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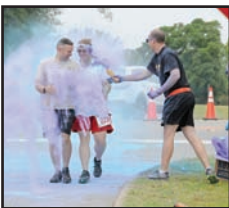
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## ‘FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE’

*Officials: As anti-terrorism awareness month ends, vigilance still a must*

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Antiterrorism Awareness Month is winding down, but Fort Rucker officials want to remind people to stay vigilant year round.

This year’s theme for the observance month centered on homegrown violent extremism, which has seen an increase in activity in recent years, and for that reason it’s imperative that the community stays on alert, said Mike Whittaker, Fort Rucker anti-terrorism officer.

“Because we in the military, our families, our DA civilian and contractor co-workers enjoy the benefits and security of a ‘gated community’ environment, we tend to get complacent and let our guard down,” he said, “but this is a time for personal vigilance.

“Whether the violent extremism is po-

litically, racially or ideologically motivated, the results are still the same,” he continued. “Good people – friends, family members, neighbors – are all put in harm’s way when we do not pay attention to our surroundings, situations evolving around us and each other’s welfare.”

Whittaker said that since people of the community are usually the first people to see when a potential act of terrorism might occur, they are actually the first line of defense.

“‘We, the people,’ not local law enforcement or the military police, are the first line of defense,” he said. “Be their eyes and ears. If you see or hear anything suspicious, call somebody.”

“There is a lot of activity and things happening [overseas] that is driving things that are going on here in the U.S. with [law



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enforcement agencies], and we’re all still saying the same thing – see something, say something,” said Cory Greenawalt, Fort Rucker antiterrorism analyst. “One of the big things that we are looking out for is radicalization and homegrown violent extrem-

ism.

ISIS is one terror group that is still very prevalent on the Internet, and because that is a medium that can be accessed by any-

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## Post lost and found helps reunite owners with lost items

By Jeremy Henderson  
Army Flier Staff Writer

It is natural to retrace one’s steps when searching for lost property, but many people fail to exhaust all of Fort Rucker’s available resources.

Fort Rucker’s Directorate of Public Safety maintains a lost and found for items recovered across post and, according to Peggy Contreras, Fort Rucker community police supervisor, many people fail to utilize the resource.

“Lost and found is a collection of all the lost or misplaced items found on post,” she said. “People will find the items and turn them in to us. Anyone who has lost or misplaced an item on post is encouraged to contact us first to see if anyone has turned the item in to DPS.”

According to Contreras, individuals must provide a description of the item prior to claiming it – the more detailed, the better.

“We want to make sure the property is returned to the proper person,” she said. “Instead of just saying you lost your keys, say you lost your keys with a blue keychain or a picture of a family member attached.”

Commonly lost or misplaced items brought to lost and found include cell phones, jewelry, keys, jackets and other items commonly removed or carried freely.

“People will remove their ring to wash their hands or put their cell phone down for a moment to free up their hand and forget about it,” Contreras said. “That property is found and often delivered to lost and found.”

Instinct typically dictates a return to the last place individuals possessed the lost or misplaced item, Contreras said, but time could be saved with a quick, initial call to DPS.

“Give us a call first,” she said. “We can quickly check what we have here and possibly help find the lost or misplaced property without spending minutes or hours searching.

“Sometimes someone places something on top of their car, it falls off when they drive away and someone will find it later and turn it in to the police,” she added. “People will sometimes leave things in the museum during a visit. They think to call the museum because that us where they last had it, but they never

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Runners take part in the post-race color explosion at the 2017 Fort Rucker Color Run Saturday. For more on the event, see Page D1.

## RESILIENCE THROUGH ART

*Center provides Soldiers, community an artistic outlet*

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Having a hobby is one way people unwind from the routines of daily life, and for some Soldiers, that hobby can be an escape.

And for Soldiers and community members, there’s a place on Fort Rucker that offers a creative outlet for those looking to get lost in their artistry.

The Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts Center, located in Bldg. 9205 on Ruf Avenue, offers a multitude of activities for a wide range of interests – from painting and pottery, to woodworking and engraving, as well as the Resilience through Art area, which gives Soldiers a place to practice their craft and express themselves through art, according to Darryle Jones, Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation community recreation chief.

“Whether that’s painting, making pottery, or whatever they feel they would like to do creatively or artistically, they can do in that room – that’s their outlet,” he said.

The program, which began last year, is designed for the wellbeing of Soldiers, who oftentimes return from deployments in need of an outlet to release the stresses from their time away. The program is not an art class and Soldiers don’t need any art experience to utilize the



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Chris Montgomery, veteran, uses the screen printing system to press logos onto a shirt at the Fort Rucker Arts and Crafts center last year.

room, Jones said.

It’s meant to be a space where they can come and enjoy time together or by themselves while they create their art, but Jones said that community members are welcome to use the facility when it is not occupied by Soldiers.

“It’s got to be a tool for the entire community to use, so when Soldiers are not using it, we’re definitely making that space available to the community,” said the community recreation chief.

The arts and crafts center, as a whole, isn’t just a place for Soldiers,

but a place where people across the community can come to fulfill their artistic needs, said Jones.

“What I’d like for [the center] to be for the community is one of those programs that they can continually visit throughout the year and get their personal needs met,” said Jones. “If they’re looking to embroider something, looking to make something or looking to have something engraved, [the center is that] one-stop location where things can be done at a reasonable price.”

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# PERSPECTIVE

## ‘A CHANGE IN CULTURE’

*Female Soldiers making more strides in combat career fields*



Pvt. Kaylee Abbott checks her coordinates against a target during her 13F forward observer training earlier this year at Fort Sill, Okla. Abbott was one of the first female graduates of the 13F class after the Army opened the MOS to women.

PHOTO BY KEITH PANNELL

By Joe Lacadan  
Army News Service

(Editor’s note: Michelle Eberhart at West Point and Pfc. Zoe Garbarino at Fort Stewart, Georgia, contributed to this report.)

FORT MEADE, Md. — The Army reached a number of milestones over the past two years as it continued service-wide integration of female Soldiers into combat career fields and other areas of service.

This summer, women made history at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating as the first female cavalry scouts and M1 tank crew members. Earlier this month at West Point, the U.S. Military Academy named the first African-American woman as first captain of cadets.

As part of Soldier 2020, the recent integration efforts are led by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, overseeing an Army-wide program to better match Soldiers with career fields that align with their abilities.

The integration of women into armor and infantry began last year with officers leading the way so that female leaders would be in place at units when the first female enlisted arrived.

The Armor Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning has graduated 32 female Soldiers and one fe-



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male Marine from its three-phase program. Also at Fort Benning, 21 female infantry officers graduated this year.

In addition, Fort Benning graduated 38 female enlisted Soldiers in its first gender-integrated Infantry One Station Unit Training phases.

Eight enlisted women have graduated so far as 19D cavalry scouts at Fort Benning while 10 women completed M1 armor crewman training.

At the Army’s prestigious Ranger School, seven female graduates made the cut since April 2016.

In all, the Army opened 138,000 combat positions to women in 2016.

To date, 567 female Soldiers have graduated from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in artillery occupational specialties since the field was opened to women. A total of 601 women have become combat engineers after graduating from

training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, since 2015.

The Army’s changing demographics in combat career fields has seen its impact among Soldiers, said Capt. Nargis Kabiri, one of the service’s first female field artillery commanders. Kabiri was commissioned in 2010.

“What I’ve seen from 2010 to now is a change in culture,” Kabiri said. “Back then, I’d walk into a unit and people were hesitant to say anything because there was a female present. Now that culture has changed, when females walk into a room, everything remains the same because it’s become the norm.”

West Point Cadet Simone Askew became the first black woman to earn the title of first captain or cadet brigade commander at the U.S. Military Academy. The 20-year-old history major was sworn in Aug. 14. Women were not allowed to attend West Point until 1976 and the academy graduated its first class with women in 1980.

“I can’t believe this has happened in my lifetime,” said Pat Locke, an African-American woman who graduated in the first class of female cadets. “When I entered the academy in 1976, the men did not want us there. Now, 40 years later, everybody recognizes the talent and skills women bring to the game.”

## Rotor Wash

“Labor Day is Monday. What are some tips to help families remain safe during a holiday weekend often filled with cookouts, boating, swimming and several hours in the sun?”



2nd Lt. Taylor Vander Meunen, 23d Flying Training Squadron

“Make a plan and make sure you have a wing man with you at all times, and make sure not to get into anything stupid.”



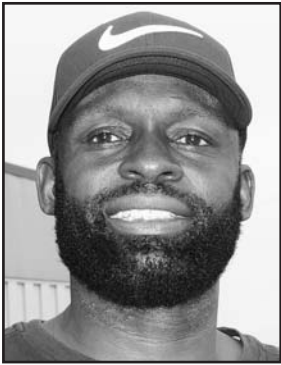
2nd Lt. John Mazzone, D Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt.

“I know when you’re in the sun you should make sure you’re reapplying sunscreen at least every half hour to 45 minutes depending on where you go.”



Danny Nix, retired military

“If they’re cooking, make sure where you’re cooking is a proper distance from structures, and always make sure to have a fire extinguisher nearby.”



Curtis Pitts, retired military

“Just have to always stay alert and know your surroundings.”



June Lewis, military spouse

“Just be alert to what you’re doing.”

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## ACE suicide intervention

### Ask your buddy

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

### Care for your buddy

- Remove any means that could be used for self-

injury.

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

### Escort your buddy

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



# HELPING HAND

## DOD moves troops, search-rescue units, aircraft, vehicles to Texas

By Cheryl Pellerin  
*Defense Media Activity*

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is prepositioning troops, search and rescue units, aircraft, vehicles, equipment and supplies to staging areas near the worst of the flooding in south-eastern Texas in anticipation of a possible request for assistance, a Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday.

Col. Robert Manning updated the media on DOD response efforts to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and summarized activities of the Texas National Guard and the National Guard Bureau.

“Continuing rainfall from the hurricane is expected to cause devastating and life-threatening flooding throughout this week,” Manning said, adding, “Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims.”

### STATE, LOCAL EFFORTS

Sunday, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed a memorandum of agreement approving a dual-status command, Manning said, which authorizes one commander to direct active-duty and National Guard forces.

“As of now, all Guard personnel providing assistance are on Title 32, or state orders. Active-duty units are en route to the staging area in anticipation of a possible request. There has been no for-



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Texas National Guard soldiers arrive in Houston, Texas to aid citizens in heavily flooded areas from the storms of Hurricane Harvey.

mal tasking [yet] of Title 10 DOD units,” the colonel added.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott Tuesday activated his state’s entire National Guard force in response to Hurricane Harvey, bringing the total number of deployed Texas Guard members to roughly 12,000.

The Texas National Guard currently has 16 aircraft and person-

nel conducting day and night wide-area search and rescue missions along the Texas coast from Corpus Christi to Houston.

That effort includes 10 UH-60 Black Hawks, four UH-72 Lakotas and two CH-47 Chinooks.

Manning said the New York Air National Guard has provided one C-130 Hercules military transport aircraft, three HH-60 Pave Hawks

and two C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft. And six rotary-wing aircraft from the Utah, Nebraska and North Carolina Army National Guard are en route to the area.

Seven fixed-wing aircraft from the U.S. Coast Guard and Air National Guard are in support, he added, and the Texas National Guard is using about 200 Hum-

## U.S., South Korean military leaders reinforce alliance

By Cheryl Pellerin  
*Defense Media Activity*

WASHINGTON — Top U.S. and South Korean military leaders spoke to reporters Aug. 24 at Osan Air Base near the South Korean capital of Seoul to reinforce the alliance between the two countries and their combined resolve to deter North Korean threats.

In attendance were Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, Combined Forces Command and United Nations Command; Navy Adm. Harry Harris, commander of U.S. Pacific Command; and Air Force Gen. John E. Hyten, commander of U.S. Strategic Command.

Also at the briefing were Air Force Lt. Gen. Samuel A. Greaves, director of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency; Army Brig. Gen. Sean Gainey, commanding general of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command in Hawaii; and South Korean Gen. Kim Byeong-joo, deputy commander of Combined Forces Command.

“Each of these leaders is important to us,” Brooks told local and international media members, “and they are here to have a first-hand look at our daily efforts in preserving the armistice and also in our daily efforts to be prepared to defend the Republic of Korea.”

### NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS

The briefing comes amid a series of provocations by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un — 28 in the past 18 months, Brooks said, including two nuclear tests.

Kim also threatened to launch missiles into the waters near the U.S. territory of Guam in the western Pacific Ocean in response to an annual joint U.S.-South Korea computer-simulated defensive exercise, Ulchi-Freedom Guardian, that began Aug. 21 and ended Monday. But on Aug. 15, Kim apparently changed his mind about launching the missiles, according to media reports.

“Having a pause in provocations is always a good thing,” Brooks said. “That means

there may be some success in the diplomatic efforts. But these decisions really have to be left up to Kim Jong Un.”

