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USAACE names new commander

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Maj. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum will be the next commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, the Army announced Monday.

Mangum will assume command from Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield during a change of command ceremony Aug. 10 at 9 a.m. on Howze Field.

Mangum most recently served as commanding general of the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Crutchfield will move on from USAACE and Fort Rucker to become the chief of staff of U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.

Mangum assumed command of the U.S. Army Special Operations Aviation Command upon its provisional activation March 25, 2011. Prior to his arrival at Fort Bragg, he served as deputy commanding general of 1st Armor Division and United States Division-Center, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq.

Mangum was born in Newport News, Va., and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in May 1982, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Armor.

Mangum

Highlights of his career include tours with 8th Army, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 2nd Infantry Division and 10th Mountain Division and two joint tours. He has commanded at every level from platoon to senior commander of Fort Drum, N.Y.

After his initial tour in the 128th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter) at Camp Page, Korea, he was selected for assignment with Task Force 160. He has since served four tours with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment with duties ranging from section leader, battalion S-3 to command at company, and regiment levels. Mangum also commanded A Company, 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment and 2nd Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment at Camp Stanley, Korea.

Mangum's joint service includes tours at the Joint Electronic Warfare Center, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg. In May 2008, he was assigned to his first post as a general officer, serving as the senior commander of Fort Drum and division rear commander of the 10th Mountain Division.

His numerous deployments include duty in the Republic of Korea, Honduras, Persian Gulf, Turkey, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mangum also served as a U.S. Army War College Fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He holds a master's of Business Administration from Webster University.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Master Army Aviator Badge.

Denehan named new 23rd FTS commander

By Angela Williams
Army Flier Staff Writer

While the outgoing commander of the Air Force 23rd Flying Training Squadron is trekking across the country for his next assignment, the incoming commander is just moving down the hall.

During a change of command ceremony July 3, Lt. Col. William F. Denehan, the squadron's former director of operations, accepted command responsibilities from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Stephen R. Moyes. The two have served together at Fort Rucker for the past two years.

Denehan said it had been an honor and a privilege to serve with Moyes and it was a pleasure to take command of such a dedicated group of people. He challenged the squadron to maintain its standard of excellence because of the unique position the 23rd holds as the Air Force's only undergraduate helicopter training program.

"For every student that passes through your squadron, there is a very great possibility he or she will be a co-pilot, aircraft commander or instructor in the unit you [move] to in your next assignment," he said.

Denehan served as an Army warrant officer helicopter pilot from 1986 to 1993; then entered the Air Force the same year. His assignments since entering the Air Force include the 55th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla., the 512th Special Operations Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., the 33 Squadron (Royal Air Force), and the 6th Special Operations Squadron, also at Hurlburt Field.

He was also assigned to the Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Joint Special Operations Command as Chief of Airborne Intelligence,

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PHOTO BY ANGELA WILLIAMS

Incoming commander Lt. Col. William F. Denehan, left, accepts the guidon from Col. Dagvin Anderson, commander of the 58th Operations Group, 58th Special Operations Wing, Air Education and Training Command at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

PHOTO BY CONNOR WOLANSKI

Ralph Hawn, security specialist with the security division of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, explained both the workings and the benefits of the newly assembled disintegrator at the Fort Rucker Recycling Center Friday.

New disintegrator saves money, space

By Connor Wolanski
Army Flier Contributing Writer

Fort Rucker is taking its recycling program to the next level with the introduction of a machine that will save the post both money and landfill space.

The disintegrator, located at the recycling center on the corner of Minute Man Street and Third Avenue, will be going into operation within a week or two.

"The disintegrator is an industrial-sized paper shredder," said Ralph Hawn, security specialist with the security division of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "It's built for classified, secret material," he added, referring to what is commonly known as personally identifiable information, or PII.

While the disintegrator is certainly a boon for all of Fort Rucker's residents, not just anyone can walk into the Recycling Center and use this machine.

"You've got to have a little bit of training," said Hawn. "People who want to use it can schedule through our office, in Bldg. 5700, and if it's their first time using it we'll show them how to turn it on safely and how to avoid any accidents."

