York Police Department to counter recruitment and radicalization of future terrorists. Masri said this lecture turned everything around been looking for," he said. "The presenter at the time said that there is a very large number of people who live in New York, so for them it was difficult to know where to start with their efforts. So they came up with this model," Masri said. "I thought this is similar to what I need as the web is a wide open space with a lot of people. So, I picked up this model, redesigned it for our needs to target online recruitment and implemented it.

"It worked, even with the limited available staff and resources that I had at that time," he said. "Now, my department is a shining star among the Preventive Security Service."

THE ROLE OF WOMEN

A key building block of his redesign included adding more women security professionals into his department to find youths who are vulnerable to radicalization and terrorist recruiters online.

"One of the things that was kind of a shock even for me was that the women were so good at writing these avatars or profiles and achieving unprecedented success," Masri said. "They can come up with their own narratives very quickly and they can go very far in implementing the model.

"They have the ability to convince people to trust them," he said. "They are much better than men in developing the needed conversation because they are mothers, sisters and wives."

His redesign and implementation of this model was so successful that he was invited back to the Marshall Center's 2016 Global Counterterrorism Alumni Workshop that focused on "The Role of Women in Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism."

PRACTICAL VALUE OF THE MARSHALL CENTER

"Sameer's experience really demonstrates the practical value of the PTSS program," said Sam Mullins, Marshall Center's professor of counterterrorism. "This is what PTSS is all about, getting people from different nations together to share their experiences and best practices for others to take that knowledge and find ways to apply it in their own countries."

During this workshop, Masri shared a real-life account where one of his female security officers ran an 18-month operation in five countries to track and capture seven Islamic State of Iraq and Syria terrorists.

"She came to me with this mission, which was continuous and very complicated," said Masri. "She is a dedicated wife and mother of four children, and she was very successful in this operation, and she followed the model, from beginning to end."

Masri recently returned to the Marshall Center for a fourth time. This time, he was an adjunct professor for a PTSS class of 81 participants from 57 nations that graduated Aug. 3.

"It's very likely one of those participants will use the contacts and knowledge gained over the past four weeks to make a difference in their nation like Sameer did," Mullins said.



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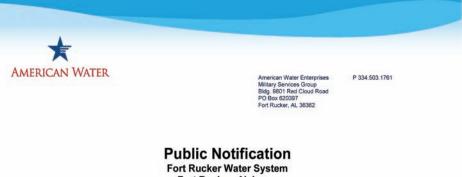
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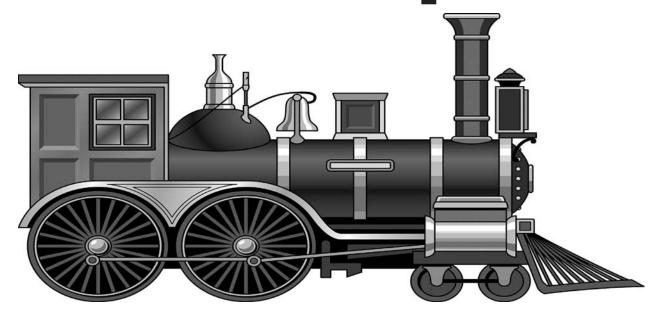


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Museum takes patrons back in time



Army Flier Staff Reports

The Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum in Calera offers people the chance to take a trip back in time as they board vintage railroad coaches restored to their former glory on Saturdays through Sept. 30, according to museum officials. The Calera & Shelby Railroad runs on a portion of the former L&N Alabama Mineral Railroad established in 1891. People will be able to ride behind a first-generation diesel-electric locomotive as they travel through the scenic forests of Shelby County. People can also upgrade to a caboose or locomotive ticket to get an up-close look at railroad operations. The Calera & Shelby train ride lasts about an hour and people are asked to arrive one hour prior to departure.

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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.

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

AUG. 22 — The Ed Burkhalter Chapter of the Military Officer Association of America will hold its next quarterly meeting at 5:30 p.m. at O'Charley's at 3320 Montgomery Highway. The chapter is seeking new members. People who are interested should attend the meeting or send an email to majordpodom@gmail.com.

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

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

ENTERPRISE

AUG. 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

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.

