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CW2 Oceana Chamberlain practices flight maneuvers over Idaho in early 2022. This photo was included in the Army’s 2022 Year in Photos. To see more top photos taken across the Army in 2022, visit <https://www.army.mil/yearinphotos/>. (Army photo by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur)

## Despite no tax centers, free services still available for Army family



The look of tax assistance on post is changing with the discontinuation of the tax center through the Fort Rucker Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, but Soldiers, families and retirees still have options for free services this upcoming tax season. “We will not have full-scale, routine preparation services. In the past, service members or retirees may have dropped off their documents or sat down with a tax preparer while...

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## Fort Rucker firefighter awarded Soldier’s Medal



Spc. Kevin L. Killens, Jr., a Fort Rucker firefighter with the 6th Military Police Detachment, was awarded the Soldier’s Medal January 5, 2022, in a ceremony at Yano Hall, for risking his life to save the life of a resident in the local Wiregrass community. On May 16, 2021, then-Private 1st Class Killens had just completed a 12-hour volunteer shift providing emergency medical support to the community of Daleville, Ala.

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## Enterprise High School JROTC visits home of Army Aviation



Enterprise High School students visited the home of Army aviation during a “Meet Your Army” event Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. Twenty-six Army JROTC cadets, primarily seniors, experienced a busy day engaged with Army aviation soldiers, trying their hands at flight simulators, an MRE lunch, an Army Aviation museum scavenger hunt, and a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flight.

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## 110th Aviation Brigade hosts NCO Induction Ceremony

More than 30 Soldiers crossed the threshold from junior enlisted to noncommissioned officer during an induction ceremony hosted by the 110th Aviation Brigade at the Post Theater December 14, 2022. A narration provided the history and meaning of the noncommissioned officer, including recitations as three candles were ceremonially lit atop large wooden letters that spelled “NCO.”

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## USAARL celebrates 60 years of research

In 1962, shortly after rotary-wing aviation training was moved from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Camp Rucker, and the Howze Board showed support for the use of rotary-wing aircraft in combat following its proven superiority in the harsh terrain of the Korean War, the commander of Lyster Army Hospital, Col. Spurgeon Neel, recognized that with the expansion of rotary-wing aviation, special medical support would be needed for its force. Neel proposed that an Army unit be dedicated to researching solutions for medical...

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## USAARL building Dedicated to Joseph L. Haley Jr.

On Dec. 9 the last-remaining building on the original 1962 site of the U.S. Army Aero-medical Research Laboratory was dedicated in honor of late USAARL engineer, Joseph L. Haley Jr. The building, numbered 8825, is located on Fort Rucker and will now forever be known as The Joseph L. Haley Jr. Biodynamics Research Center. Haley began his career as a master machinist’s mate in the Navy. He earned a degree in aeronautical engineering from Mississippi State University in 1952.

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## Fort Rucker hosts Gold Star Family Holiday Remembrance



Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and his wife, Sadie, hang ornaments in honor of Gold Star Families on a tree in the Bldg. 5700 lobby during the Fort Rucker Gold Star Family Holiday Remembrance ceremony Dec. 18. McCurry also served as guest speaker at the Fort Rucker Survivor Outreach Services event.

Donna Hallock speaks about her brother, Sgt. 1st Class William “Tom” Butts, at the ceremony after hanging an ornament on the tree in his honor.



Col. Robert J. Holcombe, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and his wife, Jeonga, select ornaments to put on the tree in honor of Gold Star Families.

Ed and Bonnie Brown hang an ornament on the tree in honor of their son, Pfc. John Brown, at the ceremony.

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