In the meantime, the general added, “We’re going to exercise, because we need to be ready. We’re a professional force, [and] this is an alliance of two very professional militaries supported by a broader coalition of the United Nations Command, and being [ready] to fight tonight if we have to is what we’ll do. And we would certainly hope that Kim Jong Un would make wise decisions about that.”

### MISSILE DEFENSE

In response to questions from reporters, PACOM’s Harris said he had complete confidence in the capability of U.S. weapons systems developed to defend the U.S. homeland and those of South Korea and other allies.

“We have had 15 tests of THAAD, [and] we’ve had 15 successes,” he said, referring to the terminal high-altitude area defense element that’s part of the Missile Defense Agency’s Ballistic Missile Defense System.

THAAD gives the BMDS a globally transportable and quickly deployable capability to intercept and destroy adversaries’ ballistic missiles inside or outside the atmosphere during the final, or terminal, phase of flight.

“I’m not a mathematician, but that’s almost like 100 percent,” Harris added. “So, I’m confident in our ability to destroy any missiles that come into our defended area, which is important. If it’s not going to be in our defended area, then why waste an asset to shoot it down?”

Also in the region, Harris said, are ballistic missile defense destroyers and cruisers that are part of the layered defense in depth, as are Patriot missile batteries deployed in South Korea, and now, THAAD.

“That’s why we have Patriot here,” he added. “That’s why, in conjunction with the Republic of Korea, the alliance decision was made to bring THAAD onto the peninsula, into South Korea. Because it’s part of an en-



MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY PHOTO

A Terminal High Altitude Area Defense interceptor is launched from the Pacific Spaceport Complex Alaska in Kodiak, Alaska, during Flight Test THAAD-18 July 11. During the test, the THAAD weapon system intercepted an air-launched intermediate-range ballistic missile target.

tire defense in-depth scheme.”

### PROVIDING OPTIONS

STRATCOM’s Hyten said that dealing with threats from North Korea is a joint problem that the United States and its South Korean allies will work on together.

“I’m a supporting commander to General Brooks and the Combined Forces Command. I provide all the capabilities that Strategic Command has in order to provide him options to deal with” situations such as the North Korean threat, Hyten added.

STRATCOM’s capabilities include space, cyber, deterrence and missile defense, he said.

“We provide all those [capabilities] that give General Brooks options, and then we work it inside the alliance to develop a collective defense of the peninsula. All those options will be considered by our military leadership and our political leadership,” the general said.

Hyten also expressed confidence in U.S. missile defense capabilities and those de-

ployed in South Korea.

“Our missile defense capabilities that are deployed both in Alaska and in California have the ability to intercept any threat against the United States,” Hyten said, adding that he’s very confident in the capabilities deployed in South Korea — sea-based, Patriots and THAAD.

Greaves, the Missile Defense Agency director, said that great pains are taken with the systems MDA deploys, including Patriot and THAAD, “to design, build and test them both in a software lab with hardware in the loop, as we call it, as well as actual flight tests under very credible conditions.”

Operational testers in the Defense Department help craft those tests, set the metrics and “assess how well we’ve done against the threat that we were testing against,” Greaves said.

“From beginning to end,” he added, “these tests are credible, they’re robust and they’ve visibly demonstrated our ability to defend the area that the operational commanders have assigned.”

## News Briefs

### Faulkner Gate closure

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Faulkner Gate will be closed Saturday-Monday. The gate will resume normal operating hours Tuesday.

### Gold Star Family Luminary Service

Fort Rucker will host a Gold Star Mother’s Day and Family Day Luminary Service Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. The mission of the Gold Star Luminary Initiative is to promote awareness of Gold Star Family Day, and urge organizations and individuals in communities throughout the United States to light luminaries at dusk on the last Sunday of each September in honor of the nation’s fallen heroes, according

to survivor outreach services officials. For more information, call 255-9637.

### Limited clinic appointments, closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will offer limited appointments Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. The clinic will be closed for the Labor Day holiday Monday.

### POW/MIA ceremony

Fort Rucker will host its POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 15 at 8:30 a.m. at Veterans Park in front of the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

### Clinic closure

Lyster Army Health Clinic will close at noon Sept. 20 for training.

### Tobacco cessation program

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

For more information, call 255-7930.

### Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

### Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

### Healthy cooking demo

Lyster Army Health Clinic hosts its monthly healthy cooking demonstrations the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

To reserve a spot, call 255-7986.



# Army 3-D prints a building

By Michael Jazdyk  
Construction Engineering  
Research Laboratory

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign, Illinois, has successfully 3-D printed a 512-square-foot concrete structure.

The structure, called a barracks hut, or B-Hut, was printed as a result of a three-year Army Program called the Automated Construction of Expeditionary Structures.

It uses an additive manufacturing process to print semi-permanent structures in a theater of operation. The ability to use concrete sourced from readily available materials reduces logistical requirements for the U.S. Army.

“ACES provides a capability to print custom designed expeditionary structures on-demand, in the field, using locally available materials. ACES will allow the Army to print buildings and other required infrastructure, such as barriers, culverts and obstacles on location,” said Dr. Michael Case, CERL ACES program manager.

ACES has the potential to reduce building materials shipped by half and reduce construction manpower requirements by 62 percent when compared to expedient plywood construction.

CERL has also teamed with NASA to make ACES technology more mobile. NASA de-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JAZDYK

A barracks hut constructed with the Automated Construction of Expeditionary Structures is a new construction technology that prints concrete structures. This hut resides at the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign, Ill.

signed and built a dry goods delivery batching system that was used to print the B-Hut. CERL is currently working with NASA to design, build and test a third generation concrete printer that will be delivered in September 2017. NASA plans to explore additive construction of extra-

terrestrial infrastructure in the future.

ERDC has also established a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with Caterpillar, Inc., to explore commercialization of ACES technology, with the potential application for disaster relief operations and

conventional construction.

“The ACES team designed, built, and validated an additive, three-dimensional concrete printing technology that is a real game changer,” said Case. “Unlike previous efforts, ACES can use up to 3/8” aggregate in the concrete that is used. In addition,

the ACES project paid particular attention to methods of reinforcing printed concrete, both horizontally and vertically.”

CERL is an integral component of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

# NOT JUST FUN AND GAMES

*Gamers shape future force: Army seeks Soldiers’ input through online gaming*

By Amy Robinson  
U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. — The U.S. Army is currently seeking Soldiers to provide feedback through online game play in order to contribute to the development of the future force.

Operation Overmatch is a gaming environment within the Early Synthetic Prototyping effort. Its purpose is to connect Soldiers to inform concept and capability developers, scientists and engineers across the Army.

“What we want is two-way communication, and what better medium to use than video games,” said Lt. Col. Brian Vogt, ESP project lead with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command’s Army Capabilities Integration Center.

Through a collaborative effort between TRADOC, U.S. Army Research and Development Command, and Army Game Studio, Operation Overmatch was created to encourage Soldier innovation through crowd-sourcing ideas within a synthetic environment.

“Soldiers have the advantage of understanding how equipment, doctrine and organization will be used in the field — the strengths and weaknesses,” said Michael Barnett, chief engineer at the Army Game Studio and project lead for Operation Overmatch. “And they have immediate ideas about what to use, what to change and what to abandon — how to adapt quickly.”

Within Operation Overmatch, Soldiers will be able to play eight versus eight against other Soldiers, where they will fight advanced enemies with emerging capabilities in realistic scenarios.

Players will also be able to experiment with weapons, vehicles, tactics and team organization. Game analytics and Soldier feedback will be collected and used to evaluate new ideas and to inform areas for further study.

One of the benefits of collecting feedback through the gaming environment within ESP is the ability to explore hundreds — if not thousands — of variations, or prototypes, of vehicles and weapons at a fraction of what it would cost to build the capability at full scale, Vogt explained. A vehicle or weapons system that might take years of engineering to physically build can be changed or adapted within minutes in the game.

“In a game environment, we can change the parameters or the abilities of a vehicle by keystrokes,” he said. “We can change the engine in a game environment and it could accelerate faster, consume more fuel or carry more fuel. All these things are options within the game — we just select it, and that capability will be available for use. Of course, Army engineers will determine if the change is plausible before we put it in the scenarios.”



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A screenshot from Operation Overmatch. The Army is currently seeking Soldiers to provide feedback through online gameplay in order to contribute to the development of the future force.



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The game currently models a few future vehicles to include variants of manned armored vehicles, robotic vehicles and unmanned vehicles. The scenarios are centered on manned/unmanned teaming at the squad and platoon level in an urban environment. Through game play, Soldiers will provide insights about platform capabilities and employment.

Currently, the game is in early development alpha testing; however, Vogt encourages Soldiers to sign up now for early access to gameplay during the beta testing period, which is scheduled for October. Here, they will be able to participate in the gameplay and provide feedback on the design of Operation Overmatch.

Soldiers can sign up to play Operation Overmatch at [www.operationovermatch.com](http://www.operationovermatch.com).



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A screenshot from Operation Overmatch.

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# Army completes autonomous micro-robotics research program

By David McNally  
ARL Public Affairs

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Researchers from industry and universities across the nation have rallied around a collaborative technology alliance with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory since 2008.

A research program called Micro Autonomous Systems and Technology came to its conclusion during a capstone event of presentations and demonstrations from Aug. 22-24 of both ground and air micro-robots.

Teams of researchers gave 17 live demonstrations of the technologies they've been working on over the past several years. The University of Pennsylvania showcased a group of autonomous quadcopters that self-organize into formations.

Officials said technology has advanced dramatically during the life of the program.

"I think there's still a long way to go to get them to do all of the behaviors we want in any type of environment," said Dr. Brett Piekarski, the Army's collaborative alliance manager. "There are certain areas where I think we've really pushed the bar and moved the state-of-the-art. One example is in scaling things down to be able to do autonomous behavior in something that fits in the size of your hand."

Piekarski has been with the program since its inception and has managed the alliance of Army, industry and university researchers since 2012.

"In one way, I'm a little sad to see it end," he said. "In another way, I'm really excited because I think we pushed the boundaries of the state-of-the-art and we will be seeing the impact of the advancements within the program for years to come."

When the program started, the laboratory had several objectives. Scientists wanted to understand fundamental technologies that would enable autonomous micro-robots to work together.

"Some things have matured quite a bit and other things I think we're still scratching the surface," Piekarski said. "There's been a lot of discovery and innovation. Proof-of-concept type things would be another area where I think we've done a lot of innovation in technology development."

"I am absolutely certain this technology will help the Soldiers of the future," said Allison Mathis, the program's deputy manager and an Army researcher with MAST for the past three years. "We have created advances in everything. There are new platforms, new algorithms, new sensors. Not all of this will be ready next year, or even the next five years, but we have absolutely advanced technology. We are making an impact right now."

MAST started as a five-year research alliance, which extended to 10 years, and brought together 19 partners from industry and academia. Lead defense contractor,



PHOTOS BY JHI SCOTT

After nearly 10 years of collaborative research from the Army, industry and academia, the Micro Autonomous Systems and Technology concludes during a three-day capstone event of presentations and demonstrations of both ground and air micro-robots Aug. 22-24 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

BAE Systems, worked with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on micro-systems integration, The University of Michigan worked on micro-electronics, while the University of Maryland focused on microsystem mechanics. The University of Pennsylvania targeted processing for autonomous operations.

Other consortium members were the University of California, Berkeley; Carnegie-Mellon University; Georgia Institute of Technology; University of New Mexico; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stanford University; Texas A&M University; University of California, Merced; University of Delaware; University of Texas, Austin; Kansas State University; University of Colorado, Bolder; Bowie State University; and University of California, San Diego.

"We've demonstrated what can be done in this space with some innovative ideas," Piekarski said. "There needs to be a lot of work in all of these areas to get them into engineered solutions that we can put in the hands of the Soldiers."

Piekarski said the lab will continue to work with its stakeholders and partners to "take it to the next level."

The Army recently announced its next focus area for a collaborative technology alliance will be known as Distributed Collaborative Intelligent Systems and Technology.

"It's really about high numbers of systems, heterogeneous in nature," Piekarski said. "So you think of it as air, ground, large, small, Soldiers in the loop .... How do we do distributed intelligence? And then once we have that decision making, how do we get the information back out and control



University of Pennsylvania researchers demonstrate a successful perching technique where an autonomous quadcopter attaches itself to a log.

these large heterogeneous teams in complex and contested environments?"

Researchers said the next program will not be without challenges.

"If you have small, individual robots and you have instrumented Humvees and you have a person and you have maybe tens or hundreds or thousands of any of these things. How do they work together? How do you deal with attrition? How do they talk to each other? How does a fully instrumented Humvee talk to a tiny robot and talk to a person? This is not a simple problem. This is an

incredibly difficult, exciting program," Piekarski said.