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

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

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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 company sponsors building at 706 McKinnon Street. The office ill assist veterans who were injured or disabled while

For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

WIREGRASS AREA

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

ONGOING — AMVETS Post 23 monthly meeting is held the second Thursday of each the month at 7 p.m. at the AMVETS Service Center, 203 MLK Dr., in Opp.

For more information, call 334-493-0785 or visit www.amvetspost23.com.

Beyond Briefs

Summer concert series

Panama City Beach, Florida, will host its free summer concert series Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. through Aug. 10 at Aaron Bessant Pabrk, 600 Pier Park Drive. People are welcome to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the sounds of summer music, according to organizers. Coolers, food and pets are welcome.

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

Palafox Market

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

For more information, call 850-434-5371 or visit http://palafoxmarket.com/.

Jacksonian Guard Colors Ceremony

People are welcome to celebrate Florida becoming a U.S. territory in Pensacola, where the original ceremony took place on July 17, 1821. The Jacksonian Guard is a Pensacola re-enactment group of Jacksonian era and Spanish soldiers, fifers and drummers who perform a colors ceremony the third Saturday of each month at noon in Plaza Ferdinand on Palafox Street downtown.

For more information, visit https://down-townpensacola.com/businesses/jacksonianguard.

Montgomery Biscuits baseball

The Montgomery Biscuits are a Double A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays and play in Riverwalk Stadium in downtown Montgomery. Various specials and promotions are offered throughout the season. For more information, visit http://www.biscuitsbaseball.com.

Blue Angels Practice

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

Open bleacher seating is available for 1,000 people. Chair service is provided

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

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

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

Purdy Butterfly House

The Huntsville Botanical Garden's Purdy Butterfly House is open through Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The largest open air butterfly house in the country features butterflies in a kaleidoscope of colors, according to organizers. People can also see turtles sunning in the pond or digging in the dirt, and the Butterfly Discovery Cart helps visitors encounter even more wonder.

For more information, visit http://hsvbg. org/.

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 ½-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. Pre- and 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.

Bomb tech exercise brings together Army, sister services, civilian agencies

By Shannon Collins Defense Media Activity

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - About 225 Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Belgian military explosive ordnance disposal technicians, along with bomb squads from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, exchanged tactics, techniques and procedures during the Raven's Challenge XI exercise in early August.

Raven's Challenge is an international, full-scale, live-fire, counter-improvised explosive device interoperability exercise that presents participating military EOD and civilian public safety bomb squad units with the opportunity to coalesce as a team, develop a plan and respond to an IED problem set, said John Simpson, Raven's Challenge exercise program manager.

The exercise started as a regional exercise more than a decade ago, but it grew to a joint, international program with the support of the Army and is now conducted in five locations throughout the year. Previous exercises this year have been held at Pinal Airpark in Marana, Arizona; Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Indiana; Camp Dawson in West Virginia; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

IMPORTANCE OF INTEROPERABILITY

"With the threats that we're seeing overseas and ... if we have to respond to a problem stateside and deal with a threat on our own soil, it's important to get that interoperability with the public safety bomb squads and the other federal agencies," said Col. David Schmitt, the Army's adaptive counter-IED/ EOD solutions division chief.

He cited the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the FBI, the Secret Service and the Transportation Security Administration as the key federal agencies.

"This is a mobile kind of training event we can reproduce in multiple locations to give more units and more bomb squads opportunities, so that's a chance for even more interoperability," he

Raven's Challenge IX is designed to establish a learning environment for the EOD technicians to exercise counter-IED related emergency response procedures and multiple-agency interoperability. It also focuses on goals such as EOD/public safety bomb squad interoperability in a realistic domestic tactical environment, Simpson said.

The training also provides the blended teams a non-evaluation training environment with the chance to conduct realistic scenarios such as a hostage scenario, a device attached to an unmanned system, a device found during an area sweep, an aircraft with a device in the baggage area and improvised mortars located on rooftops and in vehicles.

"The venue that this exercise provides is an amazing venue, because they get to do all of these different scenarios and use all these different techniques they wouldn't be able to do otherwise at their home base," Schmitt said.

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An explosive ordnance disposal operator places a restraining rope on an unmanned aircraft before destroying it with an explosive charge during the Raven's Challenge **EOD** exercise at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 1.