Hawn added that several organizations around post have already

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Warrant Officer Corps celebrates birthday

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Construction at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum couldn't stop Fort Rucker from celebrating the 94th U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps birthday Monday as the celebration went on at the post theater with food and cake.

"Today's ceremony recognizes the 94th birthday of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps," said CW4 Tim McCarter, president of the Above the Best chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association. "Today marks a historic event for not only the Warrant Officer Corps, but also the Army as we recognize the contributions of the men and women, both past and present, active, Guard, Reserve and retired who heeded the call of the nation."

The traditional cake cutting took place during the ceremony in which the oldest present warrant officer, CW3 Jim

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PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

CW3 Jim Ramge, the oldest warrant officer present, and W01 Josh Carter, the youngest warrant officer present, cut the cake together during a ceremony to celebrate the 94th birthday of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Corps at the post theater Monday.

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Perspective

Soldiers execute commander's community imperative

By Nancy Rasmussen
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Fostering positive relationships between Fort Rucker and its neighboring communities is paramount to the success of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence mission. Soldiers attending various classes at the post help to maintain those bonds by engaging in community service projects as a curriculum requirement.

By seeking and executing opportunities to serve, Fort Rucker Soldiers continue to win the hearts and minds of area residents and organizations. Classes from the Warrant Officer Career College, Basic and Advanced Officer Leadership Courses, Common Corps Course and the NCO Academy regularly carry out USAACE Commander Maj. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield's imperative "to enhance the strong relationships that exist with local, regional and national communities."

A couple classes recently completed projects at Landmark Park in Dothan working with other park volunteers to complete much-needed improvements that would not have been accomplished otherwise.

"I just wanted to let you know the work days held here at Landmark Park were huge successes. The Soldiers accomplished a great deal here at the park and we were able to tackle many projects that have been on our 'wish list' for quite a while," wrote William Holman, Landmark Park director.

PHOTO BY NANCY RASMUSSEN

Members of 15Q Advanced Leadership Class 12-004 in Ozark at an event where the class raised enough funds and food for 5,000 meals on June 16.

"My staff members and volunteers who served as 'team leaders' all have commented to me how much they enjoyed working alongside the men and women who participated. In other words, they made a big impression on all of us," he added.

Such compliments are typical.

Julie Gonzalez, Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank special projects coordinator wrote, "The Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank was privileged to have been selected as the beneficiary of your Soldiers' community support project. This class hosted a food drive at the Ozark Walmart on June 16.

"Through their hard work … the Soldiers collected 1,206 pounds of food and $425. With the combined total of food and funds, they collected …the equivalent of 5,092 meals to help feed the less fortunate of Houston, Dale, Henry, Geneva, Coffee and Barbour counties. The Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank is honored to have been chosen as their charity of choice," she added.

Organizations benefitting from Fort Rucker Soldiers' dedication to selfless service include schools, leisure services, special events and emergency response.

With hurricane season upon us, the Dale County Emergency Management Agency, Dale County Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Team and the Alabama State Defense Force 304th Battalion conducted a spontaneous volunteer exercise on June 9. To add realism to the exercise, Shari Russell, Dale County Citizen Corps Coordinator requested Soldiers to participate in the activity, designed to educate organization volunteers on how to make the best use of spontaneous volunteers who show up following disasters.

Russell said, "On behalf of the (entire team), we would like to offer our thanks for your participation in the Volunteer Reception Center Exercise 2012. Your involvement made it possible for our volunteers to practice a critical role in the event of a disaster in our area.

We really could not have had such a successful exercise without their participation! Simulating a Volunteer Reception Center can help any county avoid 'the second disaster' that can happen after a major event like a tornado or hurricane, which is the arrival of concerned citizens who want to help but are unaffiliated with any volunteer organization," Russell said. "…we would also like to thank you for your service to our country! With our close proximity to Fort Rucker we have a close-up view of the military process and full realization that 'freedom isn't free.'"

By not only serving in defense of our country, but tending to the needs of our neighbors, Fort Rucker Soldiers reflect their professionalism, personify the Army Values, and follow the counsel of their commander to enhance strong community relationships.

