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## ‘PART OF THE ARMY FAMILY’



Lesla and Hugh Neenan, Gold Star family members, lay a luminary in honor of their fallen Soldier, Spc. Brendan Neenan, during the Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day service at the Main Post Chapel Sunday.

PHOTO BY NATHAN PFPAU

### Fort Rucker embraces Gold Star families during service

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

For many Gold Star Family members, there is no better way to honor their fallen service members than by remembering the sacrifice that they gave in service to the nation.

Fort Rucker honored that sacrifice during Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day Sunday with a luminary service at the Main Post Chapel where Fort Rucker senior leadership, family members and friends came to honor not only those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service, but the families who were left behind.

“Each year in, conjunction with the Fort Rucker Chaplain's Corps, we host this event and recognize our surviving family members and their fallen service members,” said Cheareice Thomas, Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services coordinator. “Those loved ones paid the ultimate sacrifice while bravely serving in our armed services.”

During the service, Chaplain (Maj.) Linda Lesane, Air Traffic Services Command brigade chaplain, delivered a pastoral message to remind family members that they're still part of the

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### Despite failures, winged Chinook experiment led to Army Aviation fleet improvements

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

When building the world's finest aircraft for the world's finest fighting force, experimentation is key to getting it right, and one aircraft provided the trial and error necessary to keep Army Aviation's heavy lifter flying high.

In 1969, the Army and then-Boeing Vertol entered into a partnership to improve upon their cargo helicopter fleet, and thus the BV-347 was borne from a CH-47A Chinook that was provided by the Army as a technology demonstrator, according to retired CW5 Jim Kale, who now serves as a tour guide for the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

The aircraft, which sits on the west lawn of the museum, was created for the sole purpose of trying out new technologies, said Kale.

“Within the program, they took an existing aircraft that they knew had real history and they tried a bunch of new technologies on it to see how it would work,” he said.

The most noticeable experimental feature of the aircraft is its wings that extend from the center of the helicopter. The wings were added as a means to improve lift, and although the addition served its purpose, the added weight canceled out any positive effects it provided, said Kale.

The BV-347 was tested for more than two years and flew about 350 hours with the intention to meet five primary goals: improve flying qualities with external loads and instrument flight; improve stability, control and maneuverability in hover flight and forward flight with high gross weight; reduce rotor noise; reduce vibration stress; and create a modern cockpit environment with improved instrument and navigation displays.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFPAU

The BV-347 that sits on the west lawn of the U.S. Army Aviation Museum was a technology demonstrator that was retrofitted with improvements from a CH-47A model.

While attempting to reach these goals, improvements made to the test helicopter included extending the fuselage about 110 inches, raising the aft pylon 30 inches, installing a four-blade rotor system, installing retracting landing gear, installing an enclosed flight engineering station, testing advanced fly-by-wire control systems and installing an advanced moving map navigation system.

Many of the additions did improve upon the aircraft, said Kale, but the gains were negated by other drawbacks, such as cost or inconvenience.

For example, in an attempt to reduce the noise of the aircraft, a four-bladed rotor system was installed, which helped to reduce noise and vibration by splitting the load between more rotor blades, he said. The issue with installing the new rotor system was that it required the aircraft's fuselage to be extended and the aft pylon to be raised, essentially rebuilding the entire aircraft.

“The problem with that was that it was too expensive to make the change to the entire fleet of aircraft, so it wasn't feasible,” said Kale. “It's advantageous, but just too expensive.

The next time (the Army) builds another big helicopter, they can go back and revisit that.”

That's what the benefit of a program like this is, he added. The Army may not be able to use it in the near future, but in the far future it may be something developers can utilize.

Another improvement that was installed on the aircraft was the moving maps that used paper maps on rollers to pinpoint the location of the aircraft. The issue with the new navigation system was that it took too much additional training and setup to implement across the entire fleet, and the idea was eventually scrapped. The introduction of GPS later negated the need for the paper map system, added Kale.

Not all of the technology that was put into the BV-347 was scrapped, though. The quality of flight was much improved with the addition of fly-by-wire systems, which improved on the control stability of the aircraft and was later incorporated into the CH-47D and later models.

“It's because of programs like the BV-347 that leads the industry to innovate aircraft into the fleet that Army Aviation uses today,” said Kale.

### Post, Ozark partner to deal with strays

By Nathan Pfau  
Army Flier Staff Writer

Partnerships are integral to making any community successful, and Fort Rucker is in a partnership with the city of Ozark to handle stray cats and dogs people may encounter on post.

Stray animals are no longer handled on the installation by the Fort Rucker Stray Facility, which is no longer operational, but are handled through a partnership with Fort Rucker and Ozark that allows the neighboring city to handle stray animal retrieval, Al Townsend, Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works Environmental and Natural Resources chief, said.

“The process will pretty much stay the same, but the city of Ozark will be handling the stray animal retrieval, which includes reading any microchips on animals to get the animal back to its respective owner if necessary,” he said.

The reporting process remains the same, as well, said Townsend. People will need to contact the Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Safety at 255-2222 to report stray cats and dogs.

Once a stray animal has been identified, DPS officials will take down all of the necessary information and contact Ozark officials, Marcel Dumais, Fort Rucker Community Police chief, said.

“What we're going to do is contact the dispatch center in Ozark, then the Ozark dispatch will notify the Ozark police department and the Ozark stray animal facility that there is a stray on post, and they will respond,” he said.

The animal will then be picked up by officials from the Ozark Animal Control Shelter, who will take the animal to the shelter facility in Ozark.

Dumais reminds people that people should not try to capture strays themselves and make sure to contact the proper authorities if they do encounter a stray animal.

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COURTESY PHOTO

This lab mix was brought into the Ozark Animal Control Shelter by the shelter's animal control personnel Sept. 19 after being reported in the Munson Heights neighborhood center and has since been adopted. To report stray animals or to inquire about missing pets, call the Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Safety at 255-2222.

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# PERSPECTIVE

## DISTRACTED DRIVING

*Officials urge motorists to refrain from texting, browsing social media while driving*

**By Sgt. Kyle Fisch**  
*U.S. Army Special Operations  
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FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Distracted driving is generally defined as any activity that diverts a person’s attention from the primary task of driving. All forms of distracted driving endanger the driver, passenger, and any bystander’s safety, but because text messaging requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is arguably the most alarming distraction.

The Department of Transportation estimates suggest that distracted driving contributes to 16 percent of all fatal crashes, leading to approximately 5,000 deaths every year.

Of all drivers 15 to 19 years old, 10 percent of those involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crashes. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of the crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“Studies have shown that the reaction time of a distracted driver to react to an emergency situation, compared to a driver who is legally intoxicated, is actually 35-percent slower than the intoxicated driver,” said Powell Parks, U.S. Army Special Operations Command safety director. “Both habits are dangerous; however, while statistics show that drunk driving is on the decline, it is estimated that 25 percent of the vehicles on the road has a driver who is driving distracted.”

These types of incidents are on the rise and are not isolated to any specific demographic. Military service members and

Department of Defense civilians have had their own experiences with distracted driving, and while some may be as minor as fender-benders, others have experienced more drastic long-lasting damages to this terrible habit.

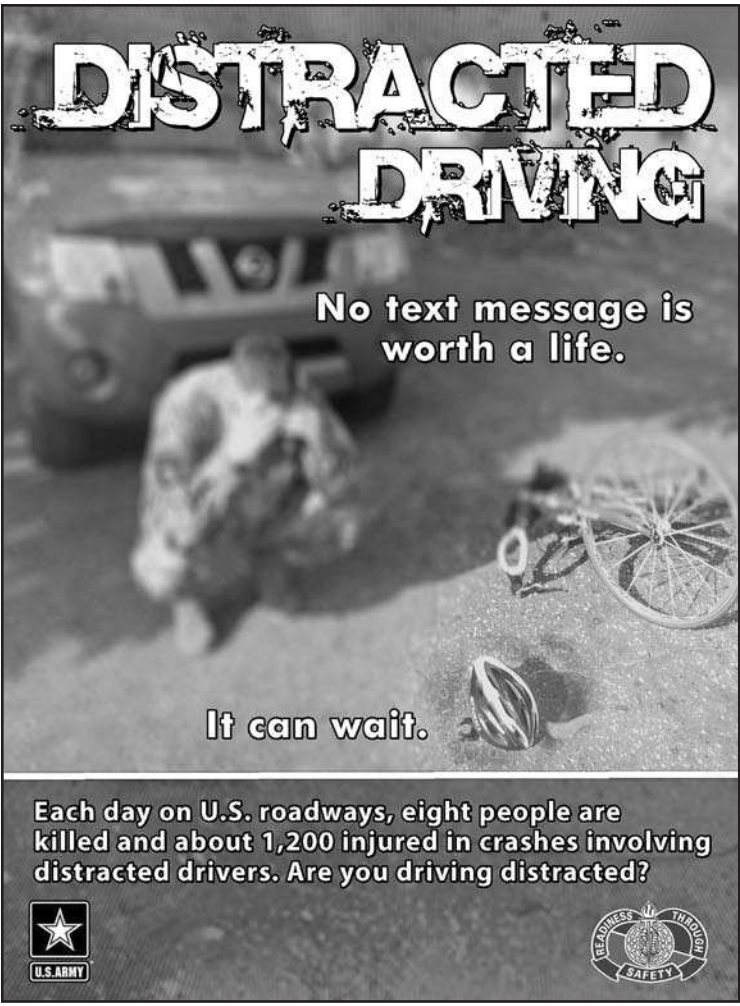
One USASOC employee knows firsthand the consequences of distracted driving. In 2012, Mark Tate lost his wife, Sharon, when she was killed by a distracted tractor trailer truck driver in southwest Virginia. Court documents proved the driver was traveling over the posted speed limit, but, because he was distracted, he did not see the stopped traffic due to construction and began braking when it was already too late.

“He overcorrected at the last minute and jackknifed, pushing my wife’s SUV (sport utility vehicle) under the rear end of another flat-bed tractor trailer,” Tate said. “The flat-bed took the top off of the SUV and caused 116 blunt-force traumas to my wife, who was killed instantly.”

“The accident occurred before Virginia enacted laws against distracted drivers and set separate punishments for them. The state did not have a process established to investigate cell phone usage prior to an incident,” Tate said. “He was, instead, charged with felony reckless driving and received a nine-month prison sentence and loss of his license for a year.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, “at 55 mph, the average text takes your eyes off the road long enough to cover a football field.”

Despite often having the same tragic consequences as driving under the influence of alcohol or



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drugs, many states do not treat it equally. Instead they have less severe penalties for the infraction, such as labeling it a traffic violation rather than involuntary manslaughter, which can be the difference between probation and fines, and months or years of jail-time.

Tate also explains how this tragedy has impacted his life and the changes he would like to see take place so that tragedies like this can be avoided.

“My wife’s death has affected the way I look at people who drive while on their phones. I want to scream to them that what

they are doing is wrong,” Tate said. “I would like to see stricter laws on the use of phones while driving and police enforcing it more actively. Is that phone call or text worth somebody’s life?”

Tate’s experience is unfortunately not the only one with such drastic outcomes. In December 2013, a Wisconsin mother driving with her 11-year-old daughter and two 5-year-old nieces in her car had her life changed forever at the hands of a distracted driver. The distracted driver was on her cell phone when she crossed over the centerline and hit the vehicle head-on, killing the three young

children.

These are just a couple examples, out of thousands of incidents occurring in the U.S. every year, where somebody’s life is permanently and drastically altered by the carelessness of those who couldn’t wait.

“Don’t do it! If you have to make a cell phone call, send a text, discipline your kids, or whatever, pull your car off the road. Drive defensively and be aware of other driver’s actions behind the wheel,” Parks exclaimed. “If you observe another driver that is obviously driving distracted, give them some extra space and be prepared for any erratic maneuvers, such as late braking or sudden lane changes. Don’t be a passive passenger in a car with a distracted driver – speak up and say something.”

For the Army, Army Regulation 385-1, The Army Safety Program, prohibits all vehicle operators on Department of Defense installations and operators of government-owned vehicles, on or off the installation, from using cell phones or other handheld electronic devices unless the vehicle is safely parked, or they are using a hands-free device, Parks said.

“Personnel should discipline themselves to become focused drivers and not trying to accomplish other tasks besides the primary task of driving safely,” Parks said. “If you are a driver that routinely talks on a cell phone while driving, make the effort to break the habit – you and everyone around you will be safer for it. Set the standard that others should follow, especially for your teenagers that that are preparing to get their driver’s licenses.”

## Rotor Wash



**Jessica Grubbs,  
military spouse**

“The holidays are coming up and it’s just more family oriented I feel with going home and getting to see family.”



**Franklin Minton,  
retired service member**

“I like to get away from the Alabama heat, and to get much more comfortable weather.”



**Spc. Dyketa Raines,  
597th Maintenance  
Detachment**

“I like being at the park in the fall.”



**Michelle Holland,  
civilian**

“Cool weather, bonfires and anything pumpkin.”



**Issac Chapman,  
veteran**

“I like the cooler weather and planting a winter garden. Certain vegetables only grow during that season.”

“The Fall has finally come and Fort Rucker’s 15th annual Oktoberfest will be held at the festival fields Sept. 29 from 4:30-9:30 p.m. What is it you look forward to the most during the season?”

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# Vietnam War Soldier to receive Medal of Honor

By C. Todd Lopez  
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WASHINGTON — The White House announced Sept. 20 that retired Capt. Gary Michael Rose will receive the Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony Oct. 23.