Dr. Brian Sadler, the Army senior research scientist for intelligent systems, said he is optimistic about the future.

"The convergence of technology that we're witnessing now, and as we propel it forward, is going to be a dramatic lifesaver and game-changer in terms of the way we operate tactically," Sadler said. "This is my opinion. I am extremely optimistic."

Sadler said it is important for the Army to stay out in front of the technology curve because autonomous robotics will soon

be ubiquitous.

"We're now seeing a wave of commercialization in this space," he said. "It's going to change the way we do business. I believe this is going to be a tactical offset strategy for the Army – the miniaturization of the robotics, the combination of large and small platforms, what it brings to the networking, what it brings to sensing and the ability to go fast in complex environments, to be able to inject these into a scene ahead of the warfighter from overhead, from the ground, in and out of buildings at a very rapid pace. All of that is coming."



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# WARRIOR CARE

## DOD clarifies liberal consideration for veterans’ discharge upgrade requests

By Lisa Ferdinando  
*Defense Media Activity*

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department released guidance Monday to clarify the liberal consideration given to veterans who request upgrades of their discharge saying they had mental health conditions or were victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment.

The new guidance clarifies that the liberal consideration policy includes conditions resulting from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, sexual assault or sexual harassment, said Air Force Lt. Col. Reggie Yager, the acting director of legal policy in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

The policy is meant to ease the burden on veterans and give them a reasonable opportunity to establish the extenuating circumstances of their discharge, Yager said.

Cases involving invisible wounds such as PTSD or other mental health conditions, whether from combat or sexual assault, are



DOD PHOTO

Yager

some of the most complex and difficult cases to review, he said.

Mental health conditions, including those from PTSD, sexual assault and sexual harassment, affect veterans in many different ways, Yager said.

“Liberal consideration, in our view, is the right balance to ensure we are making fact-based decisions while also giving appropriate leeway to the challenges posed by these invisible wounds,” he added.

It is unknown how many veterans could be affected, he explained, because the veterans most likely

affected are those who did not disclose a sexual assault or sexual harassment during service, or their PTSD or other mental health condition was not diagnosed during their time in the military.

The Defense Department issued the liberal consideration policy in 2014. Monday’s clarification is available on the Defense Department’s website.

Veterans from any era can seek an upgrade to their discharge or ask for reconsideration under the clarification, Yager said.

“The department is committed to

helping veterans and taking care of our veterans regardless of whether they currently serve or if they’ve served decades ago,” he added.

Requests for upgrades are reviewed by military department discharge review boards or boards for correction of military records.

To find the forms to request an upgrade, veterans discharged less than 15 years ago can go to the website for the board for their specific service. Veterans who were discharged more than 15 years ago need to go to the board for correction of military records for their service, he said.

Veteran service organizations and military service organizations can provide assistance, Yager said, pointing out that legal counsel is not needed to request the upgrade.

Veterans seeking a discharge upgrade need to give the board evidence of a diagnosis, or establish examples of evidence to establish the mental health condition, or show evidence that they experienced an event such as sexual assault or sexual harassment that affected their behavior

in a significant way, Yager said. They also need to explain how the condition caused the basis for their discharge, he added.

The boards consider the severity of the behavior that led to the discharge, Yager said, noting that not every discharge warrants an upgrade.

The review boards will consider four points, Yager said:

- Whether the veteran had a condition or experience that may excuse or mitigate the discharge;
- If the condition existed or experience occurred during military service;
- If the condition or experience excuses or mitigates the discharge; and
- If the condition or experience outweighs the discharge.

The review takes up to a year on average, and a veteran who is denied an upgrade can appeal to the board for correction of military records, he said. A surviving spouse, next of kin or other legal representative can file an appeal on behalf of a veteran who has died or is incompetent.

## SecDef announces panel will review president’s transgender guidance

Defense Media Activity  
*Staff Report*

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said in a statement Tuesday that the Defense Department has received President Donald J. Trump’s memorandum addressing the military service of transgender persons.

DOD will carry out the president’s policy direction in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, Mattis said. The memorandum, dated Aug. 25 and entitled “Military Service by Transgender Individuals,” directs DOD to develop a study and implementation plan that will “contain the steps that will promote military readiness, lethality and unit cohesion, with due regard for budgetary constraints and consistent with ap-

plicable law,” the defense secretary said.

“The soon-arriving senior civilian leadership of DOD will play an important role in this effort,” he said. “The implementation plan will address accessions of transgender individuals and transgender individuals currently serving in the United States military.

“Our focus must always be on what is best for the military’s combat effectiveness leading to victory on the battlefield. To that end, I will establish a panel of experts serving within the departments of defense and homeland security to provide advice and recommendations on the implementation of the president’s direction,” Mattis said. “Panel members will bring mature experience, most notably in combat and deployed operations, and

seasoned judgment to this task. The panel will assemble and thoroughly analyze all pertinent data, quantifiable and non-quantifiable. Further information on the panel will be forthcoming.”

Once the panel reports its recommendations, Mattis said he will consult with the secretary of homeland security before providing advice to the president concerning implementation of his policy direction.

“In the interim, current policy with respect to currently serving members will remain in place,” the defense secretary said. “I expect to issue interim guidance to the force concerning the president’s direction, including any necessary interim adjustments to procedures, to ensure the continued combat readiness of the force until our final policy on this subject is issued.”



DOD PHOTO

Mattis

## Defense

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one globally, it’s important that people are vigilant about their own operational security when venturing online, said Greenawalt.

“OPSEC and [antiterrorism] go hand in hand, especially where social media is concerned – social media can be a breeding ground for bad things to happen,” he said.

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

“It’s spilling over into game play through [computer gaming and console gaming],” said the antiterrorism ana-

lyst. “We’re seeing conversations going on in chat rooms on video games, so it’s very entrenched and in depth – it’s something that parents and Soldiers need to be aware of because it’s out there.”

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

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

“One of the things that I’ve learned over the last 28 years is that terrorism will find a way – it’s prolific,” Greenawalt said. “[Terrorists’] tactics, techniques and procedures change, as ours do. That’s why we need people to remain vigilant.”

The main way people can remain vigilant is by utilizing the iWatch Army program, which is an antiterrorism program that focuses on encouraging Army-wide community awareness and outreach efforts to address important topics related to protecting those communities, said the antiterrorism analyst.

“Freedom and liberty are not gifts handed down by our forefathers, but the ultimate prizes in life being competed for every minute of every day, by those who would take yours away,” added Whittaker. “Stay alert and stay alive.”

To access the iWatch Army website, people can visit <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/familyprogramsandservices/iwatchprogram/default.aspx>. Greenawalt also stressed that when reporting suspicious activity, people should call the Fort Rucker non-emergency line at 255-2222, adding that 911 should only be utilized for emergency situations.

## Lost

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think to call the police. They can all here to see if it has been turned in to us.”

According to Contreras, property is

often lost or misplaced during events on post such as Freedom Fest.

Doug Johnson, Fort Rucker police investigator, said many items remain unclaimed each year.

“We had some found property (from) last year. We advertised it and no one claimed it,” he said. “It was destroyed.

“We have a board and they decide what to do with [unclaimed property],” he ad-

ed. “Sometimes it is donated to charity, if it is something useful. However, some things are destroyed.”

For more information or to inquire about lost or misplaced property, call 255-3239.

## Resilience

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The center offers framing, gifts and engraving, sublimation, custom embroidery, pottery and ceramics, and even a fully-equipped woodshop where people can come to craft their own creations from something small like a jewelry box to custom furniture. There are also classes when available, and the center is currently looking for volunteers interested in teaching their craft, whether it is sewing, quilting, drawing, painting or any other artistic outlet, said the community recreation chief.

There is plenty of merchandise that people can purchase and engrave, including the miniature sculptures of Sgt. Ted E. Bear; sil-

ver, bronze and copper award eagles; various plaques and trophies; as well as personalized name plates and office gifts.

People can utilize the center for woodworking and build things from as small as birdhouses to larger items, like furniture, but safety is a top priority when working with the equipment in the center, said Jones.

To use the woodshop or take classes in the woodshop, participants must first complete a one-hour safety course, said Jones, which will help people become familiar with the different pieces of equipment and how they work. Safety classes are available Saturdays from 9-10 a.m.

The woodshop has its own hours

of operation, which are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-6 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If people would rather have someone do the work for them, the center also offers a host of services, including framing, gifts, engraving, custom embroidery, screen printing and sublimation, which allows people to customize just about anything from clothes, bags, mugs and more.

The center is open Tuesdays-Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is open to Soldiers, family members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

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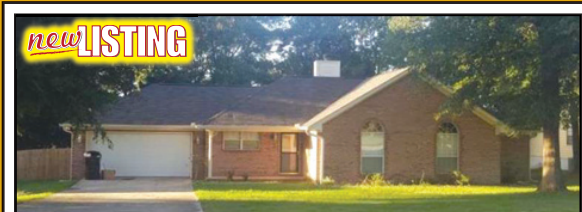
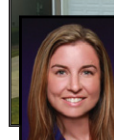
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# ROUGH RIDERS

*Soldiers complete aerial response training with Iraqi forces*



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A CH-47 Chinook and a UH-60M Black Hawk from the 2-149th GSAB, Task Force Rough Riders, land prior to inserting paratroopers from Task Force Red Falcon's C Co., 1-325th AIR, 2nd BCT, 82nd Airborne Division, during the aerial response force exercise at Camp Taji Military Complex, Iraq, Aug. 13.

**By Capt. Stephen James**  
*For Army News Service*

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Soldiers from the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, alongside paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Red Falcon, completed a joint-aerial response force exercise with their Iraqi Security Force counterparts at Camp Taji Military Complex Aug. 13.

The ARFEX built upon previous engagements and increases the interoperability between U.S. and Iraqi forces during Operation Inherent Resolve, the campaign to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

"This is a big step beyond any previous U.S. Army Aviation partnership with Iraqi army aviators in the last four years," said Capt. Logan Reed, the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade's partnership officer.

The exercise began when a U.S. HH-60M Black Hawk from the 2-149th General Support Aviation Battalion, Task Force Rough Riders, was forced to land due to simulated

maintenance issues, and required both U.S. Army paratroopers and the ISF to establish a security perimeter around the downed helicopter.

The ground element supplemented aerial security coverage, which was provided by AH-64E Apaches from the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment and Iraqi helicopters, including Mi-17 Hips.

"Getting out and working battle drills with our partners for 20 minutes is worth 100 meetings," said 1st Lt. Max Wiese, a platoon leader from C Company, 1-325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

Close coordination was vital due to the amount of moving pieces, including U.S. and Iraqi helicopters inserting and extracting ground forces.

"Communication was key," said Reed. "Both U.S. and Iraqi air and ground teams hit their rehearsed hard times and executed the training safely."

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## FALCON'S TALON

*Aviation Soldiers test their skill, cunning in exercise*

**By Pfc. Nicholas Vidro**  
*10th Combat Aviation Brigade  
Public Affairs*

LIEPAJA, Latvia – Flying low and fast over the countryside, Soldiers of the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, scattered on a mission that would test their skill and cunning while trying to survive in enemy-held territory over four days across Latvia.

The exercise, known as Falcon's Talon, showcased the Soldiers' ability to stay on mission should they have to operate while evading enemy forces after their base of operations was compromised, according to Capt. Zachary Johnston, officer-in-charge of this stage of the mission and assistant operations officer for 3rd GSAB.

"We're out here as a part of Falcon's Talon, where we are evading and camouflaging our aircraft to save combat power until we can link up with coalition forces to set up an offensive strategy," he said.

This portion of the exercise had Aviation crews looking at new challenges and creating solutions on the fly, he said. From the moment the team landed at the first hide site, Soldiers were faced with the task of learning how to effectively hide a UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook, as well as covertly meeting with allied forces.

This part of Falcon's Talon highlights key aspects of Operation Atlantic Resolve, a NATO mission involving the U.S. and Europe in a combined effort to strengthen bonds of friendship and to deter aggression, Johnston said.

"This mission is parallel to [Operation Atlantic Resolve] because we're working with our Latvian allies. They've sacrificed their time to support our operations all over the country," he said.

The exercise was planned around putting the U.S. Soldiers in a difficult situation and seeing how they fared. With the aid of Latvian allies throughout the exercise, the Soldiers were able to stay hidden and successfully evade their simulated opponents, Johnston said.

That aid included Latvian forces providing a combined force to create a secure location for the aircraft, giving American forces key knowledge of the terrain features to help hide aircraft, and providing information on nearby towns and settlements, he added.

The Aviation team that embarked on the four-day mission is serving as an example for other Aviation teams to look at in the future, but that doesn't mean Soldiers will grow complacent when the mission is over, Johnston said.