Rotor Wash

"Cookouts could easily be considered a staple of outdoor summer recreation. What precautions should be taken while preparing an open flame to cook your favorite summer cuisine?"

William Carroll, National Guard retired

"Be careful with where you place your hands and don't drink too much."

Spc. Jason Allison, 35th CAB

"Drink water and wear sunscreen."

Sgt. 1st Class John Zapata, 35th CAB

"Make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby."

Staff Sgt. Vernon McNabb, B Co., 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

"Check the connections on your propane tanks."

Alma Brannon, military Family member

"Be very careful, don't get distracted."

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ACE Suicide Intervention

Ask your buddy

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm.
- Ask the question directly. For example, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

Care for your buddy

- Remove any means that could be used for self-injury.
- Calmly control the situation, do not use force.
- Actively listen to produce relief.

Escort your buddy

- Never leave your buddy alone.
- Escort to the chain of command, a chaplain, a behavioral health professional or a primary care provider.

Garrison bids farewell to commander

By Jim Hughes
Command Information Officer

PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Col. James A. Muskopf and his wife, Esse, try out a Tesla electric car at the Fort Rucker Energy Expo.

Teamwork, making Fort Rucker a better place, continuous improvement, taking care of Soldiers and Families, great relations with the surrounding communities and golf were the primary themes surrounding the final week of the garrison commander's tour.

The end of Col. James A. Muskopf's tour will come Friday at 10 a.m. during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, but before that he took some time to reflect on his time running the post in an interview with the Army Flier, and also took some good-natured ribbing about his golf game along with receiving accolades for his service at his farewell luncheon Tuesday at the Landing.

"Thanks for making this the easiest job on post," he said to the garrison workforce and entire Fort Rucker team during the interview. "People think I'm joking when I say that, but it has been an absolute pleasure to command this garrison. It's been an absolute joy every day to come into work and accomplish the mission that we need to do.

"And with the climate set by the senior commander (Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general), and the enthusiasm and energy and dedication that the folks who work for and around me have put into making Fort Rucker better, it absolutely has been the easiest job on post."

Muskopf feels the biggest accomplishment during his tour at Fort Rucker had to do with teams.

"We have truly built a team of teams at Fort Rucker," he said. "Within each one of the divisions they have a very solid team, but those teams need to work together to form the garrison team. And then that garrison team has to work together with USAACE and the senior commander and all the other tenants on post in order for us to be successful. It just expands out and ends up encompassing the whole post and everybody's working off of the same sheet of music and doing everything that they can to make Fort Rucker a little bit better for everybody here."

But that doesn't mean his time at Fort Rucker was challenge free. The colonel admitted that before he took command of the garrison, he wasn't quite sure what he was getting into.

"An Army Aviator doesn't grow up learning how to run a garrison, but the goodness is we have a lot of competent career civilians who know exactly how to do that. If you'll just sit there and listen to them, understand their perspectives and get their recommendations, you can be successful," he said.

"As far as challenges, I said this the day I took command, I really don't look at any challenges as challenges – I look at them as opportunities to make a difference. Have there been things that came up over the last two years? Of course, but you always take them and you kind of peel the onion back and see what is really going there, and then you put that onion back together a little bit better than it was before. We've had some opportunities here to make changes and do some things that helped the post."

At his farewell, many from that team of teams took the opportunity to inject some levity into the farewell by taking some shots at the colonel for his exploits on Silver Wings Golf Course.

After Tim Laster, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, revealed that a sand bunker on the course had been named Muskopf Beach in honor of how much time the commander spent in it, Deborah Seimer, director of Human Resources, alleged at least one instance of bending the rules.

She professed to have witnessed Muskopf enlisting the aid of his battle buddy, garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dwaine Walters to move his ball out of some trees for a better shot.

"I never cheated at golf – it was him," Walters later said while pointing towards Muskopf.

But kinder words were also spoken at the farewell, along with the commander's wife, Esse, receiving recognition for her efforts during the tour by being inducted into Honorable Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

FILE PHOTO

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, and Col. Kevin J. Christensen, 110th Aviation Brigade commander, present Col. James A. Muskopf, Fort Rucker garrison commander, with the Army Aviation Association of America's Order of St. Michael June 28 at The Landing. The Order of St. Michael recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to the promotion of Army Aviation.