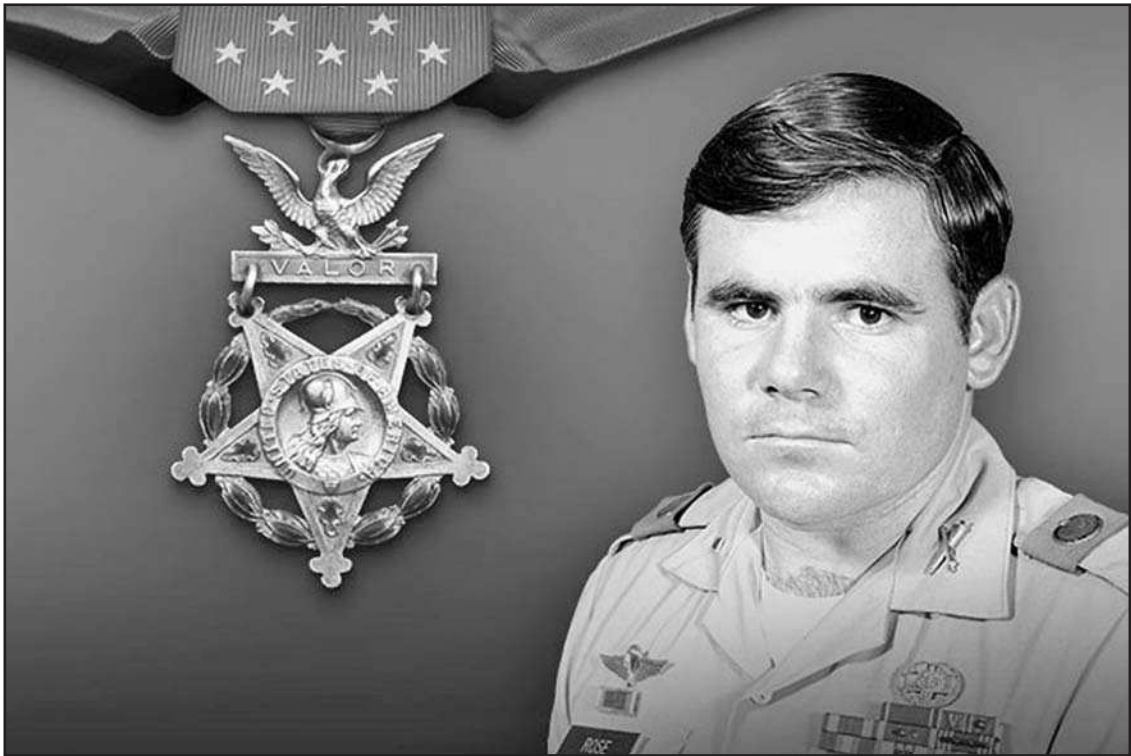
President Donald Trump will present the medal, which commemorates Rose’s heroic actions in Laos during a four-day mission, Sept. 11-14, 1970.

Rose served as a medic during the Vietnam War. As part of the Army’s Special Forces, Rose took part in missions in nearby Laos that were meant, in part, to engage with North Vietnamese Army troops who had amassed there, and to possibly prevent them from returning to the larger fight back in Vietnam.

Laos, a landlocked nation in the center of the Southeast Asian peninsula, shares a 1,300-mile border with Vietnam, to the east. While conflict raged on in Vietnam, North Vietnamese forces used Laos to their own advantage — forcing the American military to also enter the country at times to stop the progress of the NVA through its jungles.

During one mission in Laos, called “Operation Tailwind,” which began Sept. 11, 1970, Rose, then a sergeant, along with one other Vietnamese medic, was responsible for providing medical care to a company-sized element of special forces troops made up of 16 American Soldiers and 120 Montagnards.

Under Rose’s care, all 16 American Soldiers returned alive from



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Retired Capt. Gary Michael Rose will receive the Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony Oct. 23.

that mission, though many were injured in some way. A total of three Montagnard soldiers would be killed by the time that four-day mission had ended.

One of the most unexpected parts of that mission happened when all involved thought the task was all but over. Four helicopters had been dispatched to bring the team home from their mission in Laos.

Rose said that the entire company was able to board just the first three helicopters, leaving the fourth unused. Rose, along with about 30 others who were involved in Operation Tailwind, boarded the third helicopter to head home.

On the way back to safety, that

third helicopter crashed to the ground, injuring many on board, and killing one Montagnard soldier.

Rose knew the helicopter might explode as a result of that crash. He ignored his own injuries — which included not just those that resulted from the crash, but also injuries sustained earlier in the mission from a rocket-propelled grenade — and re-entered the crashed helicopter to pull soldiers to safety.

Shortly after that crash, the fourth helicopter, which was empty, arrived to pick them up and bring them home.

Rose said he is honored to be selected for the Medal of Honor, but maintains that it is the entirety

of Soldiers within the Military Assistance Command Studies and Observations Group, the unit in which he served, that the medal is actually for.

“There were only about 2,000 people who were ever in MAC-SOG from 1965 to 1972,” Rose said. “I can tell you that our raids and our reconnaissance into Laos tied up some 40,000 to 50,000 NVA troops originally sent going south to fight American units.”

Rose pointed to the 58,000 names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. He said he thinks there might have been more names on the wall if MAC-SOG Soldiers hadn’t prevented NVA troops amassed in Laos from

moving south to become involved in the fighting.

“That medal, to me, recognizes finally the service of all the men in all those years that served in MACSOG. It’s a collective medal from my perspective,” he said, which represents “all the courage and honor and dedication to duty that those men served.”

Rose said he is also excited to visit Washington, D.C., and the White House, and to meet with the president.

“How many people get the chance to meet the president of the United States?” he asked. “I am going to have the privilege of being able to meet the president of the United States, with my dear wife, in the Oval Office, I have been told. And that is something I will treasure until the end of my days.”

Rose grew up in southern California, and enlisted in the Army in 1967. He attended basic training at Fort Ord. After, he was sent to Fort Gordon, Georgia, for advanced individual training, where he learned to be a mortarman. But while there, he caught the eye of Special Forces recruiters, who recruited him and later trained him to be a combat medic.

After his tour in Vietnam, Rose opted to pursue a commission in the Army. His career took him to, among other places, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Panama. Also during his Army career, he met and married his wife, Margaret. The two have been together for over 45 years now. Rose served 20 years in the Army and retired in 1987, as a captain.

## Military officials outline hurricane relief efforts

By Terri Moon Cronk  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The numerous natural disasters of the past couple of weeks have cut a wide swath across the United States from Florida and the Caribbean region to the west coast, Air Force Maj. Gen. Derek P. Rydholm, deputy to the chief of the Air Force Reserve told Pentagon reporters Friday.

“Until the [hurricane] and wild-fire seasons are over, we’ll be there as a supporting agency in the Department of Defense,” Rydholm said, “and to our partner agencies during this difficult time.”

Appearing with him to give an update on support to hurricane relief efforts was Army Brig. Gen. Diana M. Holland, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Atlantic Division commander.

Sept. 21, Navy Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, U.S. Southern Command commander, said the U.S. military’s assistance was requested because of its “unique capabilities, and the speed and flexibility



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Sgt. Kenneth Douglas, right, and Spc. Zephaniah Koech carry a downed tree branch clearing debris in Lakeland, Fla., Sept. 15 during cleanup efforts in Hurricane Irma’s aftermath.

that are needed most in the critical, early stages of disaster relief operations,” during a media roundtable at the Pentagon.

### CORPS EXPERTISE

Holland noted examples of the Corps’ expertise in the cleanup after the storms: performing high-volume debris removal, infrastructure assessments, temporary

emergency power restoration, temporary roofing and temporary housing.

And in collaboration with the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Corps is working with ports authorities to help those ports that are closed, she said.

The Corps is also working with NOAA and the Coast Guard to

survey channels to confirm they are safe to open.

Corps military and civilian personnel were positioned in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands ahead of Irma’s landfall, Holland noted, to quickly assess the damage and begin to plan for required support.

“Had we not been on those islands in advance along with the other agencies, we would not have been timely,” she said. “We would have been subject to the same delays that others faced because the airports and ports were closed.”

The San Juan airport in Puerto Rico has just opened to military traffic, Holland said.

### WIDESPREAD DAMAGE

“[There are] of course a lot of power outages, roads blocked by debris and water damage,” Holland said.

The Corps’ assessments will continue over the next several days in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Corps will look at ports in

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and assist FEMA with the islands’ emergency repairs at airports and assess power on both islands. Power assessment will be a priority at hospitals, health clinics and wastewater treatment plants, Holland said.

In the coming weeks and months, Holland’s team will make sure the Corps has capabilities in place and that the agency is balanced across all of its regions as the recovery continues.

“We’re just over halfway through the hurricane season,” she said, adding that Nov. 1 usually marks the end of the season.

“Although we’re focusing our attention on the response to Irma and Maria, we also must remain prepared and flexible in the event we have another storm,” Holland said of the Corps’ response mission.

“There’s a long road ahead, but as a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers, I can say we’re committed to this no matter how long it’s required,” she added.

## News Briefs

### MWR adjusted hours

Some Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities will have adjusted operational hours Saturday due to fiscal year 2017 inventory. Below is a listing of adjusted hours for Saturday:

- Mother Rucker’s Sports Bar — closed;
  - The Landing (The Landing Zone, bingo, Coffee Zone) — closed;
  - Rucker Lanes — closes at 2 p.m.;
  - Auto skills - closes at 1 p.m.;
  - Arts and crafts — closes at 1 p.m.;
  - Outdoor recreation - closes at 2 p.m.; and
  - MWR Central — closed.
- Normal operations will resume Sunday.

### The Landing closure

The Landing will be closed Monday for building maintenance. The closure will include The Landing Zone, Coffee Zone, bingo and Five Star Catering. All operations are expected to return to

normal operations Tuesday.

For more information, call 255-0769.

### Emergency broadcast channel change

The post’s emergency broadcast channel, Channel 6, is now reflected onto Channel 900 for on-post cable outlets. This is due to the new hardware installed by Spectrum for high-definition TV. All channels have been rearranged, including changing Channel 6 to its new location on Channel 900.

### Fall clean up

The Fort Rucker Fall Post-wide Clean has been rescheduled to Nov. 14-17. All garrison, mission and tenant units are required to participate.

For more information, call 255-0739.

### Change of responsibility

The 1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment will host a change of responsibility ceremony Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

at Howze Field. Command Sgt. Maj. Frederick D. Jordan will assume responsibility from Command Sgt. Maj. Scott W. McGee.

### CIF closure

The Fort Rucker Central Issue Facility is closed through Friday for a 100-percent, wall-to-wall inventory. Normal hours will resume Monday.

For more information, call 255-1095.

### Change of command

The 1st Warrant Officer Company will host a change of command ceremony Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. CW4 Olga Elliott will assume command from CW4 Jerry D. White.

### Fort Rucker Retiree Health Fair

The 43rd annual Fort Rucker Retiree Health Fair is scheduled for Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at Yano Hall, Bldg. 4605. All retirees and their family

members are welcome to attend. Lyster Army Health Clinic and other agencies will have booths with information on various health topics, including health and disease management information, physical therapy, fitness, nutrition and more. Light refreshments will be available along with several door prize drawings. Pending arrival of flu vaccines, retirees and their family members may also be able to receive flu and pneumococcal vaccinations.

For more information, call 255-2292.

### 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.



# Army to prioritize top equipment programs

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Over the next several months, some 820 equipment programs – including combat vehicles, aircraft, and even gear worn or carried by Soldiers – are expected to be rank ordered by their importance to the Army’s warfighting mission, as a way to determine if the Army is spending its limited resources in the best ways possible.

The Strategic Portfolio Analysis and Review for this year is the second of its kind in recent years. The first was completed earlier this year, in April, to feed the 2019-2023 Program Objective Memorandum. This newest SPAR will in turn feed the 2020-2024 POM.

The last SPAR looked at 780 programs and as an end result produced a Top 10 list of near-term capabilities the Army deemed most important. Topping that list was “maneuverable, protected, short-range air defense” capability, said Lt. Gen. John M. Murray, Army G-8, during a conference earlier this year.

Other programs that made it onto the list of most-important Army programs were long-range precision fires; munition shortfalls; lethality, mobility and protection of BCT’s; active-protection systems for air and ground systems; assured position navigation and timing; electronic warfare; both offensive and defensive cyber capabilities; assured communications; and vertical lift.

During an early morning forum Sept. 19, Murray announced the kick-off of the latest SPAR.

“Once again we will work through each portfolio to prioritize within that portfolio,” Murray said. The Army’s G-8 expects to again use the SPAR process to identify long-term resourcing strategies for each of the 820 programs in the Army.

Murray said the Army will “look for opportunities where we can take risk to free up resources, by either cancelling programs, (or) scaling down procurement objectives.”

As part of the SPAR process, the Army will put its multitude of competing pro-



PHOTO BY JEFF CRAWLEY

**Pvts. Austin Miller and Ronald Taylor, B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery, use a Stinger missile to target a simulated unfriendly aircraft during training May 23 at Fort Sill, Okla. Short range air defense is a priority for the Army, as spelled out in 2016’s Strategic Portfolio Analysis and Review.**

grams into one of four buckets, as it did the first time around, to create a list of recommendations for Army leaders on how limited modernization resources might be applied moving forward.

As part of the 2020 SPAR, the Army’s 820 programs will be divided up into four categories:

- I: Accelerate or find a way to bring into the portfolio;
- II: Sustain at current level of resources;
- III: Reallocate resources to invest elsewhere; and
- IV: Divest most or all resources.

Essentially, Murray said, the Army hopes to be able to determine when it’s time to stop investing in incremental upgrades to existing systems – when the payoff for doing that might no longer be worth it – and instead look at entirely new replacement systems.

Murray was reticent to go into great detail about the future direction of Army modernization. Oct. 9-11, many Army leaders will attend the 2017 Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C. There, it’s expected, the Army’s chief of staff and the acting secretary of the Army – or secre-

tary, if one is confirmed by that time – will be more forthcoming on details for Army modernization. Murray opted to not get out ahead of them.

Instead, he laid out some of what he called personal and professional opinions about the way ahead for modernization.

“I’m almost certain the Army will have to continue to incrementally upgrade combat systems to ensure the U.S. Army can fight tonight against a near-peer,” he said. “We will have to continue to invest in incremental upgrades in order to ensure our Soldiers have the best possible equipment when called.”

The Army must also prioritize within its science and technology budget, he added.

“I am convinced that our Army should only be investing in the things that are most important to us, and most likely in only the things that industry is not already heavily invested in,” he said.

“I am also thinking you will see the

Army try to put prototypes into the hands of Soldiers as quickly as we possibly can, to gather their input and their feedback, do experimentation, all before we write the requirements documents,” he said.

Murray also said he thinks there will be a desire for more non-developmental solutions that can be rapidly delivered to the field. One recent example is with short-range air defense systems, something the Army has identified as a capability gap for itself. The Army recently held a demonstration of four such existing systems at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

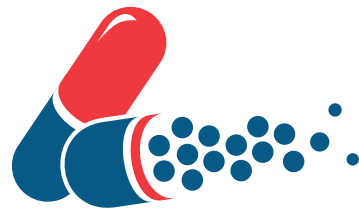
Those four systems already exist, though the Army doesn’t use them. They could quickly be brought into the Army, and delivered to the field, with limited or no modification. That differs from a developmental solution, where the Army may spend years working with a defense contractor to develop a brand-new solution from the ground up.