PHOTO BY PFC. NICHOLAS VIDRO

A Soldier with the 3rd GSAB, 10th Avn. Regt., 10th CAB, 10th Mountain Division, pulls security near a CH-47 Chinook during Exercise Falcon's Talon at Liepaja, Latvia, Aug. 19.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DANIEL LOVE

A bald eagle soars as a Soldier parachutes from a UH-60 Black Hawk over Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, July 27. The Soldier is a paratrooper assigned to the 25th Infantry Division's 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

## 'NO PLACE FOR COMPLACENCY'

*Aviation Soldiers usher in a new era of warfare*

**By Capt. Stephen James**  
*For Army News Service*

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq – The air mission briefing began promptly at Al Asad Air Base. The Soldier in charge of the briefing, Spc. Eleazar Gonzalez, provided updates on the operating environment and flight schedules, and coordinated with other sections to cover maintenance and weather.

The meeting ended with Gonzalez quizzing his fellow MQ-1C "Gray Eagle" operators on vital knowledge relating to the unmanned aircraft system they operate.

With the advent of new technology, junior leaders in the U.S. Army experience larger strategic impact and handle more responsibility than ever before. Nowhere is this more prevalent than the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade's D Company, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, which uses the Gray Eagle UAS in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield.

"We have specialists and sergeants fulfilling the same crew obligations as warrant officers and commissioned officers in manned Aviation units," said Capt. Joshua Heiner, the commander of D Co. "It is definitely empowerment at the junior levels."

Besides handling briefing duties that are normally handled by more senior ranking Soldiers, members of D Co. also have the responsibility to remotely operate the multi-million dollar Gray Eagle as a two-Soldier team, fulfilling roles as aircraft commanders or payload operators.

"The aircraft commander is in charge of the flight, and is responsible for the safety of the bird and all of its equipment," said Sgt. Manuel



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ISOLDA REYES

Spc. William Dopp, a UAS operator from D Co., provides information on the MQ-1C Gray Eagle to Lt. Gen. Michael Garrett, the commanding general of U.S. Army Central, during his visit to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, Aug., 11.

Dominguez, a Gray Eagle aircraft commander with over 600 flight hours.

The Gray Eagle operators provide reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition for Operation Inherent Resolve, the campaign to defeat ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

"The value of our company is that we offer commanders on the ground a long-endurance, armed platform that can build situational awareness and develop targets, then provide a precision strike capability if the situation warrants," said Heiner.

The ability provides a strategic impact due to higher-level units that rely on the intelligence gathered by the Gray Eagle's payload operator.

"We provide full-motion video to higher echelons," said Sgt. Blake Harrell, an aircraft commander who currently holds the company strike record.

The D Co. call sign is "Slayer," be-

cause the Gray Eagle operators also provide offensive strike capabilities in the fight against ISIS in Iraq.

"We have 20-year-old aircraft commanders responsible for putting ordnance on target in support of ground forces," said Heiner. "They are doing an exceptional job at it."

The UAS operators on numerous occasions identified targets for other strike platforms, specifically the AH-64E Apache from the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, and the U.S. Air Force.

From reconnaissance to strikes, the amount of responsibility on the Soldiers of D Co. is daunting, but they work through their training and their initiative to achieve their high rate of success.

"We handle one step at a time – we use checklist discipline, training, and we trust our leadership and the stan-

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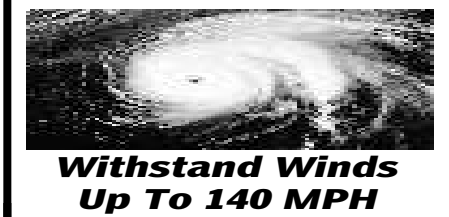
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# Riders

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The operation itself was the culmination of over three months of planning between 29th CAB Soldiers in Task Force Rough Riders and their Iraqi counterparts.

Planning for this mission involved multiple meetings and information exchanges, aircraft loading and unloading drills, communications exercises, coordination briefings and rehearsals of concept, said Maj. Craig Neeley, 2-149th GSAB operations officer.

The event continued the establishment of a strong foundation of cooperation between U.S. forces and their Iraqi partners in the fight against ISIS.

“We believe both countries’ desire to work more closely together on both training opportunities and supporting the war fight as a single, unified force,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Long, 2-149th GSAB commander.

Although the mission was a success, the best moments often occurred during the



PHOTO BY CAPT. STEPHEN JAMES

Paratroopers load onto a CH-47 Chinook during the exercise.

planning phases in which 29th Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers had an opportunity to build relationships with their Iraqi counterparts.

“The [GSAB] did a phenomenal job building relationships with the Iraqi army

aviation and ISF leadership team,” said Reed. “From participating in weekly planning sessions that alternated between U.S. and Iraqi conference rooms, to sharing meals together, the [battalion members] immersed themselves in Iraqi culture and

quickly earned the trust needed to successfully execute joint training together.”

This training opportunity also allowed for U.S. Soldiers and the ISF to share knowledge that will translate to future success on the battlefield.

“We have developed friendships through shared experience, and have found the Iraqis to be personable, hospitable, capable and eager to support the mission,” said Neeley. “I have enjoyed it very much and believe that this partnership may be among the most important accomplishments of Task Force Rough Riders’ deployment.”

Moving forward, the partnership between Iraqi Security Forces and their counterparts in the 29th CAB is expected to grow.

“Our goal is to leverage these aerial response force training opportunities to complete joint air assaults and other complex operations in support of ongoing Iraqi army operations, and develop mutual solutions to the challenges of range and refueling capabilities in Iraq,” said Neeley.

# Aviation

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dardization office,” said Harrell. “We become great at multitasking and prioritizing.”

The Gray Eagle provides a wide array of support to coalition and partner forces, but overlooking the smallest details can keep the unmanned system out of the fight. Fortunately, the maintainers of D Co. remain focused on keeping the birds in the air.

“There is no place for complacency in Aviation,” said Spc. Tyler Lewis, a UAS repairer.

Although the aircraft commanders bear the ultimate responsibility for the Gray Eagle when it is on flying missions, the maintenance Soldiers of D Co. have the essential task of keeping the system in fighting shape.

“We keep up our readiness, keep the Gray Eagle mission capable,” said Spc. William Lindmeier, a UAS repairer.

The maintenance, also completed by junior Soldiers, has already exceeded the current fleet-wide standard of 50 percent Soldier and 50 percent civilian contract maintenance.

“We do 90 percent of the main-

tenance,” said Lindmeier.

The 90% Soldier maintenance standard is the Army’s long-term goal and has already been realized through the efforts of D Co. Soldiers.

Throughout the deployment, D Co.’s maintenance team had to handle numerous responsibilities in order to maintain the advanced UAS.

“We were juggling landing birds with post-flight preventative maintenance on top of our weekly maintenance,” said Spc. Draven King, a UAS repairer.

Through the efforts of the UAS maintainers, D Co.’s Gray Eagle operators were able to fly over 2,000 hours for two months in a row, which is the most flight hours recorded by any Gray Eagle unit.

Evidenced by their record of success, the UAS maintainers will continue to work together to keep the Gray Eagles operational and in the fight.

“We have great team cohesion that contributes directly to our success,” said Winkler.

Adding to the complexity of D Co.’s mission is the fact that the company itself is split between



PHOTO BY CAPT. STEPHEN JAMES

Spc. Jeremy Pratt, a UAS repairer from D Co., 10th Avn. Regt., guides an MQ-1C Gray Eagle UAS into position following completion of a mission at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Aug. 1.

two locations, Kuwait and Iraq, and completes two distinct missions.

In Kuwait, D Co. Soldiers support Operation Spartan Shield by conducting training flights, and cross-training with other units and maritime missions, said Heiner.

Reconnaissance and surveillance training are viewed as op-

portunities for the Soldiers of D Co. to sharpen their skills, said CW2 Ryan Moore, a platoon leader and operations officer from D Co.

D Company is set to continue supporting operations throughout the U.S. Army Central area of operations by providing reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and an offensive

strike capability until later this fall when the unit will return to Fort Drum, New York.

The 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, an Army National Guard Brigade, will integrate another Gray Eagle company and continue to provide UAS support to Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield for the remainder of the year.

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# DOG DAYS

*Splash! park goes to the dogs as swim season ends*

**By Nathan Pfau**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

The Fort Rucker Splash! Pool and Spray Park is going to the dogs as the post wraps up its swim season.

People’s four-legged family members will get the VIP treatment with exclusive access to one of the installations most popular watery attractions when Dog Days of Summer returns to Splash! Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to Ryan Clark, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Sports, Fitness and Aquatics, Assistant Manager.

“Fort Rucker Aquatics realized how unique and different this type of event was, and decided to give the dogs another go around to end the 2017 summer season with a splash,” he said. “The goal is to allow owners to bring their dogs to the pool and spray park to cool off, swim and splash around, and enjoy some fun in the sun with their owners.”

The last event was a hit with those who attended, including Katherine Kelly, military spouse, who attended the event in April and said she was happy she was able to share the time at the spray park with her fur babies.

“There aren’t many opportunities to do something like this with your pets, so the fact that they offer this here is really refreshing,” she said. “Our dogs are basically family members to us, so we want to include them whenever we go on family outings and our dogs love getting in the water, so to be able to bring them here to play and swim with other dogs was a lot of fun. I only wish this was something they could offer throughout the year, but I’m just glad they had something to include our pets.”

Although patrons may get the urge to join their furry family members for a



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

Dogs make their way back to dry land as they retrieve balls during a previous Dog Days of Summer at Splash! Pool and Spray Park.



Then-W01 Arnold Caceres, B Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., beckons his dog, Harley, over to the side of the pool at Splash! Pool and Spray Park during a previous Dog Days of Summer.

swim, Clark said the pool will be open for dog swimming only during the event, but patrons are free to enjoy the spray park with their dogs on a leash.

All dog owners must pre-register for the event, which can be done at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center on Andrews Avenue. The cost is \$7 per dog, and owners must provide a copy of each registered pet’s current vaccination records, for safety purposes, said Clark.

“During the event, dog owners are welcome and encouraged to bring their pet’s favorite toy, ball, rope to interact with them during the event,” said the sports, fitness and aquatics manager. “To ensure that fun is had by all participants, owners and dogs alike, we politely ask that all dogs be

well behaved, and friendly around other people and dogs.”

Clark said that for the safety of the dogs and others, any displays of aggressive behavior or tendencies will result in the dog having to be removed from the event and facility, but dogs of all size are welcome.

Dogs must be accompanied by an adult, 18 years or older, at all times, and owners must clean up after their dogs, he said, adding that plastic waste bags and bins will be provided.

The event will be open to the general public and those planning to attend the event from off post must obtain a visitors pass. Passes can be obtained from the visitor control centers at the Daleville Gate, Mondays-Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,



Then-First Lt. Logan Pearce, D Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., tosses a ball into the waters of Splash! Pool and Spray Park for his dog, Ray, to chase during a previous Dog Days of Summer.

and Ozark Gate, Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-9162.

# GETTING AN EDGE

*Workshop dissects federal hiring process*

**By Jeremy Henderson**  
*Army Flier Staff Writer*

Job seekers interested in federal government employment have the opportunity to gain an edge in the hiring process by attending the Army Community Service Federal Jobs Workshop Sept. 7.

How can a workshop better equip federal job seekers?

“The answer lies in the ‘Ten Step’ method popularized by Kathryn Troutman, renowned expert on the federal hiring process,” Mike Kozlowski, ACS employment readiness manager, said. “Troutman and her team teach this method to state and federal employees in multi-day ‘train the trainer’ sessions. They, in turn, take what they’ve learned back to their respective organizations to teach others about how they can get into satisfying federal careers.”

According to Kozlowski, by following her method workshop attendees will:

1. Be better able to understand the process by which hiring officials and staffing specialists go through to list and fill federal positions;
2. Be better able to identify jobs based on their specific experiences and qualifications;
3. Know the critical importance of including accomplishment statements on their federal résumés;
4. Be able to craft impactful USAJOBS.gov outline-



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based federal résumés, which bring out their KSAs – knowledge, skills and abilities – in a more effective way than before; and

5. Understand the import of the follow-up when tracking the progress of their application packets.

The workshop, open to active duty Soldiers, their spouses and family members, retirees, and current civil service and non-appropriated fund employees, takes place 8 a.m. to noon at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. For more information or to register, call 255-2594 or visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Participants are advised to arrive no later than 7:45 a.m. to sign in for the workshop.

Kozlowski said attendees need only bring a thirst for knowledge.

“There is nothing that workshop attendees need to bring to this workshop,” he said. “All materials will be provided to them at the start of the workshop including folios, pens and a free copy of Kathryn Troutman’s book ‘Ten Steps to a Federal Job’, 7th Edition.”

“As a matter of fact, I encourage all participants not to bring

their résumés,” he added. “The information I’ll be presenting will possibly be a ‘paradigm shift’ for them, i.e., the way they thought a federal résumé should look will, in many instances not be what gets them referred for the job they really want.”