"Here, they can use all of their energetic tools and work in low light with night-vision goggles," he continued. "That level of work and detail is beyond the level of any one small organization, so providing the venue, we get both the interoperability piece because we bring everybody together, but also the unique skill sets and techniques they would not normally be able to do on their own."

UNIQUE TRAINING ENVIRONMENT

"We don't have the resources to be able to do this kind of training or even to bring it to a joint level," said Air Force Airman 1st Class Will Ortiz from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. "So knowing the intel threat is actually out there and to come and demonstrate and try some of the techniques here - to see what actually works and doesn't work without just having to guess – it's invaluable."

Spc. Seth Hamilton, an EOD technician from Fort Bliss, Texas, said not receiving the training he gets during Raven's Challenge is like "sending an infantryman to Afghanistan without ever having him shoot a rifle."

"You have to do this kind of training," he added. "Without it, you're useless. You're going to show up and not know what you're doing, so it's huge."

Staff Sgt. Sean Mattes, also an EOD technician from Fort Bliss, said he's worked with the Air Force multiple times downrange and in training events stateside. He said getting to use the tools in live events has helped to build confidence in their tools.

"This was the first time in training where I was able to use live tools with a live crew, so that is huge in building confidence with the tools. That is the most important thing you can do," he said. "Even if you are incredibly good with the tool, but you have no confidence in it or know how to use it really well, if you have no confidence in it, it's pointless. So

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Detective Jack Blanchard, Los Angeles Police Department bomb squad, leads a combined military and police explosive ordnance disposal team during Raven's Challenge.

SHARING INFORMATION

Another goal is having the combined teams performing crosstalk on their core competencies and sharing tactics, techniques and procedures.

Belgian army 1st Sgt. Maj. Nele Van Keer was on a team with three army Belgian team members and three airmen from Spangdahlem Air Base. The Belgians aren't stationed together, but will be deploying together this fall to Afghanistan for the first time as a team. They will be deploying to a location where one of the Belgians and one of the Spangdahlem airmen had already been stationed previously.

"The interoperability is very important, because the other countries, they work in other war zones and they know other stuff we don't because we haven't gone there before," Van Keer said. "We don't know all the TTPs over there. We need to talk so we have more skills and more knowledge."

"We're talking and comparing

experiences," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Brook Hamilton, EOD team leader from Spangdahlem. "We're all in the same career field and operate very similarly. We just use different types of tools. We know how to work together. At the end of the day, the mission is about getting people home alive, and once you get that interoperability down, it makes it a lot easier. Training like this is crucial."

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Adam Bradach, an EOD technician at Camp Pendleton, said learning about the civilian law enforcement TTPs was beneficial during the exercise - such as learning about their tools and procedures on how they would handle a call if they found unexploded ordnance - a World War II souvenir, for ex-

Al Carbonara, who's been with the Los Angeles Police Department bomb squad for 21 years, said working with military EOD technicians is something that can come up for him at home. "If we find military ordnance, we're going to go out and take a look at

getting here, doing this, building stories and see if we had the same it first," he explained. "If we can deal with it, we deal with it. If not, we're going to call our military counterparts."

> He said the police get calls to check out suspicious packages, perform sweeps for big events and deal with fireworks, which are illegal in California. One of his coworkers is a former Marine.

> Carbonara said exercises like Raven's Challenge are vital, because the participants learn from each other. "We come across military ordnance, and these guys may have picked up tricks over there, maybe searching houses or things over there we can use over here, because they are in different operating environments. Basically it's the same, but fine-tuning our

> "With tight budgets and the need for re-certifications and training, it's nice to work with guys who have been in the job for a long time and bounce stuff off each other and see what works and what doesn't work. This kind of cooperation and learning – this is what we need," he said.



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INVALUABLE CARE

Childhood ambition leads to career of helping animals

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LET IT FLY

Post disc golf course offers different strokes

By Jeremy Henderson Army Flier Staff Writer

Continually gaining in popularity, disc golf is a sport that mixes competitive edge with a leisurely pace.

Fort Rucker's course has been a catalyst for the sports' growth locally, according to Lori Ciranni, Fort Rucker sports, fitness and aquatics manager, who added that she feels camaraderie, competition, an abundance of free facilities and a short learning curve have helped its growth.

"Disc golf is easy for someone to pick up," she said. "You can grow from not playing at all to being competitive within two months of playing regularly."