Finally, the general said, he envisions the Army focusing on sustaining its support fleets, and combat service support fleets as a way to free up resourcing for more critical investments and also a continued effort “to divest old, obsolete and excess equipment as quickly as we possibly can in order to once again free up resources for higher priorities.”

For Fiscal Year 2017, Murray said, the Army got about \$26.2 billion for its procurement/research, development, testing and evaluation budget. This year, in the FY18 budget, the Army requested about \$26.8 billion, an increase of about \$600 million over what it got in FY17.


All of that increase, he said, will go to procure munitions to replace consumption rates and dwindling stockpiles throughout the world.

It is the procurement and RDT&E budget that he said will benefit most from the prioritization provided by the SPAR process.



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# ALLY ASSURANCE

## *U.S. Soldiers in Bulgaria, Romania deter aggression*

By David Vergun  
*Army News Service*

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria — The permanent American military presence in Bulgaria and Romania “is critical to a strong Europe and a deterrence to Russian aggression,” said Col. Benjamin Jones, referring to the proximity of Russian forces in Crimea, just some 200 miles away.

That U.S. presence is at Camp Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania; and Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, said Jones, who is the commander of U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, Germany, which oversees both sites.

It’s important for rotational units to maintain a continual presence in Romania and Bulgaria to effect an immediate response to aggression, said Maj. Brad Stark, operations officer for the Black Sea Area Support Team at Camp MK. His team oversees training there.

By maintaining that presence, should a conflict arise, there won’t be a need to conduct a forced entry in an anti-access, area denial setting since troops will already be on the ground, he reasoned.

Stark noted that NSTA, Camp MK and other military bases in both nations can and have hosted a maneuver force of nearly a brigade, along with NATO troops. The most recent exercise of that magnitude was Saber Guardian 17, which ended about a month ago.

In addition to such exercises, Camp MK hosts a small squadron of Royal Canadian Air Force Tornado jets, which are fully armed and conduct air-policing missions over the Black Sea, he said. The British Royal Air Force preceded them in their NATO-led role and the Portuguese are expected to eventually replace the Canadians.

Additionally, the Marine Corps has a presence of 1,300 members of the Black Sea Response Force at Camp MK, who are serving as a quick-reaction force, he added. They will depart soon for a training mission in Norway.

Just recently, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment left after a nine-month rotation. They will be replaced by 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment next month, he said.

Currently, 2nd Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade (Assault Helicopter Battalion), is at Camp MK with 20 UH-60 Black Hawks, doing combined training missions with the Romanians.

There are also Soldiers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructing and renovating a number of facilities at Camp MK and NSTA, as both areas continue with their expansion plans.

The important thing to remember, Stark said, is that the training missions use a “total force approach,” which means all U.S. military, including Guard and Reserve, train with host-nation forces, as well as with NATO partners.

Stark is a member of the Alabama Army National Guard, and a number of Reserve Soldiers at Camp MK are with the 21st Theater Support Command, which handles combat service support.

Matt Cornman, physical security specialist at NSTA with U.S. Army Installation Management Command, said the biggest value of training here is the coming together of the many coalition partners, each of which has its own unique doctrine and way of operating.

By combining forces, much is learned by all and the whole becomes greater than the parts, he added.

### LOGISTICAL FLEXIBILITY

Eastern Romania and Bulgaria are considered more remote areas of Europe, so getting troops and their supplies there takes some creativity, Jones said.

Lt. Col. Tracey Smith, commander of U.S. forces at both Camp MK and NSTA, said troops can arrive via a small commercial runway on Camp MK that is run by the Romanians. Additionally, U.S. tanks and other vehicles and equipment can be offloaded at the nearby port of Constanta on the Black Sea or at the port of Varna in Bulgaria, which is also on the Black Sea.

From there, troops can be bused to NSTA, which is a 28,000-acre training area where live-fire and maneuver training is conducted.

Elements of a brigade might also split off to other training areas like Graf Ignatievo, Bezmer and Aytos in Bulgaria and Cincu, Babadag and Smardan in Romania, she said.

Julia Sibilla, site director of NSTA, noted that there are other ways troops arrive in Romania and Bulgaria. Some of them are bused in from Poland, Italy and Germany, she said.



PHOTO BY SGT. DAVID VERMILYEA

**Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade conduct an airfield seizure in Turzii, Romania, during Exercise Saber Guardian 17 July 22.**



PHOTO BY SPC. TAYLOR HOGANSON

**Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade seize an airfield with a joint force entry during Saber Guardian 17 in Bezmer, Bulgaria, July 18.**

Railway cars haul their equipment from Constanta, Varna or other points in Europe. The NSTA railhead at Zimnitsa is just 17 miles away, she noted.

Another way troops get in to NSTA is by helicopter, she said. Some 600 paratroopers jumped into Bezmer in Bulgaria recently, which is an hour from NSTA.

Not all arrivals are U.S. troops, she added. For instance, during Exercise Trident Jaguar, the French took the lead, she said, adding that leading the exercise was a huge confidence booster for that NATO ally.

Also, non-NATO partners, like the Georgians, have trained here, as well, she said.

### WECOMING THE AMERICANS

Bulgarian and Romanian military leaders and civilians alike have been extremely welcoming of the Americans here, said Sibilla.

Romanian Col. Eduart Dodu, the commander of Camp MK, said “our relationship with the United States is great,” and he added he hopes the U.S. presence will be permanent and even expand.

NATO, along with the U.S. and Romania, will continue to put more capabilities in this region because they understand the threat and that adding more resources means investing in the collective future, Dodu predicted.

Dodu said he recalls the days when Romania was a member of the Soviet’s Warsaw Pact treaty. He said those were dark days and it’s not a period to which he or the Romanian people ever want to return.

Scot Seitz, deputy commander, Black Sea Area Support Team at NSTA, stressed the importance of NSTA as a forward training area.

The retired Marine said training here guarantees that “U.S. troops are as ready as possible to close with and destroy the enemy by fire and maneuver.”


Having a presence here assures allies and partners that the U.S. is committed and dissuades adversaries who might be tempted to meddle in the region, he said.

It’s important, too, that lawmakers and the American people understand the value they’re getting in having a presence here, he added.



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN



**Tanks and other vehicles and equipment can be offloaded at the port of Constanta, Romania, on the Black Sea, near Camp Mihail Kogalniceanu. From there, trains haul them to U.S. rotational units at Camp MK or to Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria.**



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## Erosion of U.S. military capabilities must be stopped

By Jim Garamone  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The erosion of American military capabilities is real and must be halted, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the Senate Armed Services Committee Tuesday.

Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford asked members of the committee to provide adequate, stable budgets so that the Defense Department can fight today's battles and prepare tomorrow's force.

Dunford attended his reconfirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate Hart Building. He has served as CJCS since Oct. 1, 2015, and has been nominated for a second two-year term.

The chairman told the senators that America's military benchmarks its forces' capabilities against the military capabilities of Russia and China.

Russia and China are spending vast amounts to build up their militaries and they are aiming capabilities at American gaps, Dunford said. The biggest advantage the United States maintains is the ability to deploy troops and capabilities anywhere in the world and then maintain them.

Russia and China, he added, are looking to minimize that



Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks during the Senate Armed Services Committee reconfirmation hearing in the U.S. Senate Hart Building in Washington, D.C., Tuesday.

advantage and split the United States from its European and Pacific allies.

Since World War II, the United

States thinks and acts globally, Dunford said.

In the early part of this century, the United States "had a signifi-

cant competitive advantage in our ability to project power when and where needed to advance our national interest," he said.

"I can't say that today," the chairman said.

Capabilities are also eroded by lack of money and lack of time for training, he said.

"If you took a pilot, specifically, you know, in the past, pilots might have had 30 hours a month to fly. Now they may be down as low as 15 hours a month," Dunford said. "On a day-to-day basis, you may not be able to see the difference between pilot A and pilot B. But, if there is an in-flight emergency, I can guarantee you that the pilot that has 30 hours will immediately feel much more comfortable and confident in their ability to deal [with] an anomalous situation [and] be able to control their physiological response. And you and I may never find out about that incident."

The pilot with only 15 hours a month may not end up so safe, the chairman said.

"I would argue that, while we may have trained to standard in the past, when we had sufficient time and resources, now, we're training to time, because that ship is going to go to sea, that pilot is going to go to war, that infantryman is going to go to war whether or not they've had an opportunity to train, sometimes, in the basic tasks or not," he said.

## Gold Star

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Army family.

"We want to let the Gold Star mothers and families know that you are not alone and you are not forgotten," she said. "Today, we celebrate and honor you for the sacrifices you've made and continue to make, for you are a vital part of the military family and our nation."

Lesane wanted to remind family members that it's alright for them to grieve for their loved ones, because too often people find themselves trying to hold back. But she said grief comes with a wide range of emotions with different responses, including reduced concentration, a sense of numbness, disruptive sleep patterns, a change in eating habits and a roller coaster of emotional energy.

"As you continue to treasure the memories of your loved ones, it's quite natural and normal to get choked up, smile or have tears suddenly run down your face," said the ATSCOM chaplain. "Sometimes grief is unwittingly discouraged because we, as a society, are ill prepared to deal with loss. We are taught to acquire things, but not to lose them. We mean well, but sometimes we may say things that might not be too helpful."

One of those things people often say when trying to console is to tell people not to cry, she said, when in fact crying is a natural reaction to loss that should be

embraced.

"Saying don't cry is saying not to feel, and sometimes that's telling people they have to grieve alone," said Lesane. "People also say to give it time, but sometimes time itself does not heal – it's what we do with that time. Oftentimes, people try to stay busy, which is a distraction, when at the end of the day, you still feel a hole in your heart from your heart. What we ought to do is take direct action to address the pain that caused our loss."

Those who suffer loss need to have the opportunity to find closure, she said, and there is no time limit for how long that may take. The myriad of emotions people feel while going through the grieving process is a normal reaction that is just part of the path that leads to recovery, she added.

"That includes accepting your right to feel sad from time to time, and talking about your feelings regardless of how others may react," said the chaplain. "It's healthy and normal to talk about missing your loved ones, and there isn't a time frame for it."

That process of talking about their loved one gives family members like Hugh and Lesa Neenan, who lost their son, Spc. Brendan Neenan, a means to keep the memory of their Soldier alive.

"To be able to be here tonight and have Brendan remembered – there really are no words," said Lesa. "Just the fact that no one forgets his sacrifice and the fact that

he was here (is comforting.)"

Brenden was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, and was deployed to Jelawar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom when he was killed by an improvised explosive device June 7, 2010.

"He was so great. He was so sweet and he was so much fun," she said. "He had come home two weeks before it happened, but we had the best time for those two

weeks."

It's the ability and opportunity that families have to be able to share stories of their loved ones that Lesane said honors those who were lost.

"Gold Star mothers and Gold Star families, we are with you to support you because your loved ones gave their all," said the chaplain. "From their ultimate sacrifice, we have the freedoms and the opportunity to live in this one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## Strays

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Additionally, if a pet owner loses his or her pet and fears that the pet might have been picked up by the Ozark animal shelter, then pet owners should contact Fort Rucker DPS in order to try and retrieve their animal, he added.

To avoid having their pets picked up unnecessarily, people should make sure to keep their animals either in their houses or in their fenced in areas, suggested the police chief.

"People should make sure that if they put their animals in the backyard that they check on them routinely, since some animals do have the ability to get out of the backyard," he added.

Also, regulation dictates that pet owners must have their pets registered at the Fort Rucker Veterinary Clinic within 72-hours of arriving on the installation, as well as have their pet microchipped for identi-

cation, according to Edwin Janasky, Fort Rucker DPW director.

"That is a safety precaution that exists not only for pet owners, but for others on the installation, as well," he said, adding that the process allows for easier identification of pets in the event they have to be retrieved from the animal shelter.

The partnership between the two communities has been something that has been in the works for some time and, as a result, Janasky said both communities benefit.

"(Those) who are picking up the (animals) are trained personnel, so we think this is a win-win situation between us and the city of Ozark, who has an established stray animal collection program," said the DPW director. "We have a relatively small number of strays that people encounter on post, but there is still a need, so this helps us both out."

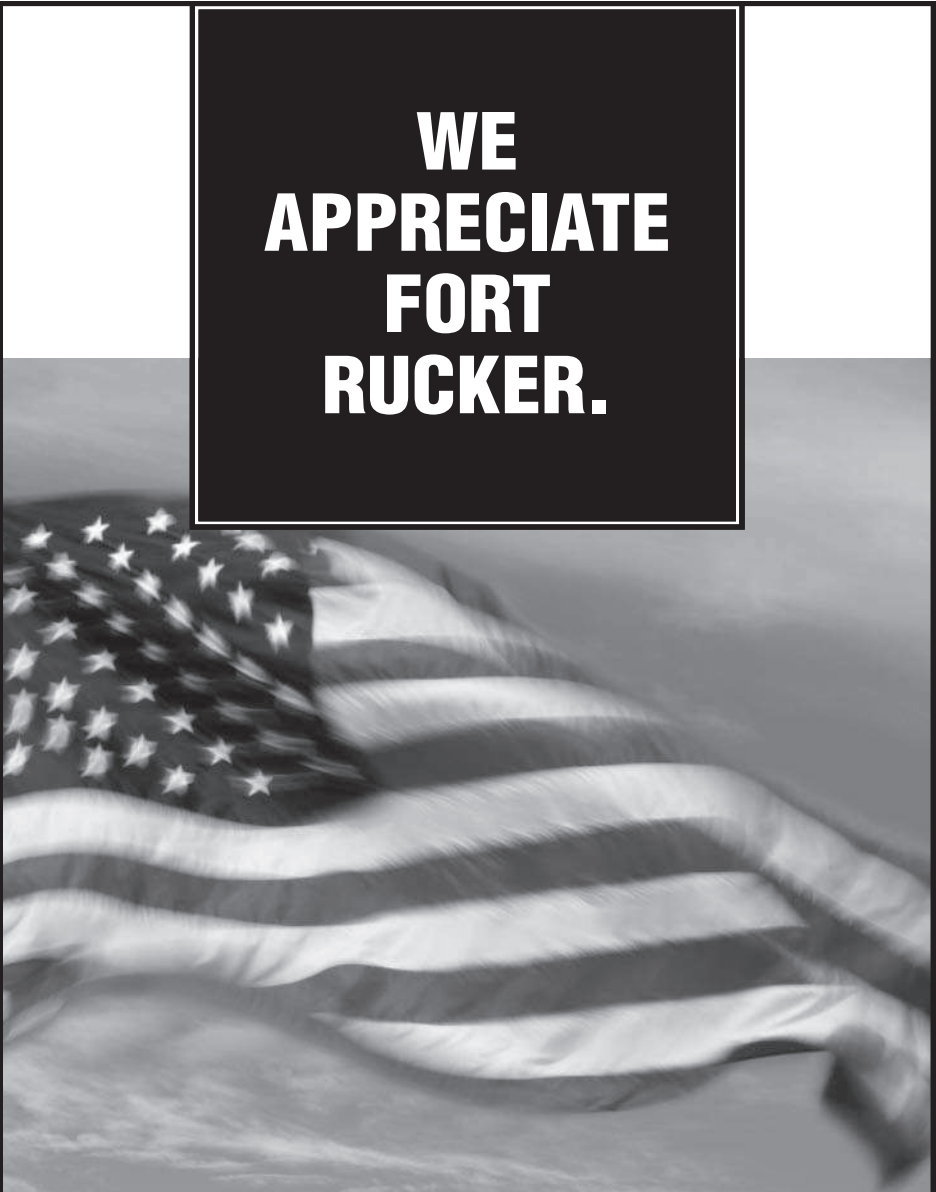
This partnership ben-

efits the community and the people in it, added Townsend.