The workshop will help federal job seekers understand how the federal process compares to seeking employment in the private sector.

“The federal hiring process has several similarities to those found in the private sector,” he said. “For example, one still must be able to conduct targeted job campaigns (as opposed to hunts, since nobody really enjoys job hunting) in the occupational fields for which they have career suitability, based on work experiences, qualifications and credentialing.

“Both processes require the creation of résumés which effectively capture an individual’s work experiences, qualifications and credentialing,” he added. “Both processes also require follow-up with their targeted employers.”

However, Kozlowski continued, an individual’s federal job campaign contains several dis-

tinctions from its private-sector counterpart.

“For example, you should not limit your search to positions found in the Department of Defense,” he said. “There are several federal agencies and programs whose missions may be a better fit for your qualifications and credentials, many of which are not located at Fort Rucker.

The workshop will also give attendees tips on building a résumé for federal employment applications, which Kozlowski said differs from private-sector résumés.

“The federal résumé is a different kind of animal,” he said. “The format is more along the lines of a hybrid style, combining the traditional reverse chronological style with a functional format. It’s also quite a bit longer than its private sector counterpart.

“Some federal résumés can be as long as 19 pages, although the optimum length should be limited to three to five pages,” he added. “There are a host of other key differences I could cite, and I plan to bring them out during the course of the workshop proper.”

At the conclusion of the workshop, according to Kozlowski, participants should be able to better understand the federal hiring process.

“Following the ‘Ten Step’ method provides a framework for this understanding,” he said. “Attendees at the last workshop have commented to me that they now understand the process as

being more than routinely applying for a job on USAJOBS.gov – that there are so many items they have previously overlooked that they now incorporate into their federal job applications. Many have told me that they are now getting referred to hiring officials for federal positions, a step in the process which has evaded them until now.”

Pre-registration is required due to space and materials limitations. The workshop is limited to the first 60 registrants. The registration deadline is the close of business Tuesday.

Jobseekers can also attend an employment readiness workshop to learn successful job campaign essentials in the private sector, such as crafting a strong private-sector résumé, prepping for interviews and various other tips.

“I am encouraging folks to register for my workshops – to include the Federal Job Workshop – online,” Kozlowski said. “While I do accept workshop reservations via phone, email or personal office visits, I encourage online registration in my ongoing effort to automate my processes.”

For more information or to register online for future workshops, visit <https://rucker.armymwr.com/programs/employment-readiness> or [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). The registration deadline for these workshop events is no later than two days prior to the event.

For more information, call 255-2594.



# ON POST

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**Fort Rucker Right Arm Night**

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

For more information, call 255-0768.

**Game-a-thon**

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

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

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

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

**Before, after school care**

The Fort Rucker Child and Youth Services School Age Center has spaces available for before and after school care starting Sept. 11. All new school-age children in kindergarten through fifth grade must have an orientation and their paperwork completed with parent central services prior to starting care.

For more information, call 255-9108.

**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.

**Resilience training**

Army Community Service will host resilience training Sept. 12 and 26. The training is designed to provide family members and civilians with the tools they need to better cope and overcome adversity and challenges, as well as perform better in stressful situations. The goal is for students to thrive when facing life challenges, not just bounce back, according to organizers. The training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350. People need to register by Sept. 8.

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



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## Fort Rucker Oktoberfest

The 15th annual Fort Rucker Oktoberfest and volksmarch is scheduled for Sept. 29 from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at the festival fields. Oktoberfest will feature live German music by Sonnenschein Express, traditional German food, a keg toss competition and more – including inflatables for children, a pumpkin patch, craft activities, rides and fireworks. The volksmarch will take place from 4:30-6 p.m. Participants will receive beads and a German Oktoberfest hat as a souvenir for participating in the Volksmarch. There will be no cost to take part in the volksmarch and people can register for it at the event. Both events will be open to the public. For more information, call 255-1749 or 255-9810. Pictured is a scene from last year’s event.

**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 Sept. 14. 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.

**Newcomers welcome**

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for Sept. 15 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 Sept. 19 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 Sept. 18. Free childcare will be available with registration.

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

**Spouse Leadership Academy**

Army Community Service will host its Spouse Leadership Academy Sept. 19 and 20 from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939. The academy will be a two-day forum designed to help spouses enhance their leadership capabilities, according to ACS officials. It will combine several Army Family Team Building modules, leadership classes and installation agency briefings for strengthening leadership skills. Free childcare will be available with registration by calling 255-3564. The academy will be open to spouses of section chiefs, platoon sergeants, first sergeants, sergeants major, command sergeants major, flight school and Captain Career Course students, unit com-

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manders, battalion commanders and brigade commanders, senior leadership spouses and spouses within family readiness groups.

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Army Community Service, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will host a single-parent family game night Sept. 21 from 5-7 p.m. at the post exchange food court. The event will feature free games, free food

and a free movie ticket. All who pre-register will receive a voucher for a free movie at the post theater and a game to take home. Registration deadline is Sept. 18. Registration is limited to the first 20 families. The event will be open to single parents who are active-duty or retired military, Department of Defense employees and their families. This is an initiative of the Fort Rucker Community Health Promotions Council Community Resiliency Work Group.

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# Hurricane Harvey makes landfall in Texas – Guard members mobilize to assist

Texas Military Department  
Press Release

AUSTIN, Texas — Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Corpus Christi late Friday, bringing fierce winds and heavy rain.

About 900 members of the Texas Army National Guard were positioned throughout the state ahead of the storm at the request of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

The activation includes members of the Texas National Guard, the Texas State Guard with the Texas Military. Additional personnel remain on standby to respond as needed, officials said.

UH-60 Black Hawk and UH-72 Lakota air crews were put in position and on standby in Austin and San Antonio to assist with emergency search and rescue, swift-water rescues and emergency evacuations, officials said.

In addition, multiple Texas Army National Guard ground transportation teams



ARMY PHOTO

Texas National Guard troops roll out vehicles, including those designed for high water, in preparation for Hurricane Harvey's expected landfall Aug. 25.

have been activated to support local and state agencies with any request for swift-water rescues, high-water ground

transportation and personnel evacuation needs.

Guard members also are pre-positioned

in Victoria and College Station, with other locations expected as the storm track becomes clearer, officials said. Members of the Texas State Guard are mobilized to provide local shelter operations and Electronic Tracking Network assistance in the affected counties.

“This is what we train for,” said Army Brig. Gen. Patrick M. Hamilton, commander of the Domestic Operations Task Force. “And we’re proud to stand beside our civilian partners, first responders and volunteers to serve the citizens of Texas.”

The Texas Military Department will continue to work with the Texas Division of Emergency Management to project additional personnel and equipment requirements as needed based on the impact of Hurricane Harvey and the needs of the state, officials said.

Hurricane Harvey is the first hurricane to make a direct landfall on the Texas coast since 2008.

## Texas Guardsmen assist, rescue fellow citizens as Harvey causes catastrophic flooding

By Jim Garamone  
Defense Media Activity

HOUSTON — Weather forecasters report that the remnants of Hurricane Harvey are causing “catastrophic flooding” in southeastern Texas, as 3,000 Texas State Guard and Texas National Guardsmen have now been called up to help their fellow citizens, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said during a news conference in Austin Sunday.

Harvey has been downgraded to a tropical storm, but the National Weather Service said the rain will continue.

“This is really going to be an event that is going to continue to worsen,” said Daniel Porter, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Harvey is the strongest storm to hit Texas since 1961, Abbott said. The federal government has provided all the assets the state has asked for to combat the storm. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is the lead federal agency working with the state and local officials, as 19 counties in the region have

been declared disaster areas.

During a National Incident Communication Conference Call on Hurricane Harvey Saturday, FEMA requested the Defense Department to provide a search and rescue package to the area. This consists of two planners, nine helicopters, two fixed wing aircraft and refuelers, and pararescue teams to operate from Joint Reserve Air Force Base in Fort Worth. In addition, DOD was asked to provide 11 generators and 50,000 gallons of gas and 50,000 gallons diesel to Fort Hood.

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Abbott said 500 vehicles and 14 aircraft had been put into service.

Today, another 1,000 Guard troops will be sent to Houston, said “USA Today,” citing the governor.

Abbott praised the states that have pledged or offered National Guard assistance, including New York, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Florida, military.com reported.

Kentucky’s 123rd Airlift Wing was

sending 18 Airmen who will assist in search and rescue missions, the Kentucky National Guard said.

Members of the Texas State Guard are mobilized to provide local shelter operations and provide a tracking system that helps evacuees locate loved ones checking into shelters.

“We are here to help our communities,” said Brig. Gen. Patrick M. Hamilton, commander of the Domestic Operations Task Force. “Working alongside our partner agencies, and local first responders, we are focused on deploying Guardsmen and resources where they are needed to save lives.”

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Texas National Guard Soldiers aid citizens in heavily flooded areas in Houston from the storms of Hurricane Harvey.

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# ROYAL AFFAIR

*Dunford attends Scottish tattoo, discusses defense topics with U.K. leaders*

By Jim Garamone  
*Defense Media Activity*

ABOARD A MILITARY AIRCRAFT — Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford used his invite to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland to visit British bases in the area and speak with senior United Kingdom defense leaders on a wide range of defense topics.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was invited months ago by his U.K. counterpart, British Chief of Defense Staff Air Chief Marshal Stuart Peach, to visit the tattoo Friday and take the salute from the British units participating in the event.

“I didn’t realize how big the tattoo was when I accepted,” Dunford said during an interview on a flight back to Washington. “I learned.”

The tattoo ceremony is held at the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle the month of August, and more than 210,000 attend the event with about 100 million viewing the event on TV, according to news reports.

Earlier in the day, Dunford met with British Defense Secretary Michael Fallon and Peach to discuss a full range of issues from the South Asia strategy to the situation in East Asia — specifically North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs.

“Both from my trip and the [positive] rhetoric that is coming out of Beijing is that the economic and political pressure is having an effect,” Dunford said. “It remains to be seen if the campaign will be successful, but there are indications that things are heading in the right direction.”

Chinese officials told North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that if he launched a missile toward Guam, he was on his own. China surprised the world by voting for sanctions against North Korea in



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Royal Navy sailors march off to fireworks at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland, Friday.

the U.N. Security Council and now appears to be enforcing those sanctions, Dunford said.

Still, it is “much too early,” he said. “You can’t measure enforcement sanctions in weeks, but again the rhetoric has been positive from Beijing.”

Dunford also discussed opportunities for continued military-to-military engagement between the United States and the U.K. “We obviously have a very strong relationship with the U.K., and they are with us in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Dunford said.

The chairman visited the future HMS Prince of Wales — a Royal Navy aircraft carrier being built in Rosyth, Scotland. The British ship will field American-built F-35B Lightning II aircraft.

“Any future fight is going to require a coalition, and interoperability is a critical and fundamental element of alliance and coalition warfare,” Dunford said. “This

reflects the close nature of the alliance and bodes well for the interoperability.”

The chairman received positive feedback from the British leaders on the new strategy for South Asia announced earlier this week.

“It is fair to say that all of the nations that are currently contributing to the Resolute Support Mission, and certainly all of the nations who have been there since the very beginning like the U.K., have received the strategy well,” Dunford said.

Coalition allies tell Dunford they believe the conditions-based approach is the right approach, “and that it will allow us all to have a longer-term horizon to assure our Afghan partners of our continuing support,” he said.

The strategy helps Afghan President Ashraf Ghani with his four-year plan to deal with corruption issues and economic development. “Instead of a one-



Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford receives a shepherd’s crook from his Scottish hosts at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.



Dunford tours the nuclear-fleet submarine HMS Ambush.

year-at-a-time campaign, we can start to take a longer term approach and have confidence that the resources necessary to implement this longer term approach will be there,” the chairman said.

In addition to the British allies, Dunford spoke with other NATO allies, Czech Gen. Petr Pavel, the chairman of the NATO Military Committee, and other close partners. He noted that Army Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, EUCOM’s commander and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has also spoken to allies, as has Army Gen. Joe Votel, the U.S. Central Command chief.

“We’ve touched a lot of people this week and there has been universal support for the approach we are taking,” the chairman said.

## Seabees establish strong bonds with Djiboutian villagers

By Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joseph Harwood  
*Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa*

CAMPLEMONNIER, Djibouti — As the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, deployed with Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, transfer their mission here to the incoming unit, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, they are leaving behind more than a memory of hard work and hot days while working on a humanitarian civic assistance project.

They leave behind a village of grateful people and lasting friendships.

The Seabees of NMCB 1 have spent the last five months working at a remote village in Djibouti’s Arta region to build a medical clinic complex to serve the local people, for whom very few resources are available and medical care is more than an hour away. When completed, the clinic will provide immediate first aid, as well as maternity and newborn care.

