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The Idaho Army National Guard's State Aviation Group and the Boise Fire Department's Swiftwater/Dive Rescue Team conducted hoist rescue training on Oct. 31, 2024 with the UH-60 Black Hawk and UH-72 Lakota helicopters. Together, the Idaho National Guard and Boise Fire Department have aided in several real world rescues and the Idaho National Guard has responded to assist state agencies in approximately 11 rescues this year. (U.S. National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur)

## 'Ready to step up'--Fort Novosel honors Veterans Day



Fort Novosel hosted a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 8, honoring the nations veterans both past and present. Maj. Gen. Clair A. Gill, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Novosel commanding general, spoke at the ceremony and expressed gratitude to the veterans and local community leaders. "A veteran is someone who, at some point in their life, stepped up," said Gill.

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## Leadership course educates and inspires Fort Novosel civilians



CES is a progressive and sequential leaderdevelopment program that provides enhanced educational opportunities for Army Civilians throughout their careers. All civilian employees are required to take the initial Foundation course followed by the Basic Course (GS-01 to 09), Intermediate Course (GS-10 to 12), and Advanced Course (GS-13 to 15)...

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## 108 years of combined service - 5 Fort Novosel Soldiers retire



5 Soldiers, with a combined 108 years of service, retired at the Fort Novosel Quarterly Retirement Ceremony Oct. 25 in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Jason Woodward, 1st Aviation Brigade commander, officiated and spoke at the ceremony, assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. John Bonilla. The following are short write-ups on each retiree.

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## Students honor veterans



Christopher Mendez

Brittany Trumbull

Ellis D. Parker Elementary School held a schoolwide program to honor veterans Nov. 7, 2024. The program was organized by media teacher, Mr. Robert Amuso, and was attended by all students in grades pre-k through grade six. Many parents attended and all veterans were recognized in honor of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday.



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