"Whenever there is an owner who has lost an animal, that's like a child to some people, so you want to make sure that if that animal is captured through whatever means that they will have a mechanism by which they can call to see if their animal has been picked up," he said. "That's a tremendous benefit for community members. There is also a safety issue for the installation, as well, so if there is (a cat or dog) that happens to be a stray, this process will make the neighborhoods safer."

Dumais said the new stray retrieval process is under way and working smoothly.

"We've already gone through the new process a couple times and it seems to work," he said. "I haven't seen any initial problems with the procedures – everything seems to be going as designed."



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# GAME TIME

*System to help Soldiers test virtual versions of gear, provide feedback*

By Kathleen Edwards  
AMRDEC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL — The Army is rolling out a gaming system, Operation Overmatch, that Soldiers can use to test virtual versions of gear and operation concepts that could be implemented in the future.

“Gaming is a tremendous medium to connect Soldiers to the concept,” said Lt. Col. Brian Vogt with the United States Army Capabilities Integration Center. “Gaming is not just for entertainment anymore – now it is for experimenting.”

The Army’s Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center’s Software Engineering Directorate’s Army Game Studio is coordinating with Army Capabilities Integration Center to develop Operation Overmatch, which is part of the Early Synthetic Prototyping program. The ESP process is a set of tools



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that enable Soldiers to inform technology development and acquisition decisions by designing and assessing emerging technologies in a game environment.

“This allows for improving ideas on future concepts,” said Vogt. “You can find things you like and don’t like. You can test future concepts. How you would use this gear? How would you be able to defeat the enemy in this scenario? You can shape

ideas of what you think they should look like.”

Vogt has been the project lead since the beginning. “We started research on this in 2013,” he said. “We reached out to academia and industry to determine how to shape it. Operation Overmatch has been in development for about a year. Everyone involved [from the] Research, Development and Engineering Command and ARCIC have

something they are trying to achieve.”

Operation Overmatch is still in the test phase, and the first 100 participants were hand-selected. The beta test will open in October and there will be a big push to get Soldiers from across the Army to sign up. Players will be added as development continues.

“The game is meant for Soldiers across the spectrum,” said Vogt.

Operation Overmatch’s audience includes Soldiers across the Army, including all ranks, all military occupational specialties, active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve and cadets. Department of the Army civilians, members of academia and industry partners will also be invited to participate. Eventually, the game could be available to all the armed services, as well as international partners and allies.

“For Operation Overmatch to succeed, we invite the participation and feedback of Soldiers, engineers, scientists and other acquisition personnel,” said Mike Barnett, with the Army Game Studio. “We invite you to be a part of the agile development of our future forces to win in a complex world at [www.operationovermatch.com](http://www.operationovermatch.com).”



PHOTO BY CAPT. LESLIE REED

Sgt. Joe Ford, a crew chief with 1-168th Avn. Regt., monitors systems during the run-up of a CH-47 Chinook at Davis helibase, near Gates, Ore., Aug. 7.

## Oregon Army National Guard Aviators douse wildfires

By Capt. Leslie Reed  
For Army News Service

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers of B Company, 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment, answered the call to help their state following Governor Kate Brown’s emergency declaration order.

The governor’s declaration enabled the Oregon National Guard to be activated in support of the Oregon Department of Forestry as needed to assist with wild land firefighting efforts across the state.

A group of Aviation and support personnel from the Pendleton-based unit reported to Salem’s McNary Air-

field Aug. 4, just two days following the declaration, to provide helicopter bucket water drops using their newer F-Model CH-47 Chinook helicopters. They were initially assigned to the Whitewater Fire, near Detroit, before later transitioning to the Chetco Bar

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## DOG ON IT

*Task Force Wraith Soldiers conduct joint training with 4-legged troops*

By Maj. Jeremy Duffy  
For Army News Service

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Soldiers from the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade’s Task Force Wraith conducted joint tactical training with Marines from Area Support Group - Kuwait’s Directorate of Emergency Services at Camp Buehring in early September.

The event afforded 29th CAB Soldiers an opportunity to work with Marines and their nine military working dogs, and improve capabilities between the

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ARMY PHOTO

Task Force Wraith Soldiers escort military working dogs and their Marine handlers away from an HH-60M aeromedical evacuation helicopter during joint training Sept. 2.



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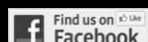
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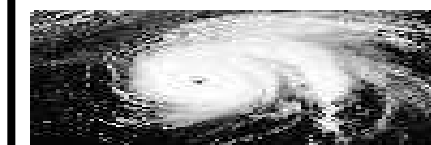
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two services.

“Any time you get to integrate other branches of service, in this case Marine K-9 handlers and Army Aviators, it is a success,” said Sgt. Michael Reynolds, a flight medic with Task Force Wraith.

The intent of the training was to get the dogs comfortable around aircraft. In the unfortunate circumstance their handlers become injured, the handlers could be medically evacuated with their military working dogs.

“The MedEvac mission does not just entail American Soldiers – we also pick up coalition forces, wounded enemies and even working dogs,” said CW2 Joshua Ward, an aeromedical evacuation pilot with Task Force Wraith.

The training not only allowed for the dogs to become comfortable around aircraft, but also gives medics from Task Force Wraith the op-

portunity to become familiar with the military working dogs and their possible medical needs in the event one may need medical evacuation.

“The best part of the training was integrating on-site Army veterinarians to teach IV access and wound management,” said Reynolds.

For many of the working dogs and their handlers, this isn’t their first flight. Most have at least three prior training experiences with other aircraft.

“Operating with military working dogs in the Aviation environment could help in real life situations and it helps knowing how to handle the dogs in a situation that might intimidate them,” said Spc. Alec Brewer, a crew chief assigned to Task Force Wraith.

The military working dogs are trained to perform various tasks to include individual attacks, building searches and searching for explosives.



ARMY PHOTO

JoJo, Marine military working dog, takes a break during joint training held with Soldiers from the 29th CAB's Task Force Wraith Sept. 1 at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

# Wildfires

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Fire to the south, near Brookings.

The unit typically begins completing both its refresher and qualification course just before fire season, in mid-spring. It’s during this time that the troops get the buckets prepped and pulled out of storage. Re-certifications are typically conducted first, before new personnel become qualified.

“Where else can you go where you get to do this? I have the coolest job in the world,” said Sgt. Jeremy Maddox, a flight engineer instructor with B Co. “One morning I’m at my home station, and later that afternoon I’m 500 miles away supporting a state mission and dropping buckets of water. I get a lot of satisfaction doing these state missions.”

In order to qualify, Soldiers in the Aviation unit must participate and become proficient during three separate, one-hour test flights consisting of multiple water bucket drops. The unit typically uses a site next to the Columbia River, where they are able to conduct bucket dips and drop the water on predetermined locations.

“The Columbia is wide open, plenty deep enough for our 2,000-gallon bucket. Tons of room, no obstacles, like tall trees or altitude,” said Maddox.

Hours of prep time go into each flight, whether for training or real-world missions.

“Every morning we have to come out and do our daily pre-flight checks on the aircraft,

it takes about an hour and a half, to two hours. We have to open up the entire aircraft and look at everything,” said Maddox.

He said the pilots then inspect the aircraft following their pre-flight briefings, looking over everything for additional verification.

The unit began responding to the White-water Fire while the Oregon Department of Forestry was still in the process of securing a land-use agreement for Davis helibase. For the first few days, flight crews were initially departing from Salem’s McNary Field and having to transport their Bambi buckets loaded inside their CH-47 Chinooks to and from the helibase each day. Once Davis helibase was secured, the crews could keep their buckets in place and would only have to do preflight and attach the buckets before beginning their mission.

The crews waited on standby for air attack personnel assigned to the fire to call the Oregon Department of Forestry aviation representative, who would then give the Soldiers the go-ahead to respond. On the fire, all instructions as to where to pull water from and where to drop water were taken via radio.

“Those air attack guys have been doing this often for 20 to 30 years to get to this level, they know the big picture – we can’t put the fire out completely, but what we can do is help control it and keep it from spreading certain directions,” said CW2 David Brannen, an instructor pilot with B Co.

Brannen first started working fires as a liaison in 2001 before transitioning to flying

in 2002 and ultimately becoming a pilot-in-command in 2003.

“It’s good to interface with other agencies. Even though we work with them a lot, sometimes there are some misconceptions on what our challenges or capabilities are,” he said. “I think they are always surprised on how much we rely on the guys in the back.”

The crew members in the back (flight engineers and crew chiefs) guide the pilots to the dip site, lining up the bucket, and clear the aircraft to move down, while simultaneously watching the rotors.

“There is a lot of helicopter on the Chinooks back here (behind the flight deck or cockpit), that the pilots can’t see,” said Maddox. “Our job is to paint a picture for them, a mental picture they can’t see, so they know and feel comfortable with what we’re going into. It takes a lot of trust in the back-seaters from the pilots. It’s a team effort. Without one, the job can’t be accomplished.”

Power is also one of the most difficult aspects when it comes to maneuvering and dropping buckets. Maddox said the power required to lift the buckets to that altitude requires them to regulate the amount of water in their buckets. Sometimes they have to burp the bucket, meaning allow some of the water to be dispensed to reduce the overall weight, to ensure the pilots have the necessary power to be able to climb out of certain areas.

“I’ve never flown a fire with an F-Model and it’s a little bit heavier with the extra

equipment,” said Brannen. “When I flew the D-Model, we were running several thousand pounds lighter to start with, coupled with high temperatures. Our biggest challenge is power management. We are hauling as much water as we are able.”

Ford said he welcomes the excitement that comes with the firefighting mission.

“This is just a lot of fun. With the federal mission, we are mainly moving people and stuff around, it’s from here to there. Take it, set it down and return to base,” he said. “But here, it’s much more challenging. We run a great risk in this, if there’s an up-draft of heat, or a down-draft, we have to be able to be Johnny-on-the-spot to keep us in the air. There’s a lot more challenge in it, risk versus reward. It’s super rewarding when we are combating open flame all day long.”

Brannen agreed. “I enjoy this probably a little more than a deployment – it’s our own backyard, our own state.”

The Pendleton unit also has a history of keeping it in the family, with multiple family members like the Radkes, Fords and others that have served both past and present.

“I’ve never seen a unit that has so many brothers and sisters that operate together. We are truly a family,” Ford said.

The three CH-47 Chinooks assigned to state-active duty have accounted for more than 1.2 million gallons of the total 1.3 million gallons of water dropped as of late September. Two Chinook’s are currently still assigned to the Chetco Bar Fire and are based to the northeast, in Grants Pass.

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# 'A NEAT PLACE TO BE'

## *School staff, students find home in The Village*

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

As the fall season officially starts, Fort Rucker children are well into the school year, and although elementary students are currently in a temporary facility, they're receiving a top-notch education.

"It's been a remarkable transition," said Dr. Vicki Gilmer, principal of Fort Rucker Schools. "We've really adapted to our new environment and we've made The Village our home. It's really a great atmosphere. It's like we just packed up the elementary school and put it here."

Gilmer said that feedback from parents and students has been overwhelmingly positive.

The school site houses four grade levels – third through sixth – and has all the amenities that are expected in any elementary school, including a gymnasium, playgrounds and cafeteria, and although the site is well equipped to handle the educational needs of students, moving into the new facility was still an adjustment.

"The biggest adjustment to begin with was using the space and making sure we made the most out of every space," said the prin-

cipal. "We've carved out spaces for our learning labs and carved out spaces for our robotics team, because we wanted to make sure we were still able to do those functions."

For Marcia Jones, FRES math instructional support teacher, the growing pains were minimal when moving to the new facility. As an educator for 20 years, 19 of which were in the old elementary school, the hardest part for her was leaving a place that she felt was like home.

"You drive up somewhere and park in the same parking spot for 19 years, and then all of the sudden you're coming to a different location and different building, so it was an adjustment but it wasn't bad, it was just different," she said. "But so far it's been great. We pretty much hit the ground running. We got moved in and I think the teachers here have done a fabulous job of turning The Village here into a great school environment."

"The teachers here do a fantastic job of trying to do what's best for the children," she continued. "Dr. Gilmer supports us so much, and I think it's easier to do our job because we have such a fantastic instructional leader. We



PHOTOS BY NATHAN PFAU

**Dr. Vicki Gilmer, principal of Fort Rucker Schools, checks in on students as they work on their assignments in class Friday.**

support each other professionally and personally, and that makes all the difference."

That level of support doesn't just extend to faculty, but to

students, as well, and for students like Braden Grant and Kara Druilhet, sixth graders, that support has made the transition seamless.

"The only real difference is there are just more buildings when in the other school there were only two, but it's kind of the same because all of the teachers are here and Dr. Gilmer is here," said Druilhet. "I like how everybody here is positive and just tries to work with what they've got at this temporary school. It just feels like a normal school and I just like how everybody is really positive here and all the teachers are willing to work with you."