With construction still under way, NMCB 1 is redeploying to the United States, and it’s time for NMCB 133 to inherit the relationships and bonds that the previous battalion has established with the people of the small village.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jason Ward, NMCB 1’s officer in charge, sought to formally signify and honor this relationship by organizing a flagpole dedication ceremony with the people of the village that also offered an opportunity to introduce the incoming Seabees of NMCB 133.

Before the ceremony began, some of the Seabees played games with the local children, who have grown to love having them around. Over time, they have developed elaborate routines of songs and dances together, as well as clapping hands in unison.

### INTRODUCING THE NEW CREW

During the ceremony, Navy Chief Petty Officer John

Young raised the Djiboutian flag and Ward addressed the village chief, Hassan Diamo.

“We want to thank you by dedicating this new flagpole to your village,” Ward said. “We have to go home now, but our work will continue. I’d like to introduce you to the new crew who will be here and assure you of the good work they will be doing.”

After the Djiboutian flag was raised, Ward asked each of the NMCB 1 Seabees who were leaving to raise their hands. He then introduced the NMCB 133 and asked them to raise their hands and introduce themselves to the villagers.

Ward then recognized the Djiboutian Gendarmerie, who have been on the site daily from the beginning, providing security for the construction crew. They, too, became friends with the crew and were given special plaques and coins recognizing their efforts.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Harmon, project supervisor for NMCB 1, worked on the site from the start.

“When this crew first showed up, there were rocks thrown at us,” Harmon said. “Those same kids wave at us now and know our names, and we wave back and know their names. We’re welcome here now, and that feels really good to see that develop. I’m proud of what we’ve done, and we’ve made a bond with this community.”

All members of task force support the U.S. Africa Command goals of promoting security and stability in the region. One method of doing so is engaging with partner nations to deter, disrupt and deny violent extremist organizations in East Africa. By forging partnerships with the local population through friendly behavior such as building needed infrastructure, the Seabees are directly helping to deter extremist group recruitment.



PHOTO BY AIR FORCE TECH. SGT. JOSEPH HARWOOD

Navy Seabees Petty Officer 3rd Class Lacy P’Pool and Petty Officer 3rd Class Cayla George, assigned to Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, play with local children on a construction site in Djibouti’s Arta region, Aug. 17.

### FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Though the faces working on the medical facility may change, the work will not. The flag will fly next to the medical clinic as it continues to make progress, and the NMCB 1 Seabees say that they feel good about what they’ve accomplished.

“It has been a privilege to serve as an ambassador of the U.S. with NMCB 1 Navy Seabees,” said Navy Lt. Chris Joseph, NMCB 1 operations officer. “It’s been an honor to work hand in hand with the village, Djibouti Gendarmerie, the [Djiboutian armed forces] and fellow U.S. forces.”

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Lacy P’Pool, relationship manager of the construction site for NMCB 1, said she believes the NCMB 1 Seabees are leaving the construction site much better than they found it and that she hopes it makes a difference in the future.

“There’s a part of me that thinks, ‘Maybe if they’re ever approached by al-Shabab and have to make a decision to do right or wrong, they’ll think about us here,’” P’Pool said. “Maybe they’ll remember that we built this clinic for them. Or they might just think about our friendship and make the choice to not participate in a [violent extremist organization].”

The official transfer of authority took place here the following day, as Ward and NMCB 1 transferred authority to the commander of NMCB 133, Navy Lt. Cmdr. James Taylor.

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# Preparedness fair set for September

**Army Flier**  
*Staff Reports*

Wiregrass first responders will gather in September to help residents answer an important question: “Are you ready?”

The sixth annual Coffee County Emergency Disaster Preparedness Fair will be Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Enterprise Civic Center and will feature several repeat vendors who focus on public safety.

Attendees have the opportunity to learn how to perform CPR and operate an automated

external defibrillator, put together a 72-hour kit for themselves and their family, use a fire extinguisher to put out a fire and communicate in an emergency using amateur radios. Attendees can also learn life saving tips from first responders and search and rescue teams, as well as check out fire trucks, helicopters, police cars and more.

The fair is a joint effort between the Coffee County EMA and the Coffee County Community Emergency Response Team.

For more information, call 804-1994.



## WIREGRASS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### ANDALUSIA

**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](http://www.andalusialegionpost80.org).

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

### DALEVILLE

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

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

### DOTHAN

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

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

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

### ENTERPRISE

**SEPT. 9** — The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency and Coffee County Community

Emergency Response Team will host their sixth annual Emergency Preparedness Fair and Safety Saturday at the Enterprise Civic Center, 2401 Neil Metcalf Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair is part of National Preparedness Month, and is billed as a fun-filled, family event designed to raise awareness about home safety and individual emergency preparedness. The event will feature several awareness displays and demonstrations to help citizens see how a few simple steps now can increase safety and emergency preparedness in homes, businesses and communities throughout the county. Emergency response vehicles and resources, such as the Arrive Alive Tour by Unite, a texting and driving virtual vehicle simulator; mobile command post; bomb squad; hazardous materials vehicles; sheriff’s posse; search and rescue helicopters; Bloodmobile; electrical safety; pet preparedness; and other preparedness and safety organizations will be on site.

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

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

### GENEVA

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

### MIDLAND CITY

**ONGOING** — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

### NEW BROCKTON

**ONGOING** — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton Town Hall (old armory building) at 706 McKinnon Street.

The office will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, Veterans Affairs pensions, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans job programs, homeless veterans

services and other veteran services. All veteran services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 334-406-6700.

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

### OZARK

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

### PINCKARD

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

### SAMSON

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

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

### TROY

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

### WIREGRASS AREA

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

## Beyond Briefs

### Zoobilation: celebrating success

The Montgomery Zoo will host its Zoobilation fundraiser Sept. 14 from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature dancing, an auction, and food from “the finest eateries in the River Region” according to a zoo press release. Zoobilation is a fundraiser geared for adults only — all guests must be 21 years old or older. Tickets are \$50 per person. Zoobilation tickets purchased online at [montgomeryzoo.com](http://montgomeryzoo.com) will be available at the will call booth during the night of Zoobilation beginning at 6 p.m. No tickets will be mailed or made available for pick up. On the night of Zoobilation, people should bring their purchase confirmation and printed ticket along with a valid picture identification. Minors will be refused access and no refunds will be provided.

People can buy tickets online at [montgomeryzoo.com](http://montgomeryzoo.com) or at the zoo admission office.

For more information, call 334-240-4900, or visit [www.montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/zoobilation-splashofblue](http://www.montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/zoobilation-splashofblue).

### International coastal cleanup

Panama City Beach will host its portion of the international coastal clean-up

effort Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon Russell Fields City Pier across from Pier Park. The effort is part of an international effort to clean oceans and waterways around the world. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

For more information, call 850-233-5045.

### Gun, knife show

The Collectors and Shooters Club of Alabama will host the Montgomery Gun & Knife Show Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Multiplex at Crampton Bowl. The shows will feature more than 350 exhibitors will be present. Admission will be \$7 for adults, and children 12 and younger will be admitted for free.

For more information, call 334-322-8818, or visit [gunshowtrader.com/gun-shows/casc-montgomery-gun-show/](http://gunshowtrader.com/gun-shows/casc-montgomery-gun-show/).

### Ballet and the Beasts

The Montgomery Ballet will perform for free Sept. 22 from 6-10 p.m. under the stars at the Montgomery Zoo. Zoo officials said the event will be fun for all ages. Admission will be free and people will be welcome to bring picnic blankets, lawn chairs and coolers. The event will also feature face painting and door prize drawings.

Ballet and the Beasts will be an evening event and all zoo animals will be in their night quarters during the event. Select animals will be on display prior to the event. Limited concessions will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 334-240-4930 or visit [montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/ballet-and-the-beasts](http://montgomeryzoo.com/announcements/ballet-and-the-beasts).

### 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. 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](mailto:SCOoper@GulfShores.com).

For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama’s Gulf Coast, visit [GulfShores.com/Sports/Media-Room](http://GulfShores.com/Sports/Media-Room), or call 1-800-745-SAND.

### Southern Thunder

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

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

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



# NOT FORGOTTEN

## Memorial service honors victims of 1976 attack

By William Wight  
For Army News Service

CAMP BONIFAS, South Korea — Forty one years ago, the first true conflict between north and South Korea directly involving the U.S. since the armistice agreement was signed in 1953, took place when 30 Korean People’s Army guards attacked 12 Korean and U.S. Soldiers.

The United Nations Command Security Battalion-Joint Security Area held the Barrett-Bonifas Memorial Ceremony on Camp Bonifas Aug. 18 to remember the loss of two Soldiers, Capt. Arthur Bonifas, of Newburgh, N.Y., the Joint Security Force company commander, and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett, of Columbia, S.C., the 1st platoon leader, who were brutally axed to death during a routine tree trimming operation near the Bridge of No Return.

The United Nations Command workforce and a 10-man security detail began a routine tree trimming operation Aug. 18, 1976, on a large poplar tree, which was impeding the South’s visibility between two UNC checkpoints. The UNC workforce was attacked without warning. The fight only lasted for four minutes, during which time Bonifas and Barrett were killed by North Korean soldiers.

Among the guests at the memorial ceremony were representatives of the Republic of Korea, U.S., New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland, members of the JSA Veterans Association and members of the Bonifas-Barrett Memorial Post 8180 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

“We should never forget that Captain Bonifas and Lieutenant Barrett sacrificed their own lives for peace here,” said Lt. Col. Kwon, Yong Hwan, the JSA Republic of Korea army battalion commander.

“We remember them in order to steel ourselves for the enemy that faces us today. And as we continue to hold the line and prepare ourselves to stand in defense of freedom with the same courage and honor as (Bonifas and Barrett) demonstrated,” said Lt. Col. Matthew S. Farmer, United Nations Command Security Battalion-JSA commander.

Col. Jon Howerton, deputy commanding officer for maneuver for 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division and guest speaker for the ceremony, said, “Today’s ceremony reminds us that nothing is routine about the mission in the JSA, not even the periodic removal of trees and debris in the Demilitarized Zone. The mission here is real and fraught with constant threats from the enemy requiring the highest level of preparedness and readiness as exemplified by the Combined Team of Soldiers that form the line ‘In Front of Them All.’”

Kim Moon-hwan, the former Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army company commander in the Joint Security Area during the time of the at-



ARMY PHOTOS

A graphic on display at the Barrett-Bonifas Memorial Ceremony on Camp Bonifas, South Korea, Aug. 18 to remember the loss of two Soldiers, Capt. Arthur Bonifas, the Joint Security Force company commander, and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett, the 1st Platoon leader, who were killed by North Korean forces during a routine tree trimming operation near the Bridge of No Return in 1976.

tack, worked with Bonifas at the JSA in 1976, was also by his side during his last moments on earth.

“I lost a good friend,” said Kim. “We fought together against the KPA guards.”

Back in 1976, as it is today, the JSA was a sensitive location. Even the smallest incident could escalate to something bigger and then it could be the rekindling of the Korean War, Kim stated.

According to Kim, in 1976 the KPA guards were able to move freely throughout the Demilitarized Zone and no one thought anything of it.

“Before we speak about the incident on Aug. 18, 1976, we need to know the situation in 1976,” said Kim. “In 1975, the Vietnam War was finished and a lot of people did not want to be involved in the war in foreign countries. So we tried to lessen the tensions with North Korea.”

Kim stated that there were small altercations between the KPA guards and Republic of Korea and U.S. Soldiers who were at the JSA from 1975 up to Aug. 18, 1976, but that no one had been killed.

“Because Check Point 3 was in a dangerous location and surrounded by north Korean outposts, we used a nearby check point to look after Soldiers who were on duty by signaling to each other; but the tree hindered observation,” said Kim.

In order to be able to see from the check point, Bonifas and a team of 11 ROK and U.S. Soldiers proceeded to cut down the branches. While performing the tree trimming detail, the group was brutally attacked by 30 KPA guards resulting in two deaths and others receiving minor injuries.

Three days later, the United Nations Command launched Operation Paul Bunyan, the



U.S. Soldiers and their South Korean counterparts at the ceremony.



Veterans salute during the ceremony.

largest tree trimming operation in Korean history, which placed all U.S. and South Korean forces in Korea on full combat alert. The regular JSA security force was augmented with an additional combat platoon from the JSA, 50 martial arts experts from the ROK Special Forces and 15 combat engineers to cut down the tree. Flying south of the DMZ were

B-52 bombers, F-111s, and F-4s in support, whilst steaming off the coast of Korea was the USS Midway aircraft carrier with her entire battle escort on full alert. In 45 minutes, the Task Force completed its mission without incident.

Today, at the Bridge of No Return, a bronze and stone monument stands where Bonifas, Barrett and 10 other ROK

and U.S. Soldiers fought off those 30 KPA guards.

Kim returns to the JSA throughout the years because he believes Bonifas is still there even though he knows he has passed.