"On behalf of the CG, I want to thank you, Jim, thank you as a team for all you've done for this great post and also for our community," said Col. Jessie O. Farrington, deputy commander of USAACE. "Esse, your style, just the way you are has made this place great. We're going to miss you both – thank you very much."

Muskopf also thanked God, his father, his wife, the USAACE CG and command group, Walters and the rest of the garrison command team, the garrison workforce, the people from the tenant units and the communities around Fort Rucker.

"Not to take anything away from the city of Philadelphia, but there is no more brotherly love in this country than there is in the Wiregrass," he said. "It is just superb the way this community supports Fort Rucker and how Fort Rucker supports the community. It is phenomenal – the best I've seen in 28 years at a bunch of different posts – the level of support that we get from the outlying cities, the community and the whole Wiregrass."

Muskopf will move on to Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to become the Joint Multinational Issues Branch chief at the Army War College.

Friday's change of command also features a change of responsibility ceremony where Walters will step down as garrison command sergeant major and Command Sgt. Maj. Buford E. Noland will accept the position.

News Briefs

Garrison change of command

The Fort Rucker Garrison hosts its change of command and change of responsibility ceremony Friday at 10 a.m. in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Col. Stuart J. McRae will assume command of the garrison from Col. James A. Muskopf, and Command Sgt. Maj. Buford E. Noland will accept responsibility as command sergeant major of the garrison from Command Sgt. Maj. Dwaine E. Walters.

Chaplain Corps birthday

The Fort Rucker Ministry Team hosts a celebration of the 237th anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps July 27 from 10-10:30 a.m. in the atrium of the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700. The gathering features cake and refreshments, and celebrates the work of the Chaplaincy of Fort Rucker while also honoring all Army Chaplains that have served as religious and spiritual leaders for Soldiers and Families since 1775.

For more, call 255-2989.

Aviation museum construction

With work going on to replace the roof on the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, military graduations and most change of command ceremonies will be temporarily moved to the post theater in July and August.

The museum is still open its normal hours, though, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays.

For more, call 598-2508.

Scuba course

The Fort Rucker Aquarians Dive Club sponsors a scuba certification course beginning Monday. The first class will meet at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility indoor pool at 6:30 p.m. Monday. After the first class, the course will meet every Monday and Wednesday nights for no less than six weeks and no more than seven weeks, depending on the weather. One weekend will be required at the end of the course to complete open water training in the Gulf of Mexico.

For information, call George Perez at 774-3483 or 347-6936.

Lyster construction

Construction is ongoing to install a revolving door at the main entrance to Lyster Army Health Clinic. Due to this construction, the main entrance to the facility is not be accessible. Lyster officials will open several alternate entrances to allow the best possible access for patients during this time. Several entrances on the east side of the building – near the primary care clinic and behavior medicine – are accessible, including the handicap ramp access. People are also able to access the facility through the entrance located near the MRI area.

Lyster officials said they are working to make the clinic a more patient-friendly environment and apologize for the inconvenience during the construction period.

Closed for inventory

The Directorate of Logistics Supply Support Activity in Bldg. 1212 will conduct its wall-to-wall inventory July 23-27. Normal operations will discontinue at 4:15 p.m. July 20 and officials expect normal business hours to resume July 30. Customers will be notified by the accountable officer. During this period the SSA will only accept emergency requisitions.

For more, call 255-9504.

ID card section

People who need a common access card or military ID card who are in a hurry can make an appointment by calling 255-2437 or 255-2182. When people call for an appointment, they will be screened and advised of any documentation they need to bring. Walk-ins will continue to be served on a first-come, first-served basis. As a reminder, people may experience delays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Help wanted

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness staff stands ready to help members of the Fort Rucker community find jobs. The staff maintains a list of job opportunities in the area, and can also give out tips and inform about resources to help people find the right job for them.