Druilhet attended FRES last year in the old facility, but for Grant, it's his first year on Fort Rucker, but despite being in the temporary facility, he's loved his experience so far.

"My favorite part about the school is the teachers because I like to learn," he said. "I like that the teachers that I've met are re-

ally nice and get you straight to learning."

That dedication to exceptional education and the commitment of the faculty and teachers are what Jones said sets Fort Rucker schools apart.

"Every day we just come here and try to do the best that we can for the students to try and promote the highest student achievement that we can get," she said. "We support the children and we support each other."

"We're just very appreciative of all the support from our families and from the Fort Rucker community," added Gilmer. "The garrison has been wonderful and everyone has supported us and supported the kids. It's been a remarkable transition, and the teaching and learning is still going on at an exceptional level and it's just a neat place to be."

The groundbreaking for the new school is set for Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the site of the old school.



**Fort Rucker Elementary School students play during the school day Friday.**

# HIDDEN TREASURE

## *Event makes yard sale shopping, selling a snap*

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

Moving can be a chore, but Fort Rucker's seasonal community yard sales provide an opportunity for military families to shed unnecessary items and earn a little extra cash for the journey ahead.

"Yard sales can be a great place to find great buys and hidden treasures," Lynn Avila, Fort Rucker special events coordinator, said. "Fort Rucker's Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market puts your creative mind to use. It's like having a whole town of yard sales wrapped up in one place."

Fall registration is currently open for sellers to bring their wares to festival fields Oct. 14 from 7-11 a.m. Sellers may register up to the day of the event, but for guaranteed space people need to register before Oct. 11.

"Spaces are open to the public," Avila said. "Rental prices vary by the space based on the space required and if the seller is government-affiliated or a civilian."

Military ID – active duty service members and their family members, retired military, reserve, DOD personnel – is required for government rate pricing, she added.

"If you are mailing your registration form, you will either have to bring in your ID card prior to the event or show it at the registration table the day of the event," Avila said. "If no ID is shown, the general public rate will be applied."



FILE PHOTO

**Shoppers point out finds at a previous outdoor yard sale. This year's Fort Rucker Outdoor Yard Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for Oct. 14.**

Spaces for military ID or CAC card holders are available for \$25 for a 15-by-20 space and \$35 for a 30-by-20 space. The general public may also purchase space for \$35 and \$45 respectively.

"This event is a great way to clean out your garage or closet at home and allow someone else the opportunity to find use to an item you have decided to remove," Avila said. "The event is also a great outing for individuals and families to find gently used clothing and shoes for fast-growing children. Patrons can con-

veniently find several baby items that have barely been used. You can come out and spend the morning with us to browse all the deals and enjoy some beautiful weather and bargain hunting.

"Much of the hard work is done for the seller," she said. "DFMWR handles all marketing efforts and reservation of space. No more taping posters to stop signs and no more strangers trampling through your yard or rummaging through your garage. This event is a fantastic opportunity to just make it happen."

Set up will begin at 5 a.m. Oct. 14 and all sellers will need to be ready to open by 7 a.m. for the first shoppers, they will come.

According to Avila, the Fort Rucker Yard Sale and Flea Market differs from a typical yard sale, as the sellers themselves vary. Each seller brings an assortment of items, drastically increasing the selection over what one would find in a typical yard sale. A few items people might find are appliances, furniture, clothing, shoes, toys, and books and more – all in one place.

"For single Soldiers, couples and families, everyone is sure to find a treasure from the many sellers and their variety," she said. "Whether you are looking for a new or gently-worn outfit or a piece of furniture that you can refurbish to fit your home décor, the Fort Rucker Yard Sale and Flea Market may have what you are looking for."

Sellers who do not possess a military ID or CAC card must obtain a visitors pass prior to the day of the event, according to Avila.

Unescorted visitors must obtain a visitor's pass from one of two visitor control centers. Visitors may obtain passes from the VCCs at the Daleville and Ozark gates. The Daleville VCC is open Mondays-Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Ozark VCC is open Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to register, call 255-2997 or 255-1749.



# ON POST

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

**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.

**International Spouses Get Together**

Army Community Service hosts its International Spouses Get Together the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Community Center. According to ACS officials, the get together is a place for spouses to find support, and help with finding resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, drivers licenses and more. Multilingual volunteers are available.

For more information, call 255-3735.

**Library book sale**

Center Library will host a book sale Monday. The library will be selling gently used books and other media at bargain prices, according to library officials. All proceeds will go back to the library for future programs and events.

For more information, call 255-3885.

**Literature and the Veteran Experience**

The Center Library and the Alabama Humanities Foundation are pleased to announce their partnership to bring area veterans, retirees and active duty Soldiers a new program titled Literature and the Veteran Experience. This is a reading and discussion program for all combat veterans led by veterans. Registration is limited to the first 20 participants. A free meal will be provided. The first meeting will be Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to choose the first reading material.

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

**Federal jobs workshop**

Army Community Service will host its federal job workshop Oct. 5 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.

**Care Team Training**

Army Community Service will hold its Care Team training Oct. 11 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. As Care Team volunteers, volunteers perform a valuable role to both families of fallen and injured Soldiers, according to ACS officials. The training is given to people who are interested in being a Care Team volunteer. It is designed to give volunteers an understanding of a Care Team volunteer’s responsibilities and offers guidance on how to handle issues they are likely to face.

For more information, call 255-9578.

**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 Oct. 12. 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.

**Fall outdoor yard sale**

The Fort Rucker Fall Outdoor Yard Sale is scheduled for Oct. 14 from 7-11 a.m. on the festival fields. The event provides members of the Fort Rucker community the opportunity to buy and sell used household items in a consolidated fashion, according to organizers. The event is open to the public. Booth space fees apply to sellers. No commercial vendors allowed without a contract – call 255-1749 for details and fees. Booth cost for ID card holders (active-duty and



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## Fort Rucker Oktoberfest

The 15th annual Fort Rucker Oktoberfest and volksmarch is scheduled for Friday 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 a previous Oktoberfest.

family members, retired military, members of the Reserve, and Department of Defense civilians): 15x20 is \$25, 30x20 is \$35, and tables are \$10 each. Cost for members of the general public: 15x20 is \$35, 30x20 is \$45, and tables are \$10 each. Registration is due by Oct. 11. People can register at MWR Central, 255-2997.

For more information, call 255-1749 or 255-9810.

**Jeopardy 2000s edition**

The Fort Rucker Youth Center will host its teen version of Jeopardy Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. The free game will feature pop culture and educational trivia questions centered on the 2000s. Prizes will be awarded. Participants must be a child and youth services member to participate – ages 11-18, grades six-12).

For membership information or to sign-up for membership, call 255-9638.

**EFMP focus group**

The Fort Rucker Exceptional Family Member Program will host a focus group Oct. 16 from 9-10 a.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371-F. EFMP officials are seeking to get people’s ideas and opinions on opportunities and services needed for exceptional family members on Fort Rucker. Refreshments will be provided. Children are allowed to attend. People who would like to participate need to register by Oct. 10. The focus group is open to families with exceptional family members.

For more information or to register, call 255-9277.

**‘Let’s Dance, Not Fight’**

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program its instructor-led dance and exercise activity, “Let’s Dance, Not Fight,” Oct. 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. at The Landing. ACS officials said the event will feature an evening of fun for the whole family. Several on post agencies will also have tables set up to provide helpful information on resources for people to stay healthy, happy, and resilient.

For more information, call 255-3898.

**Zombie Ball**

The Landing will host its Zombie Ball Oct. 21 from 8 p.m. to midnight. The event will feature dancing, music, a costume contest and Halloween fun, according to organizers. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The event will be open to the public for ages 18 and over.

For more information, call 255-0769.

**Newcomers welcome**

A newcomers welcome is scheduled for Oct. 20 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

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For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-2887.

**Youth skate night**

The Fort Rucker School Age Center will

host a football-themed skate night Oct. 20. Youth are welcome to show their support for their favorite teams by wearing their favorite jersey, T-shirt, hat, etc. Prizes will awarded throughout the event. Safety skate will cost \$2 and run from 5-6 p.m. Regular skate will cost \$5 and run from 6-8 p.m. Only cash payments will be accepted. All participants need to have a current pass with child and youth services.

For more information, call 255-9108.

## FORT RUCKER MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 28 - OCT. 1

**Thursday, September 28**

**Leap (PG)** .....7 p.m.

**Friday, September 29**

**Wind River (R)** .....7 p.m.

**Saturday, September 30**

**Leap (PG)** .....4 p.m.  
**Annabelle: Creation (R)** .....7 p.m.

**Sunday, October 1**

**The Nut Job 2 3D (PG)** .....1 p.m.  
**Unlocked (R)**.....4 p.m.



# Veteran visits father’s gravesite in the Netherlands



Burd in England shortly before D-Day.

**By Rita Hoefnagels**  
*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

SCHINNEN, The Netherlands — William Burd Jr. never really knew his father. However, a special trip to Margraten, the Netherlands, led him to discovering more about his father’s sacrifice in World War II.

In 1944, one of the largest airborne operations from WWII started. Operation Market Garden, which occurred from Sept. 17-25, was an Allied military operation in the Netherlands. Its aim was to establish the northern end of a pincer ready to advance deeper into Germany.

Allied forces would advance north from Belgium, 60 miles through the Netherlands, across the Rhine and consolidate with the airborne troops north of Arnhem on the Dutch-German border ready to close the pincer. Although the operation opened with a lot of success, the end was different.

Taking part in the operation were forces from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Poland

and Dutch resistance, comprising of 41,628 airborne troops, one armored division, two infantry divisions and one armored brigade.

The operation started Sunday. Among the airborne troops from the 101st Airborne Division, known as the Screaming Eagles, which comprised of about 650 American Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, who jumped and landed around the Castle Heeswijk near Veghel, the Netherlands. Their objective was to secure bridges in the area to allow a rapid advance by the armored ground units.

Some of the parachutists landed in the trees causing one fatality and 12 wounded. They quickly regrouped but found out that they landed at the wrong castle and therefore had to hurry to the actual drop zone. Not able to take the wounded, it was decided to leave them at the Castle Heeswijk in the company of a small group Soldiers commanded by Capt. William G. Burd.

Born in Pennsylvania, Burd went to Officer Candidate School in 1941. Upon graduation, he joined the faculty, and taught transportation and company administration. Like all paratroopers, he could not sit behind a desk when war was declared. His request for transfer to the paratroopers was twice denied. On the third time, he went directly to the Adjutant General in Washington, D.C., and was accepted.

His first combat jump during the landings in Normandy, France, ended with a sprained ankle, when he tried not to land on a cow. Collecting a few more men, he tried to get to an aid station but was captured by the Germans.

Luckily, he was liberated by the Americans. His last letter to his wife was on Sept. 1, telling her he had trench mouth and ulcers. However, this did not keep him from jumping on Sept. 17 with the 1st Battalion near the castle at Heeswijk.

Burd stayed behind at the castle with the wounded, and to collect all the bundles with supplies while the rest of the battalion would start with their mission of capturing

two bridges across the canal near Veghel.

After the battalion left, the Germans approached the castle and Burd was shot and killed in the skirmish with the overwhelming German force. A year later, his helmet, with a bullet hole in the back, was found. The helmet ended up in the museum at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His last resting place was the American War Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands.

Burd had a son whom he saw for the last time when William Burd Jr. was 18 months old. Burd Jr. graduated from Annapolis and served as a fighter pilot in the Vietnam War. He did not have to go to war as the only surviving son of a deceased veteran, but his father left him with a sense of duty of the highest order.

Burd Jr. visited the grave of his father in 1971 for the first time. In 2017, he returned to the site with his wife and daughter to see the grave and visit the Castle Heeswijk for the first time. It was his daughter’s idea to come to the Netherlands and see the castle where his father was killed. It was very emotional for the 74-year-old Burd Jr., who only knew part of what happened to his father.

Burd also met Carli Nelissen and his family who adopted his father’s grave. Every grave in the cemetery has been adopted by a Dutch family who stay in touch with the family of the deceased and bring flowers to the grave on special occasions such as the deceased’s birthday or on special holidays like Memorial Day.

For Nelissen, it was special to meet the family from the man whose grave he has adopted. Together with Burd Jr., he laid flowers at the cemetery. Nelissen has a bed and breakfast at Angoville-au-Plain, France, which is located in the middle of the Airborne Landings in Normandy. This is where the 501st PIR jumped on D-Day in 1944. Since Burd was also part of that regiment, it is possible it was the place he landed, too.

Burd Jr. reflected on the trip. “By being here and now knowing the whole story, my history is complete,” he said.



PHOTO BY RITA HOEFNAGELS

William Burd Jr. and Carli Nelissen lay flowers at Capt. William Burd’s grave at the U.S. Military Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands. The elder Burd was killed during Operation Market Garden in 1944.

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# ‘HACKING FOR DEFENSE’

*Students team with Army to improve casualty care triage*

**By Ellen Crown**  
*U.S. Army Medical Materiel  
Agency Public Affairs Officer*

PALO ALTO, Calif. – At Stanford University in California, a group of college students huddle around a table to brainstorm potential solutions to some of the Department of Defense’s most complicated problems.

These students do not work for DOD – and, for this project, that’s a good thing. If the government is the box, their goal is to think outside of it.

The project is called Hacking for Defense and started as a pilot 10-week class at Stanford University in 2016. Steve Blank, creator of the Lean Startup movement, and retired Army colonels Peter Newell and Joe Felter developed the concept for H4D. According to Blank, their primary goal was to teach students entrepreneurship while they engaged in national public service.

“We combined the Lean Startup methodology – used by the National Science Foundation to commercialize science – with the rapid problem sourcing and solution methodology Pete developed on the battlefields in Afghanistan and Iraq when he ran the U.S. Army’s Rapid Equipping Force,” explained Blank in a commentary he wrote in July.

A year after its launch, H4D has spread to nine universities nationwide, including Stanford University, Georgetown University, University of Pittsburgh, Boise State, University of California San Diego, James Madison University, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Southern California and Columbia University.

Besides helping the next generation of great thinkers, H4D is growing government expertise. Blank explained that H4D also introduces project “sponsors” from inside the DOD and intelligence community to a methodology that can help them understand and better respond to rapidly evolving asymmetric threats.

“We believed if we could get teams to rapidly discover the real problems in the field using Lean methods, and only then articulate the requirements to solve them, then defense acquisition programs could operate at speed and urgency and deliver timely and needed solutions,” added Blank.