Bonifas is interred in West Point Cemetery and Barrett is buried at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Columbia, South Carolina.

## 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)

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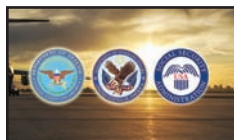
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# COLORFUL FUN

## Fort Rucker Color Run a hit with 400-plus runners

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

As hundreds of runners took to the starting line, winning wasn't on their minds – having a messy good time during one of Fort Rucker's most popular runs was the goal.

More than 400 runners took part in the 2017 Fort Rucker Color Run at the festival fields Saturday where people started in all white and ended covered in colors from across the spectrum.

"The color run is an exciting event that gives people an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and get their daily dose of Vitamin D," said Micah McElderry, fitness specialist.

The event was more than just a run, with bounce houses and food vendors for people to enjoy before and after they took to the 2-mile course, which started out on Division Street, next to the festival fields, then circled the air assault track, ending on Crusader Street.

From the start to each corner of the track, runners were met by volunteers who were tasked with making sure every inch of every runner was covered in color by the time they reached the end of the course.

And for sister runners Jessica and Danielle Jamison, civilians, the day couldn't have gone any better if they planned it themselves.

"It's nice to be able to be part of a run that isn't about times or competition," said Jessica. "Danielle and I are pretty serious runners, and even though we enjoy every race we're a part of, we don't always get to enjoy it like this. We're not focused on trying to beat each other's times or getting a personal best – we were more focused on trying not to get doused in colors."

The Jamison's have been avid runners for a combined 18 years, but trying different things and new challenges is what keeps them interested in the running game.

"Being pelted with colors definitely brings a different aspect to the run – it's hard to focus on anything else," added Danielle. "This is the first time I've been in a color run and I thought it was absolutely great. It's difficult to see when you round those corners and people are throwing all



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

A family takes a photo after the 2017 Color Run at the Fort Rucker Festival Fields Saturday.

that color on you, but it's hilarious to see what you look like at the end of it all – we weren't even recognizable."

Although the race had its fair share of avid runners, it also catered to novice runners and those who don't normally run at all, like Patricia Hadley, military spouse, who said she came out with her daughter, Adrienne, just to have a good time.

"We just moved here recently and we heard people talking about the color run coming up, and I asked [Adrienne] if she would be interested in it and her eyes absolutely lit up," said Hadley. "How often do you get to let your children get as messy as they want? It was like a dream for her."

"It was really a great experience and it's not going to be a lot of fun getting all of this color out of our hair, but it's something we'd do again in a heartbeat," she added. "Next time I'll just have to remember to keep my mouth closed so I don't get a mouth full –



Runners make their way around the corners of the course as they are pelted with colors.

lesson learned."

After the run, people were invited to take photos with each other, mingle, play in the bounce houses, eat and dance before tak-

ing part in the color explosion, where they chose cup of color of their choice to toss in the air simultaneously to officially close out the race.

## Soldiers train for Winter Olympics in summer heat

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — The dog days of summer are here in Lake Placid, with temperatures getting up into the 80s.

Despite the balmy weather, about a dozen Soldiers in the World Class Athlete Program are busy training for the bobsled, skeleton and luge events of the Winter Olympics, which will be held in PyeongChang, South Korea, in February.

So how do they train in the heat?

In June and July, the Soldiers go to the push track at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, said Capt. Michael Kohn, WCAP coach for the U.S. Bobsled Team and a Soldier in the Virginia Army National Guard.

The push track is actually a railroad track that slopes down a hill about 50 meters and then slopes back up the same length to slow the push car's momentum. The push car itself is a frame that mimics a bobsled, but runs on small railroad wheels instead of metal runners.

The push track is used to condition the athletes for strength training, Kohn said, because the wheels on the push car have more friction than sled rails on ice

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PHOTO BY JENNY STRIPLING

Capt. Michael Kohn (red shirt), WCAP coach for the U.S. Bobsled Team, trains Capt. Kristi Koplin, a bobsled driver, at the Olympic Training Center, Lake Placid, N.Y., Aug. 23.

# DRIVING READINESS

## One size no longer fits all: MHS' approach to individualized medicine

Military Health Systems  
Communications Office  
Staff Report

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The one-size-fits-all approach to prevent and treat diseases fades as precision — or individualized — medicine moves to the forefront. This approach ensures prevention and treatment fits the patient rather than the other way around.

Dr. Jonathan Woodson, the former assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and a current member of Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Board of Regents, said the Military Health System, Defense Health Agency and the services continue to have an important role in driving readiness through this approach.

"Operational readiness and medical readiness will take on new meaning and will be driven in different ways by data, digitization of health care, integration of data bases, and interdisciplinary research," said Woodson.

During the recent Precision Medicine Research Conference in Potomac, he stressed the position of the MHS and university to lead the way. Developments in technology and research of genes and their functions will shape how health care is delivered, he said.

Sean Biggerstaff, DHA's acting director for the Research and Development directorate, called precision medicine the way of the future.

"We have a very big basic science investment in things that range from prostate cancer to military operational medicine to hemorrhage control resuscitation," said Biggerstaff. Psychological help, post-



UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES PHOTO

Dr. Jonathan Woodson, former assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and member of Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Board of Regents, provided the opening remarks at the recent Precision Medicine Research Conference in Potomac, Md.

traumatic stress disorder, health sciences research and global health engagement are also areas of focus, he said.

The Department of Defense millennium cohort study is the largest research review in the military that looks at how living and working in the armed forces affects health. It aims to help the department improve the long-term health of service members. The new electronic health record, MHS GENESIS, also represents an opportunity to shape precision medicine for the DOD, said Biggerstaff.

"It's not just the health care we provide to our warfighters," said Biggerstaff. "It's the health care we provide to family members and veterans that's also critical to the readiness mission."

Terry Rauch, acting deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Health Readiness Policy and Oversight, said bio repositories, where specimens like serum and cold blood samples

are stored, provide important information, such as demographic or administrative data. These collections can support research studies as well as the work of other repositories.

"In terms of looking at precision medicine and improving military health care delivery, we are ahead of the game because we have a population that we have a lot of data on," said Rauch.

DOD's serum repository contains 60 million frozen serum samples that have been collected from service members since 1985. While it is a large collection, the data it holds can be used to identify and help individuals in a more personalized way. The Murtha Cancer Center at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center also has a large database that can combine the study of genes and data for research, said Rauch.

"We in the MHS have a tremendous role to play in moving military precision medicine ahead," said Rauch.



# DOWN TIME



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

# T R I V I A

1. LITERATURE: How many lines are in a standard limerick?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which South American nation controls Easter Island in the Pacific Ocean?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin plural of the word opus?
4. MUSIC: What famous 20th-century bandleader died in an airplane crash?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the appropriate gift for a 15th anniversary?
6. MONEY: Whose picture is on a U.S. \$10,000 bill?
7. RELIGION: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
8. HISTORY: When was the Encyclopaedia Britannica first published?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal has the longest gestation period?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What French sauce served with grilled meat uses tarragon as a key ingredient?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword

### UP TO THE CH-CHALLENGE

#### ACROSS

- 1 Plane takeoff guess, briefly  
4 Tries to nip  
11 Figurative language  
16 Excessively  
19 Hawaiian yellowfin tuna  
20 Running wild  
21 Braga or Sotomayor  
22 Eye, in verse  
23 New drugs being studied, say  
26 Coll. dorm overseers  
27 Pedi offers  
28 That, in Peru  
29 G.P.s' gp.  
30 Strong-arm  
32 Altar locale  
34 Put on a different station  
39 In serenity  
42 City in Oklahoma  
43 Coop female  
44 People  
45 Many soufflé makers  
47 Shuffle  
48 Protrude  
49 Carrere of film  
50 "Great joke!"  
51 Israel's Abba

- 53 "—, ergo sum"  
56 2014 British Open winner  
58 Pop singer from Oahu  
61 Sunbathing furniture  
63 See 104-Down  
65 Taboo acts  
67 Water, in Oise  
68 Film director  
69 Nauseating  
75 "Angie Tribeca" network  
78 Refrain bit  
79 Expiate  
80 Pagan priest  
84 Securer of a pocket timepiece  
88 Papal crown  
91 Relative of -ette  
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93 Young fellas  
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98 Sun — -sen  
99 "Platoon" war zone

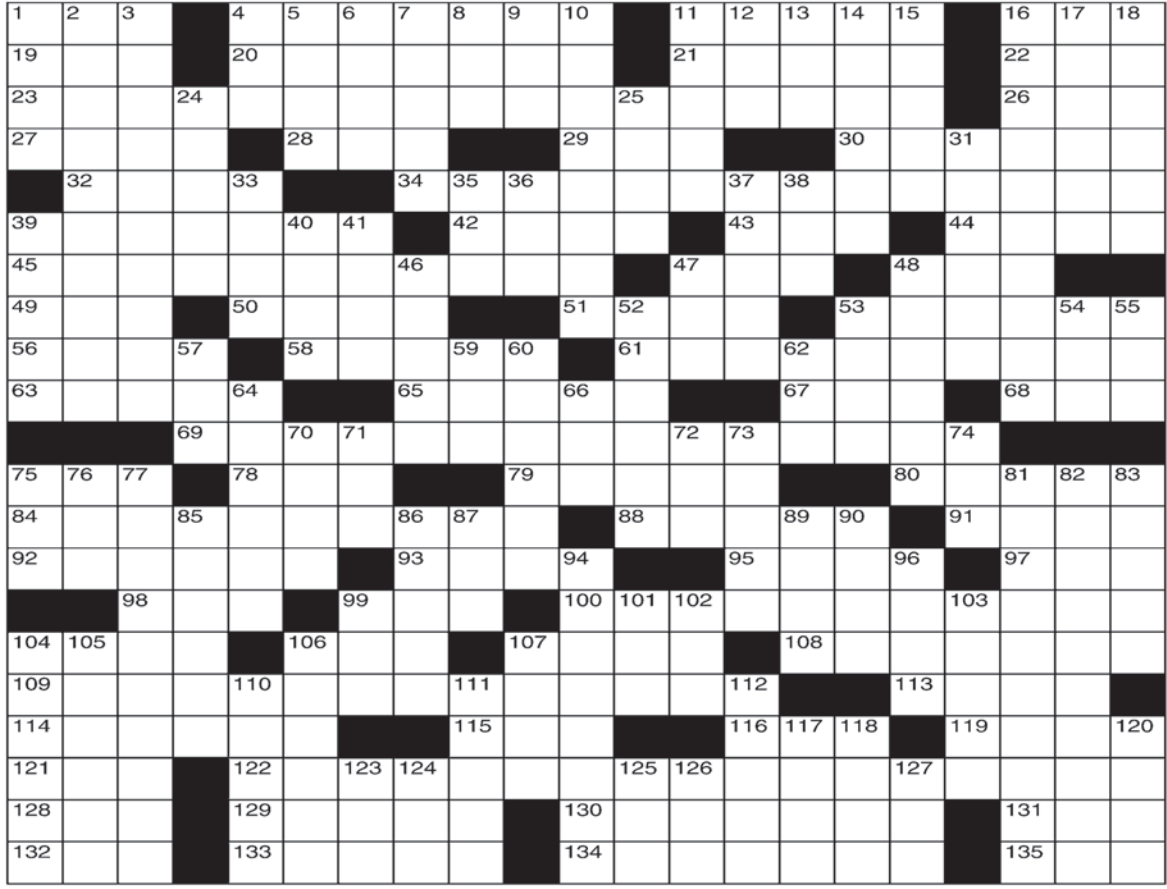
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106 24/7 source of 20s  
107 Irishman, e.g.  
108 Honchos  
109 Product of alkalized cocoa powder  
113 Little cut  
114 Warm up again  
115 Bit of a giggle  
116 Regulation ruler  
119 Old Russian  
121 Groom's vow  
122 Some Toll House morsels  
128 Masc. counterpart  
129 Grub, e.g.  
130 Game to try something  
131 After taxes  
132 Taoism's Lao —  
133 Top-tier invitees  
134 Parts of the solar system  
135 Main character in "Despicable Me"

#### DOWN

- 1 Aural pair  
2 Mel Gibson war film of 2000  
3 Goes poof  
4 Large snake  
5 About  
6 Tic — (some mints)  
7 Moral climate  
8 See 13-Down  
9 Hot tub sigh  
10 Discourse  
11 Hall-of-Fame cager — Thomas  
12 ENT or OB  
13 With 8-Down, very shortly  
14 Auto garage squiter  
15 Brick dresser  
16 Like deluges  
17 Seer's shrine  
18 Fixate (on)  
24 German city  
25 Cato's 2,400  
31 Plenty  
33 Per unit  
35 Very little  
36 Having one flat, musically  
37 Beijing site  
38 Witch's work

- 39 SAG — (performers' labor gp.)  
40 Neighbor of Nigeria  
41 Amp effect  
46 Barbera's collaborator  
47 West with one-liners  
48 Cheerful  
52 Pellets for air rifles  
53 Latte option  
54 Sports draw  
55 Raw metal  
57 "Definitely!"  
59 Ad add-on?  
60 Available  
62 100 yrs.  
64 To boot  
66 Mo. in fall  
70 Tolkien menaces  
71 — jongg  
72 Prefix with brow  
73 Broadcast anew  
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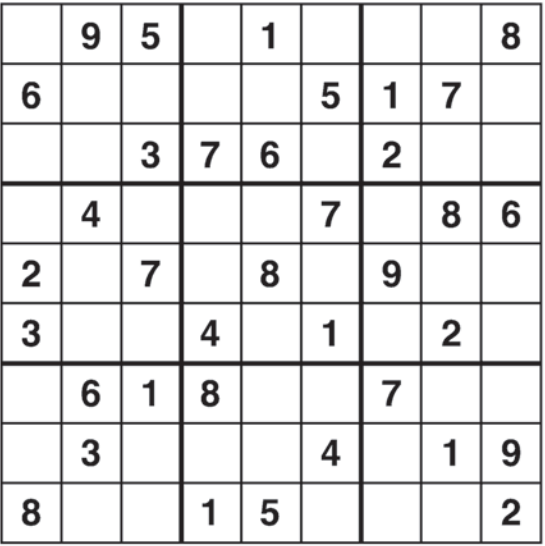
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102 Final: Abbr.  
103 Intuitive inking  
104 With 63-Across, floating freely on the ocean  
105 Soft leathers  
106 Real  
107 Word after party or film  
110 "No — español"  
111 Swindle  
112 "Levon" singer John  
117 Lot unit  
118 Very little bit  
120 Post-Q string  
123 Bi- plus one  
124 Idiot boxes  
125 Certain NCO  
126 Out — job  
127 Dollar divs.