Some current opportunities on employment readiness' "hard to fill" list include: retail sales in children's and ladies' clothing stores, emergency medical technician, dental assistant, paralegal and legal secretary, dance teacher, warehouse supervisor, esthetician and massage therapist.

For more on employment readiness' services, call 255-3949.

Electronic retiree newsletter

The annual retiree newsletter is now available via email. To receive the newsletter electronically, people should send an email to ruck.retirees@conus.army.mil requesting the newsletter, and also include their name and U.S. Postal address.

DOD leaders: Sequestration threatens military's successes

By Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SUN L. VEGA

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, brief reporters at the Pentagon, June 29.

WASHINGTON — The nation's military has logged historic achievements in the past 12 months, but faces a future clouded by financial threat, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said June 29.

The secretary and Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both spoke about the topic of sequestration during a briefing with Pentagon reporters.

Panetta summed up the department's main activities since he became Defense Secretary last summer, noting that the Iraq War has ended, a "responsible drawdown" of U.S. forces in Afghanistan has begun, and the NATO mission in Libya concluded alongside the fall of Moammar Gadhafi.

The department has also "maintained a relentless focus on al-Qaida," and put in place a new defense strategy and a budget request focused on the future force and rebalancing toward the Asia-Pacific region and the Middle East, the secretary said.

DOD has also maintained faith with troops by protecting pay and benefits, and has increased employment opportunities for veterans and spouses, he noted.

"We implemented the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" Panetta said. "We've also opened up 14,000 military positions to women, and we've put in place enhanced measures to prevent sexual assault."

The biggest threat to all of those accomplishments and initiatives is sequestration, he said.

Sequestration is a mechanism built into the Budget Control Act that will trigger an additional half-trillion-dollar cut to defense spending over the next 10 years if Congress doesn't otherwise identify spending reductions the act requires.

Panetta said the uniformed men and women he's met in war zones, and the wounded warriors he's visited in military hospitals and rehabilitation centers, "deserve better than the threat of sequestration."

"Too often today, the nation's problems are held hostage to the unwillingness to find consensus and compromise," the secretary said.

"It is a time for our leaders and for every American to recognize that the blessings of freedom are not free," Panetta said. "They come from a legacy of sacrifice, of courage and of leadership. That legacy is now our responsibility to fulfill, so that hopefully our children can enjoy a better life in the future."

Panetta said the defense industry leaders he has consulted with also face an uncertain future which could include widespread layoffs and lasting damage to the nation's military modernization programs.

"We are very much a team," he said. "[Defense] companies, as well as the Defense Department, are making it very clear to Capitol Hill that this is a matter that ought not to be postponed."

The department and the nation's defense industries seek assurance from Congress that sequestration won't happen and that "we can proceed with the budget as we've outlined [it], as opposed to facing the possibility of another drastic defense cut," the secretary said.

Dempsey said his travels in recent weeks, as well as over the past year, have brought him into contact with a wide range of service members.

"At every stop I was struck by their tremendous sense of pride and commitment," the chairman said. He praised service members' courage, selflessness, intelligence, and dedication to the mission.

"They'll do anything to take care of this country," he said.

Dempsey said he was also struck by troops' concern over the budget.

"I find it encouraging, on the one hand, that our military Family is informed and interested," he said. "But it's unfortunate that it weighs so heavily on their minds. Frankly, they have enough to worry about."

The chairman noted, "We have to remember, too, that the force of the future – that is, America's sons and daughters who may be out there contemplating a military career – are also watching."

Dempsey said as Panetta has made clear, "We simply have to come together to prevent this across-the-board, unbalanced cut that could jeopardize our ability to deal with the very real and serious threats that we face."

The chairman said he and the service chiefs have no issue with military budgets facing scrutiny in the current challenging budget climate, or with the need to make tough program decisions.

"That's why our strategy and the budget that supports it constitute a carefully balanced set of choices," Dempsey said. "These choices make sure we have the right talent and the right tools to keep our country immune from coercion."

Dempsey said he, the secretary and the joint chiefs seek a balanced approach.

"A sensible way forward is what we expect," the chairman said. "That's the only way we can honor our commitment to our military family and to the American people."