One such recent sponsor was Maj. Amanda Love, a nurse consultant at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency and member of the defense acquisition community. At USAMMA, Love is a project manager who works with a team responsible for the full lifecycle of U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved patient care devices.

“Lifecycle management of



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Warfighters from the 129th Rescue Wing demonstrate casualty triage to students from a Hacking for Defense class at Stanford University. The students were part of a team evaluating methods to reduce bottlenecks in casualty care triage using novel technology – specifically, wearable sensors.

complex medical materiel, such as patient care devices, is not a simple process. Every part of the process is interconnected, from development of new products to full procurement, fielding and sustainment,” said Love. “Every new technology we develop and field must be well-planned and supported at multiple levels.”

Love originally got involved with H4D because of Maj. Steven Hong, an Army clinician colleague, who is currently assigned at Stanford University Hospitals as a Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and Reconstructive surgery fellow and consulting assistant professor. Hong encouraged her to participate in H4D because he thought it would be a win-win.

“There was an H4D team that needed a military sponsor,” said Love. “For me, it was a chance to get some fresh eyes on our work at USAMMA.”

Love’s H4D team, which was one of eight teams participating in this session of H4D at Stanford University, included two software engineers, one programmer and one medical student. Additionally, Love brought in USAMMA colleague Jay Wang, who is a product manager for Transport Telemedicine Systems. Together, they asked the team to address bottlenecks in casualty care triage using novel technology – specifically, wearable sensors.

“When the team started to develop their concepts for using wearable devices, it was a sort of ‘wow’ moment for me. As a



Stanford University students evaluate casualty care triage methods.

clinician, I am familiar with using wearable sensors to monitor vital signs. But this is something we currently do in a hospital setting – not at the point of injury,” said Love.

Wang agreed in the value in wearable sensors as a tool to automatically gather patient care data on the battlefield.

“Wearable sensors that autonomously gather patient care data and transmit it to a field hospital’s medical team provide essential situational awareness that can speed up health care delivery. The goal is to keep the medic or flight paramedic focused for performing life-saving tasks, unen-

cumbered from any requirements for additional documentation,” Wang explained.

Love’s team, who went by the name “Team Surgency,” interviewed more than 90 people, including trauma doctors, military medics, combatant commanders and Special Forces personnel. Additionally, the team reached out to academia partners and industry experts. They also visited military installations to learn more about casualty triage and the kinds of data that would be meaningful for triage on the battlefield.

“We learned ... most casualty fatalities occur before arrival at

a medical treatment facility and 25 percent of these fatalities are deemed potentially survivable,” explained H4D team member Abbey Cutchin, talking about why data is a valuable tool in combat casualty care triage, where every minute counts.

In the final week of the class, Team Surgency, along with the other seven teams, gave presentations that provided an overview of their sponsor’s problem and the team’s proposed solutions. Other teams presented novel ideas for solving a wide variety of problems, from monitoring traumatic brain injury in veterans to tracking drug trafficking to knowledge management within the defense intelligence community.

For many, the H4D presentations did not represent the end of their quest for real-world solutions. Blank said that more than half the student teams, including Team Surgency, have decided to continue working on national security projects after this class.

“The H4D team definitely added value to our current advanced development efforts at USAMMA,” said Love. “Additionally, these students now have a much better understanding of the Military Health System. I believe the project may have also sparked an interest for some students who may not have ever thought about working in or for the military. Now they see that we do a lot of really interesting and meaningful work – and they can be a part of our mission, which is to save lives.”

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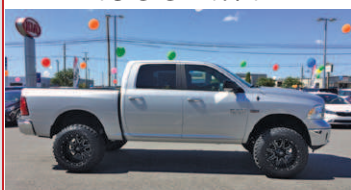
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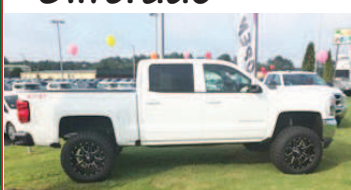
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# Explore the Outdoors Festival set for Oct. 14

## Army Flier Staff Reports

FREEPORT, Fla. — Walton Outdoors will host the eighth Explore The Outdoors Festival Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the waterfront location of Live Oak Landing Outdoor Destination.

This fun-filled day will introduce children to the wonders of exploring nature and the outdoor experience, according to organizers.

Hands-on activities will include fishing, kayaking, hydrobiking, boating, wildlife, archery, interactive educational exhibits, giveaways and more.

The event is free. The water activities are geared for children age 6 and older. Food will be available for purchase.

Activities and exhibits include:

- Learn to fish on Black Creek
- FISH FLORIDA fishing rod/reel giveaways

- Freshwater fishing education with Florida Fish and Wildlife
- Emerald Coast Hydrobike cruises
- Archery with Freeport Parks and Recreation
- Boating with Wounded Warrior Fishing
- Boating with Backwater Tours
- Birding with the Choctaw-hatchee Audubon Society
- Wildlife exhibit with Florida

- Fish and Wildlife
- Florida State Park exhibits
- Northwest Florida Astronomy Club
- Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance touch tank
- Smokey the Bear and his friends from Forestry
- Florida Sea Grant exhibit
- Freeport Town Planters Society crafts
- Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge exhibit
- Butterfly exhibit

- Beekeeping exhibit
- Walton County Master Gardeners activity
- Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve
- Navarre Beach Marine Science exhibit
- Nonie’s Ark Animal Encounters
- Archaeology

For more information, visit [www.waltonoutdoors.com/explorefest](http://www.waltonoutdoors.com/explorefest) or call 850-267-2064.

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**ONGOING** — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit [www.andalusialegionpost80.org](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** — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 87 meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Doug Tew Recreation Center. For more information, call 334-86-0217 Ext. 122 or email [davchapter87@gmail.com](mailto:davchapter87@gmail.com). The chapter maintains office hours at 545 West Main St. (Mixon Business Center, Rm. 122), Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist, free of charge, disabled veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims and other benefits.

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

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

**ONGOING** — American Legion Auxiliary Unit 12 hosts a pancake breakfast the third Saturday of each month. Pancakes will be served from 7-10:30 a.m. for \$6 for the general public, \$5 for military members and veterans and free to children 8 and under. Proceeds go toward helping veterans, military members and their families. The post is located at the intersection of S. Park Street and Hwy. 605 (Brannon Stand Road). For more

information, call 334-400-5345.

## ENTERPRISE

**OCT. 5** — The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform Swing Era music of the 1930s and 40s at 7:30 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets purchased in advance cost \$25 and \$20 for students. The day of the event, tickets will cost \$30 and \$23 for students. For locations selling tickets, call 334-393-2797.

**ONGOING** — To help veterans and their families fight back from service-related injuries, the Professional Golfers’ Association of America and the Veterans Administration have partnered up nationally to use golf as therapy. The national organization has a local chapter, PGA HOPE Wiregrass in Enterprise. The free program meets Mondays at 10 a.m. at Highland Oaks Golf Course. People who know veterans with service-related injuries, whether registered with the VA or not, can have them call PGA HOPE Wiregrass at 239-272-7086 or visit the chapter’s Facebook page.

**ONGOING** — The Coffee County Toastmasters Club, an organization dedicated to the development of leadership and public speaking skills, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6:15-8 p.m. at the Enterprise State Community College Student Center Community Room. For more information, call 334-347-0259.

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

**OCT. 15** — The Springhill Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 95 North, Abbeville, will host its Gospel Singing Explosion at 3 p.m., to include the True Faith Gospel Singers, Charles Beasley and the Chosen Vessels, and more. Church officials invite all soloists, choirs and singers to join in. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

## Beyond Briefs

### Purdy Butterfly House

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

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

### Calera & Shelby Railroad

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

one hour prior to departure.

For more information, including ticket costs, visit <https://www.hodrrm.org/default.cfm>.

### Pirates of the High Seas Fest

Panama City Beach, Florida, will host its free Pirates of the High Seas Fest Oct. 6-8 at various locations in the city. The event will feature fun for the whole family, according to organizers, including a scavenger hunt, pirate invasions, a children’s parade and main parade, live music, fireworks and more.

For more information, visit <http://grandlagoon.org/pirates-fest/>.

### Creative Con

Panama City Beach, Florida, will host its eighth Creative Con Oct. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to midnight at the Marina Civic Center. What started with six artists doing free sketches in the foyer of the Bay County Public Library has grown into a creative convention that brings artists and attendees from all over the tri-state area, according to organizers. Not only does Panama City Creative Con foster career development for aspiring artists and creatives, it is purposed to encourage young people to pursue their passions and develop the valuable tools they already have in their love for the creative realms.

For more information and to buy tickets,

visit <http://www.bayartsevents.com/event/panama-city-creative-con-2/>.

### Walk ‘n Wag

The Montgomery Humane Society will host its 17th annual Walk ‘N Wag 1-mile pledge walk in Blount Cultural Park Oct. 7. Hundreds of pets and pet lovers are expected to participate in this pledge walk to support the over 8,600 homeless animals in the Montgomery area.

People who register before Oct. 7 will pay \$20 per person, which includes an official 2017 Walk ‘N Wag T-shirt. People can register on-line, by mail, in Person or on event day. Event day registration will be from 8-8:45 a.m. and will cost \$25. Children ages 6 and under are admitted for free.

People can also register as a dog pack -- form a group of friends or co-workers (up to 10 people) and raise a minimum of \$200 and walk as a group. Dog packs will have their name on the Walk ‘N Wag T-shirts and will be eligible to win an award. Dog pack registration deadline to have names on the T-shirt is Friday.

The event will also feature various contests and activities. For more information and event guidelines, visit [www.montgomeryhumane.com/16th-annual-walk-n-wag/](http://www.montgomeryhumane.com/16th-annual-walk-n-wag/).

### Orchestra opening night

The Montgomery Symphony Orches-

tra’s opening night is scheduled for Oct. 9 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at David Theatre. The MSO’s two artists-in-residence will step into the spotlight with a pair of concertos for this festive opening night concert, including a performance of Dvorak’s Cello Concerto in B Minor, according to organizers.

For more information or to order tickets, call 334-240-4004 or visit [www.montgomerysymphony.org/calendar/2017/10/9/opening-night-concert](http://www.montgomerysymphony.org/calendar/2017/10/9/opening-night-concert).

### ‘Swan Lake’

The Russian Grand Ballet will present its production of “Swan Lake” Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre. Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake” is the story of Odette, a beautiful princess, who falls under the spell of an evil sorcerer, according to organizers. Only Prince Siegfried’s devotion can save her. “Swan Lake” combines pure romanticism and tragedy, in a magical tale of love and deception. The glorious score and gravity-defying choreography have enchanted audiences for over a century, and continue to inspire new generations of dancers and music lovers of all ages.

Tickets range from \$24 to \$79 and may be purchased at Ticketmaster. For more information, call 334-481-5100 or visit [www.mpaonline.org/events/](http://www.mpaonline.org/events/).



# Army helping restore wetlands habitat on Chesapeake’s Poplar Island

By Stacy A. Ouellette and Devon Suits  
For Army News Service

POPLAR ISLAND, Md. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District is leading an interagency project to help restore the ecosystem at Poplar Island in the Chesapeake Bay.

The Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island is a \$1.4-billion sustainability project to provide habitat for diamondback terrapins, over 160 bird species, crabs, rockfish and killifish, all native to the area.

Poplar Island, located about 34 miles southeast of Baltimore in Chesapeake Bay, had eroded from more than 1,100 acres in the mid 1800s to a mere four, until the Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the Maryland Port Administration, began restoring the island two decades ago to its original footprint, using silt dredged from the Baltimore shipping channels.

In order to continue to provide more critical habitat in the mid-Chesapeake and further dredge placement capacity for the bustling Port of Baltimore, the Corps was authorized in 2014 to expand Poplar Island by an additional 575 acres.

Poplar Island is not the typical Corps project and has generated attention for its positive reuse of materials dredged from channels approaching the Port of Baltimore.

“Maintaining the shipping lanes in Baltimore Harbor and its bay channels is of critical importance to both the regional and national economy,” said Baltimore District Commander Col. Ed Chamberlayne.

The port handles more than 30 million tons of commerce per year, contributing \$1.9 billion to the local economy. “Whether it’s vehicles, raw materials or other commodities, residents throughout the region and beyond benefit from the operations at the Port of Baltimore on a regular basis, and that’s why we’re committed to maintaining these channels,” Chamberlayne explained.

A fundamental role of the Corps of Engineers it to provide safe, reliable and environmentally sustainable channels, harbors, and waterways nationwide. The Baltimore District maintains 290 miles of channels, dredging more than 2 million cubic yards of materials each year.

The material is mechanically dredged at the channel with clam shell buckets, then placed onto a barge, which is transported via tugboat to Poplar Island, said Justin Callahan, the Corps’ project manager. The material is then hydraulically pumped into the island cells.

The work on the project and expansion is done in phases with the dredge placement broken down into island cells.

An island cell takes six to seven years to complete. Cell development phases include:

- dredge material inflow, where the dredged silt is pumped into a working cell;
- crust management, where the silt dries and cracks, over a long period of time, as it is monitored by the Corps;
- channel excavation, where the dried crust can be cut to allow for water runoff, depending on



PHOTO BY BECCA NAPPI

Diamondback terrapins – the Maryland state reptile – are native to Poplar Island. The Army Corps of Engineers is restoring the eroding island using materials dredged from channels approaching the Port of Baltimore. The terrapins are provided to Baltimore schools and other Maryland students to raise and study before they are released back onto the island.

- the cell’s design;
- marsh plain grading;
- tidal inlet construction, depending on whether plans for the specific cell call for an inlet;
- and finally planting.

The expansion will eventually take the island to 1,715 acres.

“The project is very different than what the Corps has done in the past with dredge material disposal,” Callahan said. “We are creating an island that hasn’t been this size since the 1840s and restoring a remote island habitat that is critical to migratory birds, fish and other wildlife.”

The project also benefits the Port of Baltimore because dredging can’t be done without a disposal site, Callahan said.

“Although you have short-term benefits of having a place to put dredge material, it’s really the ecosystem services that you’re restoring in the bay,” he said. “Those are the benefits that could go on forever.”

The project is considered a win-win for all partner agencies involved, local communities, and those hoping to maintain native Chesapeake Bay species.

“The Corps created a type of habitat that was vanishing rapidly in the area,” Callahan said.

“It’s a fantastic project and we have a significant volume of lessons learned with others coming here from around the world to learn how to replicate it.”

