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An Army CH-47 Chinook prepares to land on the flight deck of the USS Ronald Reagan in the Sea of Japan, Sept. 26. (Photo by Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Gray Gibson)

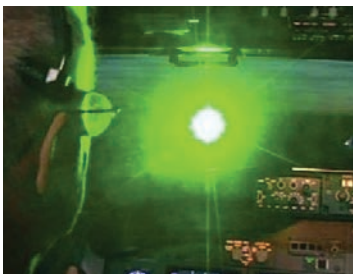
School Age Center celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



Post and U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity officials visited the Fort Rucker School Age Center to help children celebrate and learn about Hispanic Heritage Month Oct. 5. The Army family is diverse, and it stresses the importance of creating an environment where all people are valued, respected, and encouraged to develop and perform to their potential, according to Lesa Willard, EEO specialist.

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Post officials advise pointing lasers at aircraft violates federal law



Army officials warn that pointing a laser at an aircraft goes beyond the risk to everyone's safety, it also violates federal law. "Aiming lasers at Army aircraft is a large safety issue," said Fort Rucker civilian police Capt. Douglas W. Johnson, Directorate of Public Safety. "Aviators and crew members flying during hours of darkness are routinely utilizing night vision equipment, and a laser shining into the cockpit is bright enough to injure them.

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Fort Rucker honors fallen of Battle of Mogadishu



Fort Rucker hosted a Battle of Mogadishu Remembrance ceremony Sept. 30 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Retired CW3 Perry Alliman, a veteran of the Somalia campaign, spoke at the event, saying that it is a good thing that people still take time to remember those who fell during the conflict. "We do this to not only help our fellow Soldiers, but to also comfort their families and remember those who have fallen in the past," he said, adding that...

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Remember the 3 R's of UXO Safety!

RECOGNIZE  **RETREAT**  **REPORT** 

Unexploded ordnance are munitions that fail to detonate during live fire training. They are **extremely dangerous** and could explode if tampered with.


NEVER touch UXO and report the location of **ANY** suspected UXO to Fort Rucker Range Operations at (334) 255-4303 or call 911.



Caution key when discovering potential unexploded ordnance


Although unexploded ordnance can be found anywhere, it is most likely found in areas currently or formerly used for military training or testing, and Fort Rucker is no exception. There have been over 7,000 potential UXO reports made at Fort Rucker since October 2000. In 2021, there were 15 potential UXO items reported. Nine of those were confirmed as UXO and their discovery was confined to the range areas, which are clearly marked as off limits to unauthorized personnel. Everyone is reminded to be aware of manmade...

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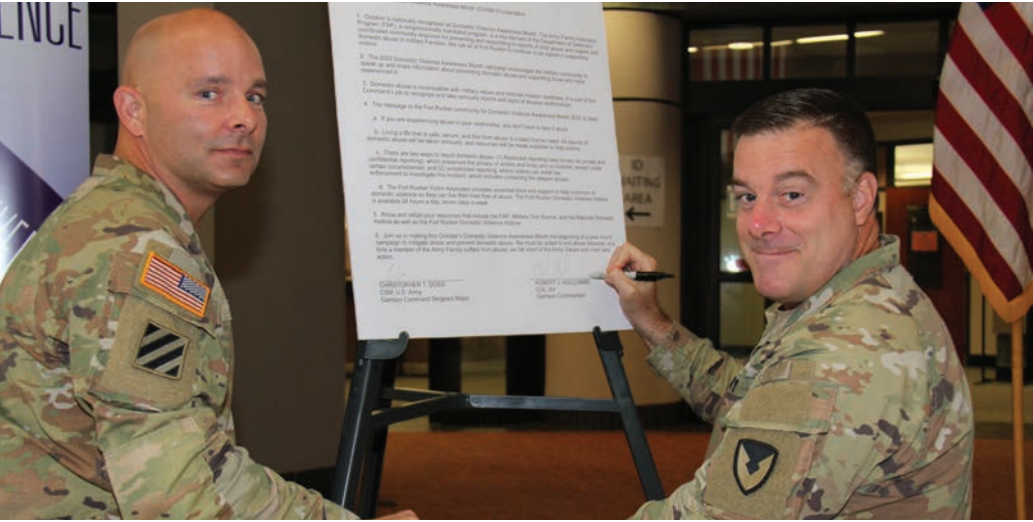


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Fort Rucker ACS program helps those seeking employment

The military lifestyle poses unique challenges for Army family members seeking employment, but Fort Rucker's Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program stands ready to assist. Employment readiness exists to provide military family members the skillset, the toolset and the mindset for finding employment, according to Sarah Pakizer, ACS specialist who runs the program on post. "Like all installations, Fort Rucker has mid-career and retiring servicemembers. Their spouses have career needs, including income, personal fulfillment and 'my turn to build a career.' As the home of Army Aviation...

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation signing

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher T. Doss, garrison command sergeant major, and Col. Robert J. Holcombe, Fort Rucker garrison commander, sign the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation in the lobby of Bldg. 5700 Oct. 12. Army Community Service will put on a series of events this month to help raise awareness about domestic violence and inform people on how they can help prevent it. For events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FtRuckerACS>.

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ENERGY ACTION MONTH



The U.S. Army urges everyone to remain mindful of their energy use, reduce consumption, and promote energy resilience during Energy Action Month this October. This year, the Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works is providing energy tips you can use in your own homes and offices. Energy resilience gives us the power to win!

ENERGY SAVING TIPS: TEMPERATURE

1

Use fans. Cooling your home or office with fans will allow you to lower the overall temperature in your area. This can help save electricity without sacrificing overall comfort.

2

Install window treatments. Energy efficient window treatments or coverings – such as blinds, shades and films – can reduce energy loss through the windows, lowering heating and cooling bills, and improving home comfort.
On-post residents should contact Corvias Facilities for assistance. All other Fort Rucker facilities should contact their project manager. Contact Fort Rucker's energy manager at (334) 255-1368 for other related energy issues.

3



Replace HVAC filters regularly. According to the Department of Energy, replacing dirty filters with clean air filters can reduce your energy consumption up to 15%.
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4

Inspect doors and windows for air leaks. Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out and cash in your wallet.
On-post residents should contact Corvias Facilities for assistance. All other Fort Rucker facilities should contact Pride's service desk at (334) 255-9041. Any questions may directed to Fort Rucker's energy manager at (334) 255-1368.

5

Layer up. Wearing more under garments, socks and slippers around the house or office means you won't be tempted to turn the heat up during the winter.



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Energy Resilience:
Sustain the Mission
Secure the Future

ENERGY SAVING TIPS: WATER

1

Wash your clothes using the cold water setting. Your washer uses about 90% of its energy heating up water.
Tip for saving money: Try washing your clothes before 4 p.m. and after 7 p.m. Many energy companies charge extra for electricity during their "peak hours," which see increased energy usage.

2

Use the dishwasher. The dishwasher uses 5,000 fewer gallons of hot water per year compared to washing by hand.

3



Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes. These machines are designed to operate most efficiently with full loads. If not, you end up wasting energy and water, and may need to run them more often.

4

Don't leave the tap running. Turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth, washing your face and hands, and shaving; it can waste more than one gallon of water per minute while it's running.

5

Switch to low-flow showerheads. A standard showerhead may use up to five gallons of water per minute, while a low-flow showerhead may use only two gallons of water per minute. Showerheads are inexpensive upgrades and begin to pay off immediately.



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