DOD to mark 59th Anniversary of Korean War Armistice

Department of Defense
Press Release

PHOTO BY CPL. KIM JAEYOU

U.S. Army Apache attack helicopters from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, participate in a live-fire exercise June 22 in Pocheon, South Korea.

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee announced Monday its efforts to reach out to Korean War Veterans and their Families across the country and encourage them to join a commemorative program celebrating the 59th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice.

The program titled "Heroes Remembered" is open to the public and will take place July 27 at 9 a.m. at the Arlington National Cemetery, Va.

Featuring a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns, the program includes official remarks in the Arlington National Cemetery's Amphitheatre with high ranking Defense Department officials and other senior government representatives. The event also includes additional special activities for Korean War veterans and their Families.

"Our committee seeks to educate the American people on Korean War veterans' stories and strives to make their sacrifices known to the next generation of Americans," said Col. David J. Clark, committee executive director. "Their fight for the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today must be, and will be, remembered forever."

The Korean War was the first test of the United Nations' resolve to stand against tyranny. Twenty-one nations banded together with the United States and the Republic of Korea in a remarkable display of solidarity to turn back North Korea's naked aggression and stem the tide of communism on the Korean Peninsula. The Armistice, signed on July 27, 1953, remains in effect today and highlights the need to remain vigilant against the forces of tyranny and oppression in Korea and around the globe.

Korean War veterans fought to halt the tide of communism that threatened to sweep over the Korean peninsula. Today, the Republic of Korea stands as a modern, prosperous, vibrant democracy because of their courage and selfless sacrifice.

Korean War veterans, Family members, and friends interested in attending the event can RSVP online at http://koreanwar.defense.gov/july27rsvp.html.

PHOTO BY SGT. ADAM ROSS

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III chats with Soldiers from 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, at Fort Bliss, Texas, June 20.

SMA places emphasis on professional Soldier

By Jacqueline M. Hames
Soldiers Magazine

The Army will undergo many changes over the next few years, preparing for a smaller force and a smaller budget. That means that Soldiers will have to be more disciplined and take on more responsibility, especially noncommissioned officers, according to the Army's top enlisted Soldier.

"We're going to be in some challenging times, but those times bring opportunities and we need to focus on the opportunities to do some things with our Army we need to do, and to make our Army better than it is today for the future," Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III said.

The Chief of Staff of the Army's "Marching Orders" lists leader expectations that include being a moral and ethical compass and the ability to adapt and develop high performing teams — all expectations that are embodied by the NCO Creed, Chandler explained.

"You need to take those words and really internalize them and really put them in your heart, because it is an affair of the heart," he said. "That this is who I am, and this is what I aspire to be, (to) be the example, the role model, the leader that our creed says."

Chandler emphasized that, as stated by the NCO Creed, no one is more professional than a noncommissioned officer. As the Army moves toward 2020, that means NCOs will have to remain broadly skilled and be prepared to take on more responsibility as leaders.

"We're going to ask them to be that critical and creative thinker, that adaptive and agile leader," Chandler explained. "We're also going to expect them to be grounded in the traditional role of the noncommissioned officer, and that's about accomplishing missions and taking care of Soldiers."

Part of that caretaker role is leading by example and ensuring that the principles of the Warrior Ethos are upheld. The professional NCO will not tolerate behavior like sexual harassment or hazing, Chandler said.

"For me personally, anything that has to do with violence perpetrated by one Soldier against another is just completely the opposite of who we say we are."

In 2012, Chandler said the Army hopes to expand the NCO Education System and provide more time for education, teaching leaders at one echelon what they need to know and preparing them for their next job. Chandler predicts that the warrior, senior and advanced leaders courses will see some growth as well.

"What that exactly is going to be, we're not sure yet, but we'll continue to refine and assess the courses," he said. "What's important to understand, though, is that the focus is really going to be on leadership."

Of course, with budget cuts there will be fewer resources for training than in the past. Units will have to become more self-sufficient, relying on the eight-step training model and understanding how to plan, resource, and evaluate. Training will become more of a unit responsibility, he said, emphasizing that there would still be a full investment in training dollars and the ability to go to school.