The dredge material is the foundation and wetland cells developed into marsh and tidal inlets are the surface level that visitors see. The restored habitat at Poplar Island creates the opportunity for the public to learn about the beneficial uses of dredged material, erosion control, water quality, wetlands habitat and species diversity.

Five different habitat types are being created at Poplar Island. Not only will these habitats support a diverse assemblage of plants and animals, but some of the habitat types to be created include ones that experts believe are most sorely needed in the bay.

“There is a plethora of species of birds that utilize all these is-



PHOTO BY DEVON SUITS

Poplar Island is home to a large population of double-crested cormorants. Biologist’s from the Army Corps of Engineers monitor the cormorant’s population closely, as their feces can be incredibly destructive to other Poplar Island habitats.



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Justin Callahan, Poplar Island project manager, gives Army Corps of Engineers personnel a brief tour of the island last year.

lands as a stopping place on their way down south,” said Seth Keller, Corps biologist. “Over 200 species of bird with an average of 15,000 birds a day pass through the Atlantic flyway.”

Poplar Island also has a huge bee population with 14 different species of bees, Keller said, adding that the upland area will help

increase that population.

The Corps cost shares the project with the Maryland Port Authority. Other federal and state agencies including the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Environmental Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contribute services to the project.

The majority of construction done on the project has been through Corps construction contracts while the design has been done by the Baltimore District, said Callahan. Currently the expansion portion of the project is ongoing through Corps contracted work. Poplar Island is scheduled for completion in 2044.



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# TRAILBLAZERS

## Runners, cyclists lace up for cooler weather outings

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

As leaves and temperatures begin to fall, runners and cyclists lace up to capitalize on crisp air, and Fort Rucker contains a few easily-accessible locations for anyone looking to explore new routes.

Lori Ciranni, Fort Rucker sports, fitness and aquatics manager, said Beaver Lake offers a customizable experience for runners of any fitness level and the 1/4-mile track behind the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center on Andrews Avenue recently received a facelift.

“The ¼-mile track behind Fort Rucker PFC is newly rubberized and offers a lower-impact workout for walkers and runners seeking to take advantage of the weather and enjoy their cardio outside,” Ciranni said. “It provides a convenient space for patrons who visit the gym for weight training or classes to step outside and expand their workout outdoors.”

The track is also often routinely used during group fitness camps, like the seasonal fitness boot camp and couch to 5K programs like Tater to Trot, according to Ciranni.

The Beaver Lake trail system, also located a short walk away from Fort Rucker PFC, just off Third Avenue, provides a series of trails intertwined with the post’s disc golf course and often passing close to the lake itself.

The Beaver Lake trail splits into three unique routes two-thirds of the way into the path. The blue trail, when completed, is 2.24 miles. The green trail is 2 miles and is heavily wooded. The red trail is 1.1 miles.

The trail starts east of the Third Avenue and Gladiator Street intersection, near the Air Assault Tower. It is completely paved. Most of the trail is shaded by trees, making it comfortable for runners and cyclists during warmer months.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Then-W01 Adam Sniffen runs with his friend, then-1st Lt. Cierra O’Connor, at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center 1/4-mile track in this file photo. The track was recently resurfaced with rubberized material to provide lower impact training for patrons.

clists during warmer months.

In addition to remaining alert, Ciranni suggests planning the run with a map available at Fortenberry-Colton PFC’s front desk.

“Definitely plan where you want to go and the distance you want to run,” she said. “It is easy to begin running a trail and end up over near the commissary. Grab a map from the front desk, pick a route and familiarize yourself with the route.”

Runners searching for a fully-surfaced trail may also utilize the Air Assault track located across from the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center.

“It is a nice 2-mile run and it is flat,” Ciranni said. “Some people

may think it is only for military physical training, but it is open to the public.”

Although bikes are not allowed on the Beaver Lake trails or the rubberized track, Ciranni said numerous other routes exist on post that cyclists may utilize.

A few recommended routes on post include:

### Allen Heights

This trail starts at the intersection of Andrews Avenue and Christian Road. The distance from Andrews Avenue to Sheridan Street and back is approximately 2 miles. Should you choose to utilize the perimeter streets of Allen Heights, the approximate distance

from Andrews Avenue through the quarters and back is 4 miles.

### Bowden Terrace

This trail starts at the intersection of Andrews Avenue and Avenger Street. It runs west of Baker Street, then north on Diamond Avenue to Artillery Road. From Artillery Road to Farrel Road, from Farrel Road south to Red Cloud, east on Red Cloud Road to Ruf Avenue, to Avenger Street. The distance is 3.92 miles.

### Munson Heights

This trail runs from the intersection of Red Cloud Road and Farrel Road westward to East Harris Drive, to North Harris Drive, to

West Harris Drive, then back to the Red Cloud Road and Farrel Road intersection. The distance is 3 miles.

### Golden Hawk

This trail also begins along Third Avenue, behind the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility, and runs north to Hatch Road. It then runs east on Hatch Road to Engineer Road, then south on Engineer Road to Dilly Branch Road and Quartermaster Road intersection. It then goes west on Quartermaster Road to the Nighthawk Street intersection and from Nighthawk Street to Third Avenue north to Headhunter Street. It then travels east on Headhunter Street to the car wash. From the car wash, it continues north to the finish line on Gladiator Street. Its total distance is 5.95 miles.

### Combat Road

With some degree of difficulty, the trail runs from Gladiator Street and Third Avenue to Hatch Field Road. It then turns left on Combat Road near the Silver Wings Golf Course and returns to Andrews Avenue. The trail then travels south to Gladiator Street and then turns left to return to Third Avenue. Total distance is 7.25 miles.

### Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Center

This trail starts in front of the PFC on Skychief Road. The trail heads north to Fifth Avenue and turns left to head west on 26th Avenue. It then turns right to head north to Sixth Avenue and right to head east. It follows Sixth Avenue to Shamrock Street and turns left to head north. It then follows the curve to Headquarters, turns left to return to Shamrock Street and heads south to Andrews Avenue. The trail then turns right to follow Andrews Avenue back to Skychief Road and turns right to return to the front of the PFC.

# CONCERNED CARE

## Clinic’s physical therapy/chiropractic service hosts open house

**By Jenny Stripling**  
*Lyster Army Health Clinic Public Affairs Officer*

Lyster Army Health Clinic’s Physical Therapy service hosts an interactive open house event to recognize National Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Care Month Wednesday.

Between noon and 3 p.m., active duty, family members, retirees and civilians are invited to stop by the physical therapy and chiropractic clinic and participate in demonstrations, posture assessments, proper backpack fittings, foot-type assessments, balance games, giveaways and more.

“The physical therapy and chiropractic clinic at LAHC will have our informative open house event with different stations demonstrating the range of treatments we perform here for our patients,” said Capt. Shannon Smithey, chief of physical therapy services.

Smithey said there will be interactive activities during the open house that many people will find fun, but also beneficial.

“We have an exceptional team of board-certified providers and highly trained specialists with multiple certifications here in the PT and chiro clinic,” said Smithey. “If you’re a

TRICARE beneficiary looking for outpatient orthopedic care, there is nowhere better to be seen than right here at Lyster.”

The Army uses a variety of treatments to help heal and restore injured Soldiers. Among the treatments offered at Lyster include, joint mobilization, soft tissue mobilization, dry needling, and other techniques aimed at treating disease and injury.

When a patient first comes into the Lyster PT and Chiro clinic, the team evaluates what is causing pain instead of just treating the pain. According to Smithey, sometimes what people assume is the problem is actually intertwined with other underlying issues.

National Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Care Month is one way to help educate adults about the many ways in which physical therapists, as movement experts, can help individuals overcome pain, gain and maintain movement, and preserve their independence – without the need, in many cases, for surgery or long-term prescription drug use.

“A lot of people are concerned about taking medications for pain,” said Smithey. “So our job is to focus on self-care and self-management, meaning our goal is to cure or get someone to the point where they can manage their ailments themselves.”

LAHC’s full-spectrum chiropractic services including hydrotherapy, cold laser, electric stem, percussive muscle release and more.

“Our goal here in the chiropractic clinic is to remove nerve interference and allow the body to correct itself,” said Dr. Jerry Jones, chiropractor at LAHC. “At Lyster Army Health Clinic, when appropriate, both chiropractic and physical therapy are utilized together. Many times there is a synergetic effect that allows both specialties to offer a more inclusive treatment plan that can speed healing,” Jones said.

As a retired pilot himself, Jones, who left active duty with a back injury, said he understands first-hand the injuries pilots may incur and takes pride in providing care for beneficiaries at LAHC.

“We want to promote and educate others on what we are doing to help our beneficiaries,” said Jones. “We hope everyone will come out to the open house and receive a first-hand look at the care we provide. We love what we do, and want beneficiaries to know what is available to them and their families.”

For more information on the Lyster Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Care Open House, call 255-7169.



TRICARE GRAPHIC

## TRICARE changes coming in 2018

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*Staff Report*

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Changes are coming to your TRICARE benefit beginning Jan. 1.

These changes will give you more benefit choices, improving your access to care and simplifying cost shares. The best way to prepare is to update your information in DEERS, sign up for TRICARE benefit updates, and visit the TRICARE Changes page at <https://tricare.mil/changes>.

The following is a rundown on the changes coming to TRICARE.

### REGION CONSOLIDATION

There are three TRICARE regions in the U.S., to include TRICARE North, South and West. The TRICARE North and South regions will combine to form TRICARE East, while TRICARE West will remain mostly unchanged. Two new contractors, Humana Military and Health Net Federal Services, will administer these regions. This change will allow better coordination between the military hospitals and clinics and the civilian health care providers in each region.

### TRICARE SELECT

A new program, TRICARE Select, will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra both stateside and overseas. Stateside, TRICARE Select will be a self-managed, preferred provider network option. You will not be required to have a primary care manager and, therefore, you can visit any TRI-

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# DOWN TIME



## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

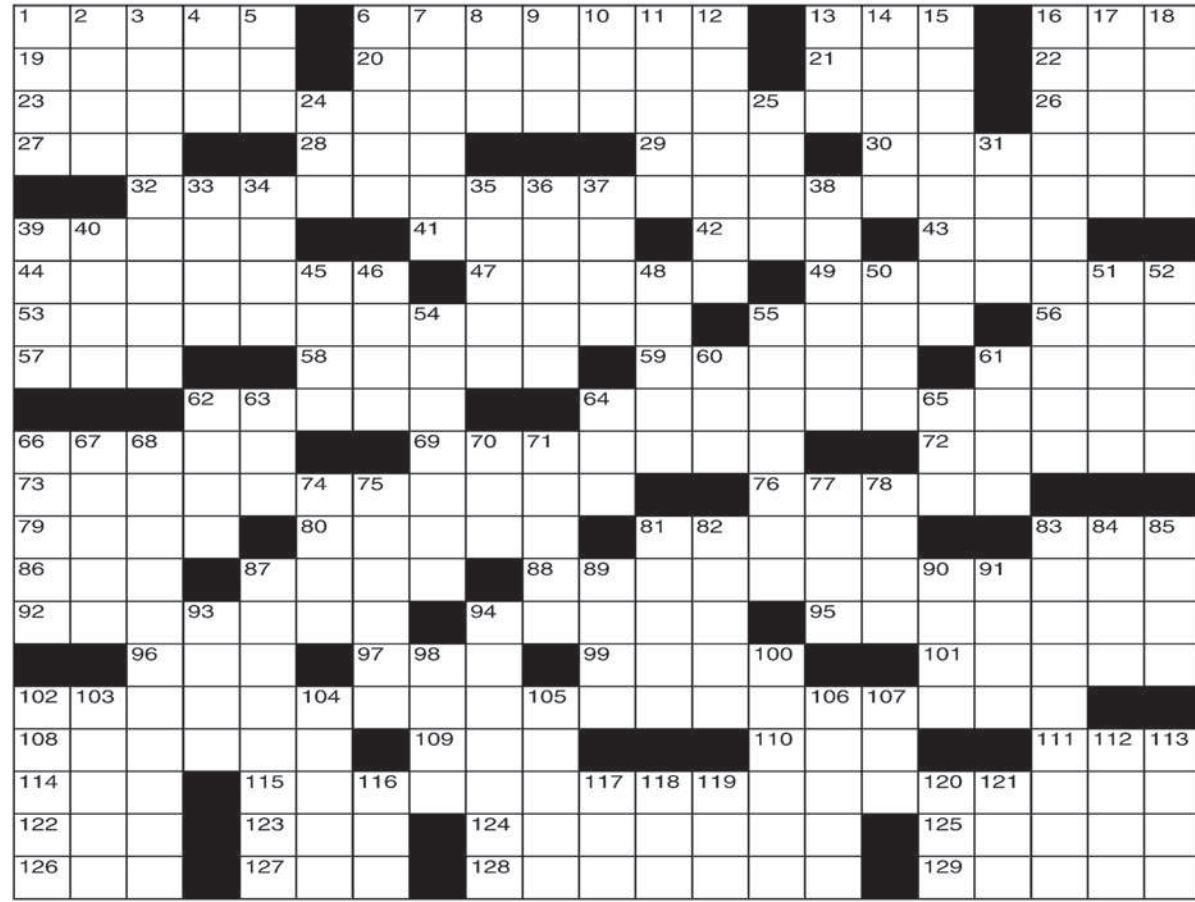
# TRIVIA

1. ANATOMY: Where is the muscle called latissimus dorsi located in the human body?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did the last Ice Age end?
3. RELIGION: What do the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse represent in the Book of Revelation?
4. GAMES: What color of clothing does Princess Peach wear in the Mario Brothers video games?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What business is London's Fleet Street associated with?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's official song is "Yankee Doodle"?
7. TELEVISION: What comedy show introduced the McKenzie Brothers?
8. MUSIC: How many characters were represented in the Village People disco group?
9. LITERATURE: How does the following proverb end: "Beggars can't ..."?
10. HISTORY: What kind of plane did Charles Lindbergh fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