Ciranni said the Beaver Lake course, offering more than 90 minutes of play time, presents unique challenges to competitors.

"The lake is a tough hole," she said. "It is the decision hole. You can try to throw over the lake or go around and have one extra throw. The distance of some of the holes is also challenging. Playing in the woods makes it very challenging."

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf, but instead of using a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc. Whether you're a novice or professional, it is easy to develop proficiency on the course.

The course, located at Beaver Lake, is an 18-hole, 55-par course that follows the Beaver Lake trail, for the most part. It offers varying levels of difficulty with very basic holes with no hazards or trees to more advanced holes with water traps and obstacles.

The rules of disc golf are much like the game of ball golf in that the goal is to use as few strokes as possibly to throw a disc from a



Stephanie Woodard, civilian participant and advanced female winner, tosses a disc at one of the baskets on the disc golf course during a previous Winter Fling Disc Golf Tournament at Beaver Lake.

designated spot into a basket.

Disc golf has been around for quite some time, but was formalized in the 1970s, and began to gain most of its popularity in the 1990s and early 2000s among the college crowd. According to the Professional Disc Golf Association, which has more than 50,000 members, there are more 4,000 courses around the world.

Another one of the draws of disc golf is that it is a non-contact sport that is open to all ages, and playing an entire round of disc golf, 18 holes, takes anywhere from

45-90 minutes, depending on the amount of players, and costs little to no money.

"Disc golf is very family-oriented," Ciranni said. "Because it's outdoors, you can bring a stroller, your dog and your entire family to play.

"The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness center offers discs to purchase or rent," she added. "So, if you just want to try the sport for the day, you can rent discs. Once you become addicted you will want to purchase your own. We offer them in many colors and weights."

Discs are available to rent. All discs must be returned by close of business. If the disc is not returned, a \$7 fee will be charged. The course is open to the public. Disc check-out is open to authorized patrons only.

According to Ciranni, disc golf is not difficult to learn. However, joining an experienced player can help reduce the learning curve.

"Get with an avid player and let them show you the ins and outs," she said. "Groups meet most every Saturday and Sunday around

9-10 a.m. to play. Discs are a little different to throw than a Frisbee. There are different discs for different distances. The best thing you can do is rent them and determine what you like.

"I personally used a putting disc for most of my first game," she added. "It was the only one I could get to go straight. Patrons can go to the Fort Rucker Freedom Flyers Disc Golf Club on Facebook to ask questions or find out times to play.'

For more information, call 255-2296.

KEEPING COOL

New system seeks to preserve supplies for battlefield medical treatment

By USAG Natick Public Affairs Staff Report

NATICK, Mass. – It's known as the golden hour, and it refers to the precious 60 minutes following a battlefield wound when proper medical treatment can be crucial to a Soldier's survival.

To help make the most of that time, Ben Williams of the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate at the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, has developed the Golden Hour Ambulatory Rescue Pack, which is designed to keep medical supplies cool in hot climates.

The Golden HARP was funded through the NSRDEC's Bootstrap Initiative and is an upgrade kit for the previously developed HARP, which was designed specifically to cool intravenous bags and bottles of water on the move.

In places such as Iraq, average ambient temperatures can range from 95 to 120 degrees, making it logistically difficult to provide warfighters in austere conditions proper on-site medical treatment. Blood must be kept at temperatures from 39 degrees

to 46 degrees, while IV bags may be stored at higher temperatures but must be cooled to between 77 degrees and 98.6 degrees before use.

"If you come under attack at a combat outpost, or while on the move, aren't going to get resupplied anytime soon, and medical evacuation is not an option, it would be great to have the Golden HARP available just in case somebody gets hit," Williams said. "Now you have blood on-site, ready to go.

"If you have limited or no power, this may be your only solution for prolonged cold storage at that important time," he said.

According to Williams, the Golden HARP was designed to try and meet requirements recently generated by the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, which is looking to improve upon current mobile blood storage capabilities.

After two years' work and testing, Williams produced the Golden HARP, a ruggedized, man-transportable platform that allows medical personnel to safely store, carry and monitor/ actively control the temperature of its contents. The unit can be used in the field in rotary-wing aircraft, vehicles,

or unmounted and can accommodate up to two liters of medical supplies, which are actively cooled, along with room for ancillary items. The system can also be attached to any MOLLE frame pack for easy transport in austere environments.

