

Soldiers from 2-2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion conduct air assault missions with the 4-23rd and 1-17th Infantry Regiments during Exercise Warrior Shield. This training is executed to practice air insertion techniques and to rapidly generate force projection across difficult terrain with the combined arms team. (Army photo)

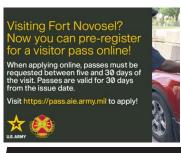
## **USAACE** welcomes Aviation Branch command sergeant major



The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence bid farewell to its outgoing Army Aviation Branch command sergeant major and welcomed its new senior enlisted leader during a change of responsibility ceremony at Fort Novosel May 5. Command Sgt. Maj. Kirk R. Coley, incoming Army Aviation Branch command sergeant major, accepted the Aviation Branch colors from Maj. Gen. Michael C. McCurry, US-AACE commander and Army Aviation Branch chief, after...

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#### Post visitors can use online system to request access passes



In a move to make visiting Fort Novosel more convenient for those who don't hold military credentials, people who need to secure a standard visitor pass can now do it online through the Army Visitor Pre-Registration System.

The change allows people to apply for and receive a 30-day pass on their own schedule, not just during visitor control center hours at the Daleville and Ozark gates, according to Brian Bowman, Directorate of Public Safety physical...

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# 194 YEARS OF SERVICE - 9 Soldiers retire at quarterly ceremony



Nine Soldiers with a combined 194 years of service retired at the Fort Novosel Quarterly Retirement Ceremony May 11 in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Col. Robert J. Holcombe, Fort Novosel garrison commander, officiated and spoke at the ceremony, assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher T. Doss, garrison command sergeant major.

The following are short write-ups on each retiree.

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### 1st AB sexual assault response coordinator receives DOD award

Fort Novosel's own Sqt. 1st Class Philena E. Perdue was named the Department of Defense 2023 Liz Blanc Exceptional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator of the Year for the U.S. Army in a ceremony at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, May 11, 2023.

Perdue, who serves as the 1st Aviation Brigade sexual assault response coordinator, was lauded for her efforts from January-December 2022 to create an environment where people feel more comfortable discussing Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and ...

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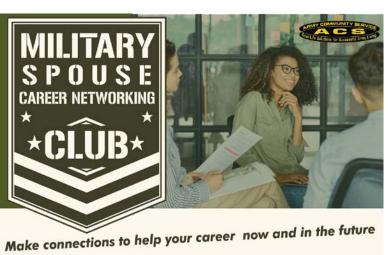
### National Prayer Breakfast speaker shares Iraq War experience

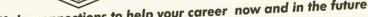
Fort Novosel Soldiers, civilian employees and family members packed The Landing May 4 for the annual National Prayer Breakfast.

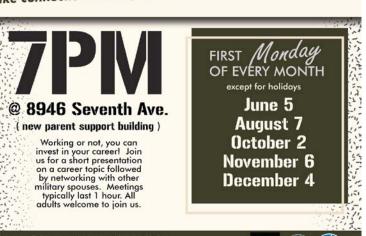
Col. Whitney B. Gardner, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff, welcomed everyone to the event before prayers were offered for the nation, for the U.S. military and for Fort Novosel.

Chaplain (Maj.) Scott Kennis offered the prayer for the nation, Chaplain (Maj.) Tim Shep...

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