## Super Crossword PET NAMES

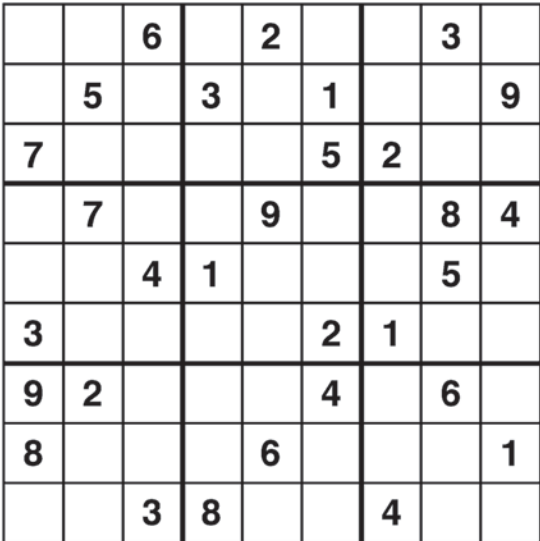
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  - 21 24-hour time
  - 22 Pilot's fig.
  - 23 1998 film with Joseph Fiennes as the Bard
  - 26 Stew morsel
  - 27 That ship
  - 28 Tennis divider
  - 29 Poem form
  - 30 1987 Dustin Hoffman film
  - 32 Whom you might have had your first kiss with
  - 39 Pallid
  - 41 Beige shade
  - 42 Otherwise called, briefly
  - 43 Magnate Onassis
  - 44 Dodged, as a duty
  - 47 "Li'l" Al Capp character
  - 49 Gerbils, e.g.
  - 53 Friend of Peter Pan
  - 55 Pulitzer-winning William
  - 56 Guevara in "Evita"
  - 57 Work unit
  - 58 Lyle Lovett's "If I Had —"
  - 59 Wii or Xbox aficionado
  - 61 It's ere noon
  - 62 Spock player Leonard
  - 64 "Isn't that adorable!"
  - 66 Novelist Joyce Carol —
  - 69 Bad pun
  - 72 Words on a help-desk sign
  - 73 Neonate
  - 76 Hit the roof
  - 79 Gucci rival
  - 80 — board (séance tool)
  - 81 Words after guilty or ugly
  - 83 First lady?
  - 86 Formal promise
  - 87 1976-81 skit series
  - 88 What the Promised Land is said to flow with
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  - 94 Singer Griffith
  - 95 Fail, as a business
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  - 108 Brown and simmer
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  - 114 Suffix with fact
  - 115 1983's Best Picture (and this puzzle's theme)
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  - 123 Academic email ender
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  - 125 Big blood line
  - 126 Albeit, briefly
  - 127 Bread variety
  - 128 Backs out
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  - 3 Hunting (for)
  - 4 Acorn maker
  - 5 Oklahoma-to-Iowa dir.
  - 6 Jazzed (up)
  - 7 Rage silently
  - 8 Suffix with form
  - 9 Title for Churchill
  - 10 Parisian "a"
  - 11 "Ta-tal"
  - 12 Big battle on the ground
  - 13 Big whoop
  - 14 Boat hoist
  - 15 Visor
  - 16 18th-century British explorer
  - 17 Make dim, as with tears
  - 18 Commence
  - 24 Hit skit show, in brief
  - 25 Onion cousin
  - 31 See 113-Down
  - 33 Buffalo group
  - 34 Dark black
  - 35 City SSW of Jacksonville
  - 36 Asteroid path
  - 37 Comic Nora
  - 38 Moola maker
  - 39 "... — forgive those who ..."
  - 40 "Fer —!" ("Deff!")
  - 45 Mild yellow cheese
  - 46 Actress Olivia
  - 48 Instigate
  - 50 Grimm brute
  - 51 Play lazily, as a guitar
  - 52 Smell, e.g.
  - 54 Rainbow mnemonic
  - 55 Old-style emblem with a motto
  - 60 Wonderment
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  - 66 Like many Netflix flicks
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  - 70 Old British rule in India
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  - 75 Mulling spice
  - 77 Boxing place
  - 78 Cancel out
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  - 82 Be too frugal
  - 83 Puts in peril
  - 84 Signs flashed by Churchill
  - 85 Brontë heroine Jane
  - 87 Darkly evil
  - 89 — Chinese
  - 90 Fictional Finn
  - 91 "That's — hadn't heard"
  - 93 TV's Anderson
  - 94 Abstaining individual
  - 98 "Carpe —!"
  - 100 Overcome
  - 102 Bit of hardware with a crosspiece
  - 103 — Heep (Dickens villain)
  - 104 Strapped treasure
  - 105 Hidden
  - 106 Runs across
  - 107 Links letters
  - 112 Hand's cost
  - 113 With 31-Down, "Don't go anywhere"
  - 116 Deplore
  - 117 Marshy area
  - 118 Butyl ending
  - 119 Yule quaff
  - 120 Hit forcefully
  - 121 Cattle call



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.

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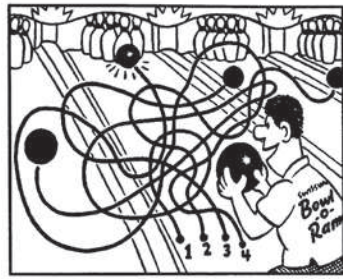
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# KID's CORNER



## Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend

### FIND THE FAST FOOD!



**CODE BREAKING 101!** See if you can spy the next two letters in this coded transmission problem.

**THE "H" PYRAMID!** As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the H's. Here are some hints, from the top down.

1. Symbol for hydrogen.
2. Expression of wonder.
3. Possessed at one time.
4. To move with haste.
5. Where no one wants to go.
6. Keeps out the sun.
7. Stored away.
8. Found on old radios.

- Can you "drive through" this puzzle in less than five minutes? Hidden in the diagram above are names and words associated with fast food. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words that you are looking for.
- BIG MAC
  - CRISPY CRISPS
  - BURGER
  - FROSTY
  - BURRITOS
  - LETTUCE
  - CATSUP
  - CHEESE
  - CHICKEN
  - CLUB
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# 3rd Invictus Games competition kicks off

By Shannon Collins  
*Defense Media Activity*

TORONTO — Competitors, celebrities, royalty and spectators came together Saturday to kick off the 2017 Invictus Games at the sold-out Air Canada Centre.

Inspired by the Department of Defense Warrior Games, an adaptive sports competition for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans, Britain’s Prince Harry created the Invictus Games in 2014.

The prince, who was on hand at the opening ceremony, flew Apache helicopters in Afghanistan during his military service.

“Invictus is all about the dedication of the men and women who served their countries, confronted hardship and refused to be defined by their injuries,” he said last night. “Invictus is about the families and friends who face the shock of learning that their loved ones have been injured or fallen ill and then rally to support them on their journey to recovery. Above all, Invictus is about the example to the world that all service men and women, injured or not, provide providing the importance of service and duty.

“We made a great start in London in 2014,” he continued. “We took it to the next level in Orlando last year, and over the next week, in this year, as we celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary, Toronto is going to put on a games that draws the attention of the world.”

More than 550 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans from 17 nations are competing in 12 sporting events at the Invictus Games, including archery, track and field, cycling, golf, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball. The games run through Saturday.

“[There are] more competitors, more sports, more nations, more friends, more families and more people watching at home than ever before,” Harry said. “With the people in this arena tonight and those watching across Canada and around the world, we have the biggest crowd Invictus has ever enjoyed.



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Air Force Capt. Christy Wise, U.S. team captain, carries the American flag as her team enters the opening ceremony for the 2017 Invictus Games at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, Saturday. At right is team co-captain Marine Corps Sgt. Ivan Sears.

“In the days ahead, I know that many of you will be experiencing Invictus for the first time. I hope you’re ready for some fierce competition,” he continued. “I hope you’re ready to see the meaning of teamwork that proves that anything is possible when we work together. I hope you’re ready to see courage and determination that will inspire you to power through the challenges in your own life. I hope you’re ready to see role models in action that any parent would want their children to look up to. And I hope you’re ready to see lives change in front of your eyes.”

### CAMARADERIE

Marine Corps Sgt. Ivan Sears, co-captain of the U.S. team, said he thinks his squad will be strongest in rugby, track and field, volleyball, wheelchair basketball and swimming. The camaraderie among the athletes from the respective service branches and other countries has been good, he added.

“I visited with someone from the Netherlands for about 20 minutes this morning,” said Sears, who said his favorite sport is wheelchair racing on the track. “Everybody’s getting along, laughing and having a smile on their face.”

Medically retired Cpl. Melanie Harris of the Canadian armed forces, who is competing in com-

pound archery and sitting volleyball, joked that the Canadian motto is “I’m not sorry.”

“Canadians are known for being sorry, but not sorry; however, I want them to know they’re always welcome back here,” she said with a laugh. Harris said Canada’s wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball will be among the Canadian team’s best events.

“It’s going to be a great competition,” she said. “We’re going to do great. We will bring some gold home. We don’t mind sharing, too, but whoever wins wins, [and] we’re going to fight for it.”

Harris said her teammates have been taking care of each other and are like family. “We’re all there for each other,” she added.

Medically retired Lance Cpl. Dennis Resell of Denmark’s special operations forces is competing in archery and sitting volleyball. He said he has confidence in his team, as well. “We’re going to do great. You can’t beat the Vikings,” he said. “Team Denmark’s biggest strengths are definitely our team spirit and our brotherhood.”

Resell said he enjoys the camaraderie among the athletes and had been looking forward to the opening ceremony. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” he said. “Walking in there, people cheering – it’s going to be great.”

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

First Lady Melania Trump met with the U.S. team before the ceremony.

“On behalf of my husband and our entire country, I want to thank you and your families for all you have sacrificed to keep us safe,” she said to the roughly 100 athletes. “I want to wish you good luck, though I know you won’t need it in these games. Take that fighting spirit that I know you have and bring home the gold.”

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also offered encouragement to the Invictus Games athletes. “You’re not just here to inspire, you’re here to win,” he said. “Through your athleticism, through your drive and your competitive spirit, you are showing the world that illness and injury can actually be a source of tremendous strength.”

Actor Mike Myers, Invictus Games 2017 ambassador, said he supports the Invictus Games because they provide the adaptive athletes the ability for rehabilitation, personal achievement and recovery through the power of sports.

“I come from a military family,” he said. “My mother, who passed away in March, was in the Royal Air Force. She’s one of those ladies you see in World War II movies. She would move the fighters toward the incoming Luftwaffe bandits – that’s what my mom would do.

“My father was a royal engineer in the British army and built bridges, cleared minefields,” he continued. “He often recited the unofficial motto of the Royal Engineers: ‘We do the impossible immediately. Miracles take a little longer.’ Mostly, my father spoke about the unbreakable brotherhood of those who served. He remembered the name of every single British soldier he served with, and for every name, [he had] a hilarious story.”

Myers said he’s grateful for those who have and continue to serve.

“Those that serve our country deserve our utmost respect, and all the [veterans] in the Invictus Games have my deepest respect,

admiration and gratitude from the bottom of my heart,” he said, his voice shaking with emotion. “Thank you very much. What I do for a living is silly, and without brave people who keep us safe, I wouldn’t be able to do what I do. The Invictus competitors represent the very best of the human spirit, and I know my mother and father would have wanted me to support that spirit, the competitors and the thousands of wounded warriors around the world.”

### HELPING IN RECOVERY

Harry said he created Invictus to help veterans in their recovery.

“In a world where so many have reasons to feel cynical and apathetic,” he said, “I wanted to find a way for veterans to be a beacon of light and show us all that we have a role to play, that we all win when we respect our friends, neighbors and communities. That’s why we created Invictus – not only to help veterans recover from their physical and mental wounds, but also to inspire people to follow their example of resilience, optimism and service in their own lives.”

As the prince closed the ceremony, he spoke directly to the competitors. “For the next week, we entrust you with the Invictus spirit. You have all come such a long way,” he said. “Some of you have cheated death and have come back stronger than before. Some of you have overcome emotional challenges that until very recent years would have seen you written off and ignored. And now you are here, on the world stage, flags on your chest, representing your countries again, supporting your teammates and looking up into these stands and into the eyes of your families and friends.

“You are all winners,” Harry said to the competitors. “Please don’t forget to love every second of it. Don’t forget about our friends who didn’t come home from the battlefield. Don’t forget those at home who still need our support and don’t forget you are proving to the world that anything is possible. You are Invictus. Let’s get started.”

## TRICARE

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CARE-authorized provider.

There are two types of TRICARE-authorized providers: Network and Non-Network for services covered by TRICARE without a referral. Overseas, TRICARE Overseas Select will be a preferred provider organization-styled plan that provides access to both network and non-network TRICARE authorized providers for medically necessary TRICARE covered services.

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To stay informed, sign up for email alerts. You can also get alerts by signing up for eCorrespondence in milConnect. By staying informed, you’ll be ready for a smooth transition with TRICARE.

## FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

### Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt

The Fort Rucker Wounded Warrior Fall Hunt is slated for Wednesday through Oct. 7. This year’s hog hunt wraps up Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. At the conclusion of the hunt, participants will meet back at West Beach, Lake Tholocco at noon for door prize giveaways, announcement of winners and sponsor recognition. Cost to participate in the hunt is \$25 and it’s open to the public. Patrons can purchase \$5 door prize tickets, which will be available at local participating busi-

nesses in the Wiregrass, and on post at the outdoor recreation service center and MWR Central. Proceeds from this year’s hunt will be used to enhance the quality of life for local wounded warriors. Participants must have a valid Alabama State hunting license, a Hunter Safety Education Course Completion Card and a Fort Rucker post hunting permit.

For more information, call 255-4305.

### Hispanic Heritage 10K

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Cen-

ter will host the Hispanic Heritage 10K and 2-mile Fun Run Saturday. Race day registration will run from 6-7:15 a.m. The 10K will start at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker PFC on Andrews Avenue. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at either PFC. Forms are available at either PFC or MWR Central.

For more information, call 255-2296.

### Deep sea fishing day trip

MWR Central will host a deep sea fishing day trip to Destin, Florida Satur-

day on the Vera-Marie Party Boat. All people have to do is sit back, relax and enjoy the day of fishing – everything else will be taken care of, according to organizers. MWR officials recommend bringing a small cooler with drinks and snacks, but no glass is allowed. The bus will depart from Bldg. 5700 at 3 a.m. – time is subject to change depending on fishing conditions. Cost for the trip will be \$86 per person and 20 seats will be available.

For more information, call 255-2997.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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## TRIVIA

#### Answers

1. In the back
2. About 11,700 years ago
3. Pestilence (or conquest), war, famine and death
4. Pink
5. The British national press
6. Connecticut
7. “SCTV”
8. Six
9. “... be choosers.”
10. The Spirit of St. Louis was a single-engine, single-propeller monoplane





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