The system's BB2590 battery can be charged by its onboard, flexible solar panel. Eight hours of sunlight daily allows the Golden HARP to maintain temperature indefinitely without recharging or battery replacement, provided the ambient temperature is below 90 degrees and ample sunlight is available. Using a single battery, the system is also capable of maintaining temperature with a full solar load (1,000 W/m) at an ambient temperature of 95 degrees for a minimum of 111 hours, 115 degrees for a minimum of 60 hours, and 135 degrees to 155 degrees for a minimum of 30 hours. Replacing the battery would result in

a doubling of the storage times. "Solar power charging isn't new, but having it in something where it's actually this effective is pretty unique," Williams said. "The goal for me was to make the system run indefinitely, on the move, with high reliability and have it fully automated so there's minimal chance of user error, which could result in improperly stored medical supplies."

The Golden HARP is also completely modular, meaning that any component of the system can be removed and replaced without tools or any expertise. The Golden HARP's Vacuum Insulated Cold Chamber can also be removed from the system and transported as a stand-alone, insulated container with no active cooling.

Other system features include active temperature monitoring and control; integrated diagnostics and user feed-



Clinic officials encourage adults, children to vaccinate

By Jenny Stripling Lyster Army Health Clinic Strategic Communications Specialist

Army Medicine and Lyster Army Health Clinic are committed to ensuring that every Soldier, family member, Department of the Army civilian, health care provider and retiree receives the vaccines he or she needs to stay healthy.

National Immunization Awareness Month in August is the perfect time to promote immunizations and remind your family, friends and fellow Soldiers to ensure they are fully protected against vaccine-preventable diseases.

"Immunizations prevent illness, disability and death from vaccine-preventable diseases including cervical cancer, diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis, pneumonia, polio, rotavirus diarrhea, rubella and tetanus," said Carolyn Peterson, allergy and immunology technician at LAHC.

It is critical, given the high mobility of military families, to ensure you and your children have a comprehensive, centralized immunization record even if you are seen by multiple military and civilian providers. Incomplete records can lead to unnecessary immunizations and could potentially complicate children's entry to school or day care.

According to the World Health Organization, immunizations currently prevent an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths every year; yet an estimated 19.5 million infants worldwide are still missing basic vaccines. Immunizations play a major role in the

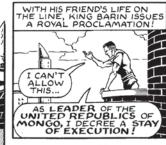
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7. BUSINESS: What firm was originally known as the National Biscuit Company?

8. TELEVISION: Who starred as Kunta Kinte in the original miniseries "Roots"?

9. ANATOMY: What is the normal temperature of the human body in Celsius?

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: At which school are Rhodes scholars

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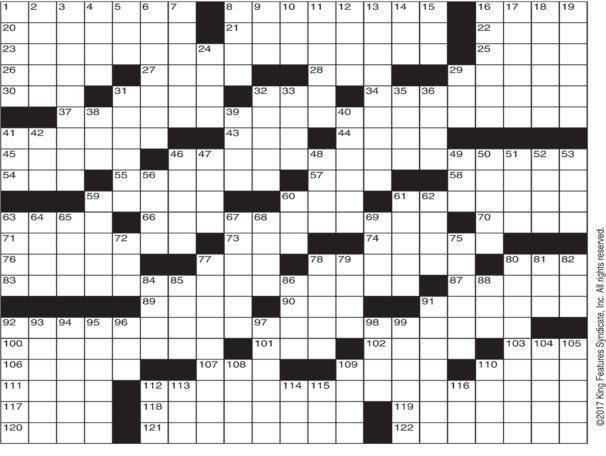
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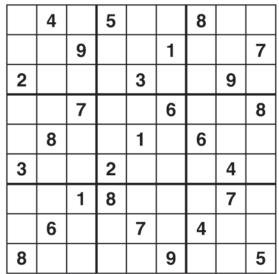


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by Linda Thistle



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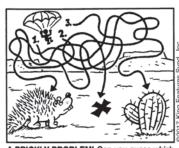
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TRY TAMING THIS PUZZLE! At the right is a word square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and

1. A circus performer (given). 2. To tolerate. Short skirts. A formal command. 5. Musical pauses Answers: 1. Tamer. 2. Abide. 3. Minis. 4. Edict. 5. Rests.