See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

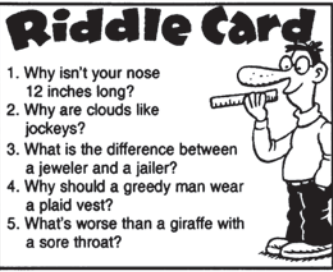
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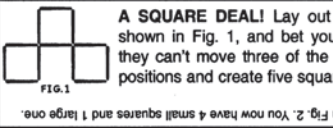
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# KID'S CORNER



Answers: 1. Because it would then be a foot. 2. Because they hold the reins (rails). 3. One sells watches, the other contemplates with sore feet.



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



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

DEFINITION: 1. Relating to education. 2. A type of rodeo rider. 3. Colorful birds. 4. A type of tuna. 5. Engraved pieces of wood. 6. Fastening devices. 7. Barely satisfactory. 8. A household servant.

ANAGRAM: aced + mica cake + barb sack + cope bola + care duct + woods dock + slap quay + aced mice + dots

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# WARRIOR CARE

## Government agencies join for inaugural disability quality assurance summit

By Paige LePlant  
Military Health System

SILVER SPRING MD. — Recently, the Department of Defense Office of Warrior Care hosted its inaugural Disability Quality Assurance Summit, bringing together quality assurance leaders from DOD, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Veterans Benefits Administration and the Social Security Administration to discuss best practices and the benefits of interagency information sharing among large-scale governmental programs.

“This quality assurance summit helps identify some of the common themes we’re all addressing,” said Bret Stevens, director of the disability evaluation system, DOD Office of Warrior Care.



DOD GRAPHIC

“Today’s conversation is meant to establish a long-term relationship to explore how quality assurance can improve our agencies’ support to the individuals we serve.”

During the summit, participants highlighted shared customer pop-

ulations across all three agencies and recommended using meeting takeaways to streamline quality assurance initiatives.

“If we make the process similar, from [military] service all the way through to Social Security,

we can make the process so much better,” said John Capozzi, assistant director of quality assurance for compensation service, Veterans Benefits Administration. “If we’re all on that same page, with a unified reason for doing what we’re doing, I think it makes it a lot easier.”

The Disability Quality Assurance Summit continues DOD’s broader quality assurance efforts, which were initiated in 2013. To better ensure accuracy, consistency and timeliness of the Disability Evaluation System processes, the DOD Office of Warrior Care, which provides performance tracking and operational support for the Disability Evaluation System, initiated a quality assurance program to standardize, assess and monitor processes across the

military departments.

With the summit, the DOD Office of Warrior Care is proactively improving quality assurance initiatives by facilitating stronger collaboration between federal agencies.

As for the future of interagency collaboration, partners echoed an eagerness in adopting best practices into their own quality assurance programs and optimism about convening again.

“I would like to see us establish an annual quality summit where we can really have a day or two to deal with all the issues everyone is dealing with,” said Alan Gulley, program expert in the Division of Disability Quality for the Office of Quality Review, Social Security Administration. “It sounds like we’re going down that direction.”

# Researchers find possible cause for severe eczema

Military Health System  
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Staff Report

SILVER SPRING, MD. — For more than 17 million people in the United States, living with severe eczema — a condition that results in dry, itchy rashes and disqualifies many from military service — the mystery behind its cause may be all too familiar.

Thanks to researchers at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and National Institutes of Health, certain patients may understand more about their condition.

“Studying these ... disorders, especially when we can define the disease based on a single mutation, is incredibly informative because you can learn a lot,” said Andrew Snow, assistant professor in the department of pharmacology and molecular therapeutics at USU, and senior co-author of a study recently published in the journal Nature Genetics.

In this study, mutations in a gene known as CARD11 were identified as one underlying cause for severe eczema. The discovery led the researchers to ask whether excess glutamine can help correct some of the allergy-related defects in patients’ immune cells. The testing was done with T cells, known as the conductors of the body’s immune response against infections, from one patient in a lab, and the results were promising.

Additional work with the NIH to study whether symptoms for patients with similar mutations improve with glutamine supplements — a readily available product in stores — is likely, said Snow.

Severe eczema can run in families, which suggests a genetic cause, said Snow. One by one, Snow and NIH allergist Dr. Joshua Milner received referrals for patients who had mutations in the same gene — totaling eight patients from four different families.

“However, such treatments are not a cure for the cause of the disease, particularly if it’s a genetic cause,” said Snow.



DOD PHOTO

**Some patients living with severe eczema — a possible disqualifying factor for military service — have been found to have mutations on a gene called CARD11.**

During the study, researchers discovered these CARD11 mutations can prevent T cells from being able to do their jobs normally. The mutations prevent the cells from taking in enough glutamine, which is needed for T cells to maintain their proper function. This may help explain why some patients with severe eczema have a history of pneumonia, warts, and other types of lung and skin infections, said Snow.

While a mutation in the CARD11 gene

is only one possible cause for severe eczema, its discovery can influence new therapies. Current treatments, including over-the-counter and prescription pills or creams, focus on bringing down the inflammation and relieving the itching.

Jeffrey Stinson, a former USU graduate student in Snow’s laboratory, who is currently at the National Institute of Standards and Technology and co-author on the study, said the possibility of having something so easily accessible as a targeted form of treatment would be an incredible achievement for those living with severe eczema and other allergic symptoms.

“This genetic condition is considered rare, but it’s important to acknowledge the impact that findings from small, basic research studies like this can have in the medical field,” said Stinson, stressing that the research would not be possible without the time and participation of the families who volunteer. “Thanks to their dedication, we have new and exciting possibilities for advancement before us.”

# Olympics

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and this increases resistance to pushing. The skeleton and luge athletes also train on the push track.

Park City, Utah, is the only other location in the U.S. with a push track, he added.

Beginning in October, the luge athletes begin training on a twisting 1,800-foot concrete downhill course here, which is also used by the bobsled and skeleton crew. Ammonia pipes inside the concrete refrigerate the track, so that even if the temperature outside is 70 degrees, the track will remain frozen, he said. However, it’s usually a lot cooler in October.

### MECHANICS OF A RACE

About 50 percent of a successful run depends on the beginning portion of the bobsled race, which involves a vigorous push, Kohn said.

About 25 percent involves having good equipment, such as finely-tuned metal runners and a frame with good aerodynamic qualities. The final 25 percent involves skill in driving, which is up to the athlete in the front of a bobsled, he said.

Success also depends on correctly reading the curvature of the track and the ice conditions at any given time, Kohn said. Also, there are spots where the driver needs to steer and others where the driver doesn’t.

The athletes also train and compete on different tracks around the world leading up to the Olympics, he said, and each track is unique and requires different steering plans.

“It keeps you on your toes,” he added.

### ARMY-ATHLETE DREAM JOB

Kohn said his father was a Green Beret in the 1960s, and he wanted to follow in his footsteps.

At the same time, he said he had a passion for becoming an Olympian.

Kohn found out about WCAP while in the Army and joined the program in 1999. So, now he has fulfilled both of his dreams, he said.

The payoff came in 2002, when Kohn earned a bronze medal in bobsledding in the Winter Olympics at Salt Lake City, Utah. He’s been coaching for eight years now and said it’s “an honor to coach these Soldiers. They’re go-getters. They’re the type of people who want to be successful in

their military careers, as well as in their athletic careers, and they’re going to be successful people in life.”

### LUGE RACING

The Luge Training Center is just a short walk from the Olympic Training Center,

The center is inside a building with three ice tracks about 25 meters long that converge to an uphill track to slow the momentum.

This is the only refrigerated indoor luge track in the U.S., said Sgt. Matthew Mortensen, WCAP luge driver and National Guard Soldier based out of the 1156th Engineer Company, Kingston, New York.

Athletes training for luge spend the first portion of the summer on the push track for resistance training then move to the ice track for speed training, he said. Right now, the athletes are doing the speed portion.

Mortensen said that all of the athletes from bobsled, luge and skeleton do a lot of weight training, particularly the explosive Olympic-type lifts, as well as sprinting and plyometrics to ensure an explosively-fast race start, which can make or break a speed run.

# FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

### 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 Monday. People can bowl for 25-cents per game and

get 50-cent shoe rental per person. For more information, call 255-9503.

### Mother Rucker’s NFL Ticket

Mother Rucker’s will get the NFL Ticket to show people’s favorite football teams in action and will also start opening at 11 a.m. on Sundays beginning Sept. 10. For more information, call 255-3916.

### Fall Fitness Bootcamp

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness

Center will run its Fall Fitness Bootcamp Sept. 11 to Nov. 4. It will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30-9:45 a.m. at the Fortenberry-Colton PFC. Orientation will be held the first day of boot camp. Cost will be \$100 and will be due by Sept. 11. The cost includes: 2017 Fall Boot Camp T-shirt, access to all group fitness classes during the eight weeks, training with certified personal trainers and group exercise leaders, and weekly tips and nutrition information.

For more information, call 255-2296.

### Alabama football day trip

MWR Central will host a day trip to the Alabama vs. Colorado State football game Sept. 16. The trip will include transportation to and from Fort Rucker to Tuscaloosa and a ticket to the game. The trip will depart from Fort Rucker at noon and the game starts at 6 p.m. Cost for the trip will be \$60.

For more information, call 255-2997.

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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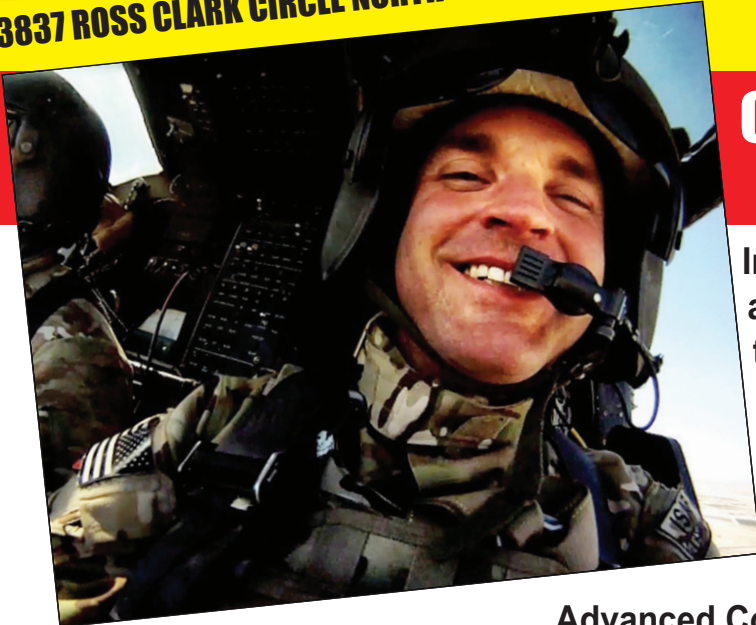
#### Answers

- Five
- Chile
- Opera
- Glenn Miller
- Crystal
- Salmon P. Chase, treasury secretary 1861-1864
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