Below are the 16 food-related words you will need to complete the crossword puzzle above. Use the trial-and-error method. And keep a good eraser handy!
ASPIC JAMS PESTO **ASPIC** BAKE **MOCHA** PLUM

BEAN NACHO ROLL **PEACH CREAM** PEAR TUNAS

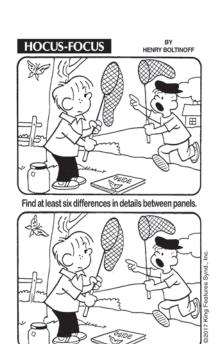
Answers: (Across) 1. Bean. 3. Pear. 6. 10. Nacho. 11. Eggs. 12. Mocha. 13. 14. Taco. (Down) 2. Aspic. 3. Peach. 4. 5. Tunas. 6. Cream. 7. Peato. 8. Jams. 9.

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Childhood ambition leads to career of helping animals

By Air Force Staff Sgt. Ryan Campbell 107th Attack Wing Public Affairs

HAYESVILLE, N.C. — Cats and dogs of different breeds and sizes stream into the makeshift veterinary office accompanied by owners who may offer a grateful hug for the chance to get their pets the health care that they need.

Some patients will greet you joyfully, others will cower and try to hide. Scratches and bites that draw blood are an accepted hazard. You do your best to keep them calm, holding them to ease their fears, and in return you might receive some friendly licks to the face.

For veterinarians such as Capt. Janet Johnston, this can be a typical day of work. It is also more than a job, it's a way for her to serve her country – in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps.

Being an Army veterinarian is more than just providing services to pets during such training events as this Smoky Mountain Innovative Readiness Training exercise, she said. The IRT, which is taking place in Clay and Swain counties in North Carolina, has Johnston working out of an office in a classroom at Hayesville High School.

She and her fellow Soldiers from the Army Reserve 169th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services – based at Fort Gordon, Georgia – will see more than 50 animals over the course of three days.

"A lot of people think veterinarians just do dogs and cats," she said. "We do food inspection (and) lab research, aside from treating animals, so we have a broad spectrum of what we can do."

DETERMINATION

Johnston said becoming a veterinarian wasn't a hard choice to make.

"When I was 5 or 6, I wanted a horse," Johnston said. "My mom said, 'No, they are too expensive and the vet bills are too high."

Though young, she remained undeterred.

"I said, 'Well, mom, if I'm the vet, can I get a horse then?' And she said 'Yeah, OK,



Capt. Janet Johnston, a veterinarian assigned to the Army Reserve's 169th Medical Detachment, is greeted by Maggie, who was brought in by her owner to be spayed during the Smoky Mountain Innovative Readiness Training mission in Hayesville, N.C., Aug. 3. The IRT program meets training requirements for active, Reserve and National Guard members and units while addressing public needs.

to tell you whatever you want to hear, so that's where I developed that drive," Johnston said.

Nothing else seemed interesting enough to distract her from reaching her goal of becoming a vet, despite the fact that some of the prerequisites could have led her in other directions.

When applying for a vet program, the standardized tests are the same ones used for medical school, Johnston said. For some, that can be a tempting career path.

"Some people say that if you're going to take the [Medical College Admission Test], you might as well go to medical school," she said. "It comes down to what your priority is – you [have] to have a passion for veterinary medicine, because you don't make as much money as people assume."

Johnston graduated in 2009 from Michigan State University, where she also acquired an interest in the Army.

"We had a recruiter that came in and talked about opportunities, going places, and I love to travel," she said. A classmate who joined the Army after graduation sent back three of them.' Of course moms are going photos of a mission to Africa, which piqued

Johnston's interest even more.

Family life delayed her plans with the Army, she said, but after graduating and starting work, the idea returned and she spoke to an Army Reserve recruiter.

The recruiter explained the benefits of joining the reserves as opposed to active duty, Johnston said. "I was able to get into the Army life and still do missions while maintaining my civilian life, and so I joined in 2011."

Since joining, Johnston has not only helped animals, but the people around her, as well. Soldiers new to the veterinary field in the Army have had the chance to learn from her.

TEACHING MISSION

"She's awesome. She is very willing to train and show me new stuff," said Spc. Jessica Hurst, a veterinary assistant assigned to the 169th MDVS. "She was right there beside me when I did my first catheter, so she's been great."

For Hurst, joining the Army Veterinary Corps also comes from a passion for animals. After enlisting as a combat camera

photographer, she became a veterinary assistant and has spent the past six months with her new unit.

"As much as I love photography, I like animals more," Hurst said. "It's what I want to do in my civilian career, whereas photography is more of a hobby and I can always keep it as a hobby."

As a brand new member to the 169th MDVS, the 14-day IRT is Hurst's first mission with a veterinary unit. Rather than be overwhelming, it can be just the opposite.

"It's hectic but fun," Hurst said. "They have been pulling me from surgery prep to vaccines while asking what happened to a different pet, which is hard, but it's been great."

INVALUABLE CARE

"I assumed the military had vets, though I didn't know they would offer services to the public," said Ansley Walker-Pina, owner of a deer head Chihuahua named Tinkerbell who came in for vaccinations.

The IRT brings these medical services to under-served communities across the country several times a year. The missions support community health by reducing the spread of disease in the animal population. The services are offered at no cost through the IRT, but for pet owners, these missions are invaluable.

"I didn't know how I was going to afford services for either of my pets," Walker-Pina said. "They're family. It means the world for me to see them happy.'

Johnston said getting out into communities is a highlight of her service. Missions such as this have taken her from Wisconsin to Puerto Rico, to her home state of North Carolina.

"Where we can help the community and make a difference while doing my passion are my favorite memories of serving," she

Johnston said she would recommend the Veterinary Corps to anyone with a passion for animals, though she stresses that it is challenging, but will also bring rewards.

"You have [to] be a leader. You have to have drive," Johnston said. "It's for people who want to get out and experience life."

Keeping cool

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back capabilities: an external, back-lit display that shows the internal temperature and system status, which flashes if the VICC goes out of temperature; state of the art insulation; a specialized coating on the exterior of the bag to help reflect infrared radiation; and a battery charger that displays

time until charged, time until discharged, charge status and any electronic faults.

"We're getting significant increases in performance over what's currently (out) there," said Williams, "especially when you factor in the maturity of the system's components, size, weight, durability and power requirements or lack thereof. This thing is next level, combining technologies that are just emerging."

In mid-July, Williams sent the Golden HARP to USAM-MA for a user evaluation and feedback.

"This is no benchtop prototype," Williams said. "Hopefully, we can get some out into the warfighter's hands. Hopefully, it will be there during the golden hour, and hopefully, it will do some good."

Vaccinate •

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rarity of diseases like polio and diphtheria in United States and in the protection from diseases that have caused crippling and death in persons worldwide. Global vaccination coverage has stalled at 86 percent, with no significant changes during the past year.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials said if the protection of vaccinations is eliminated, more people

will become infected and spread diseases

The LAHC Immunization Clinic in Preventive Medicine is open to active duty, retirees and their beneficiaries, six weeks of age and above, with a valid military ID card. Immunizations are provided on a walk-in basis Mondays-Fridays from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., except for the third Wednesday of each month (open 7:30-11:30 a.m.).

Lyster clinicians encourage beneficia-

ries to visit the immunization clinic during the non-peak hours of 7-10 a.m. There tends to be a longer wait time during peak hours between 10-11:30 a.m.

According to Peterson, it is recommended that infants receive their well-baby visit prior to any vaccines being given and children must be at least 4 years of age to receive their kindergarten vaccines. Alabama Blue cards are issued at time of vaccination, but can take up to 72 hours during the summer months.

Parents are encouraged to bring children in as early as possible with all their immunization records. Active-duty Soldiers scheduled for overseas assignments and those deploying overseas require a DA 4036-R from their unit – vaccinations cannot be given without this form.

The immunization clinic welcomes any questions you may have on immunizations. For more information, call 255-7754, or visit www.cdc.gov or www.who. gov.

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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

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

Tactical Throwdown

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host its Tactical Throwdown third quarter challenge Monday through Aug. 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 pre-register – 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.

Super Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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Answers

- 1. "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
- 2. Lake Superior
- 3.24
- 4. Calvin Coolidge 5. Garcia Lopez de Cardenas
- 6. Cedar
- 7. Nabisco
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