"We're going to focus on unified land operations, what we used to call full-spectrum operations, and look at the entire spectrum of how we fight," Chandler explained.

Programs for Soldiers and their Families will also have to maximize the efficiency of their spending, Chandler said. However, he stressed that the Army's senior leaders are committed to keeping as many programs as possible, especially those within the Army Family Covenant. The focus will be on streamlining programs, eliminating those that Soldiers and their Families find least interesting or helpful.

"You'll probably see some focus on the other quality of life programs, in military health care and in TRICARE, and in behavioral health. What we don't want to do is cut anything before we understand its impact on the force and its value," he said. "And if there is a way that we can combine programs to better deliver the same product, then we want to do that."

One program that Chandler believes is critical is Comprehensive Soldier Fitness. The program was established to build resiliency in Soldiers, teaching them how to deal with adversity on emotional, spiritual and physical levels.

"It's not just about being a better Soldier, it's about being a better human being," he said.

Additionally, the sergeant major of the Army discussed changes to what Soldiers will wear. For example, the Army plans to improve the physical fitness uniform using more technologically advanced materials, like anti microbial and moisture-wicking fabrics, as well as producing a better-fitting uniform.

"We'll continue to make changes to our current Army Combat Uniform and we will explore a new uniform," he said. "And we will be asking Soldiers how they feel about the Army Service Uniform and what changes they would like to see [to] it. Maybe folks want to display their awards, decorations and badges … in a different manner, so we want to hear what Soldiers have to say."

The Army will be streamlining many aspects of its operations as it adapts for future requirements, Chandler said, both to improve the lives of Soldiers and accommodate budget and force reductions.

"We're going to reduce the size of our Army in about four different ways," he said. The first will be to recruit fewer people, second to retain fewer people, thirdly the retention control point will change at the sergeant and staff sergeant levels, and finally, retirement-eligible Soldiers may be asked to leave earlier than their mandatory retirement date.

It is a privilege to serve, Chandler said, noting that the expectations for retained Soldiers will be higher, so Soldiers will need to ask themselves two questions throughout their careers: Am I willing to serve? Am I willing to do what the Army needs me to do?

"That could mean go to this place, it could mean change your MOS to this job, because there are going to be some changes in force structure, so there will be [fewer] opportunities in some MOSs and more in others," he explained. "That comes down to that 'being professional' piece.

"At the end of the day, it really is about excellence. Those [who] demonstrate excellence in all manner of what we ask them to do as Soldiers, as citizens and [as] members of the United States [Army] is really what's going to see them through," he said.

Chandler believes that though the Army will be smaller in the future, it will be an even better Army than it is today, despite the challenges it will face.

"I'm proud to be sergeant major of the Army and to be a part of this, and to try and help lead and shape the Army into the future," he said.

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More than 40 vendors and representatives from five universities demonstrated various technologies during the 2012 Robotics Rodeo at Fort Benning, Ga. The rodeo's third installment, a 10-day event that ended June 29, featured nearly 75 different technologies in all.

Robotics rodeo showcases new technologies

By Vince Little
Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — The Maneuver Center of Excellence put a dose of sci-fi on center stage at the 2012 Robotics Rodeo.

More than 40 vendors and five universities showcased nearly 75 different technologies during the 10-day event at Fort Benning's McKenna Urban Operations Complex June 20-29.

Sponsored by the Army's Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center and the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization through the Maneuver Battle Lab, the Robotics Rodeo provides a venue for the military to harness the research and development community's potential to counter the complex and adaptive threats on today's battlefield, organizers said. It brings together the defense, homeland security, academia and industry communities to energize robots in support of the warfighter.

"It's a great marriage of both industry and academia, which is what we strive for," said Harry Lubin, the Maneuver Battle Lab's Live Experimentation Branch chief. "Fort Benning is the proponent for Army ground robotics, so it was a great fit. A difference this year is we focused on specific tactical events."

Innovators participated in task-based scenarios and open robotics demonstrations aimed at motivating industry, educating developers and gaining insight into the current and emerging state of ground robotics technology and artificial intelligence, officials said. From an Army standpoint, it was an opportunity for scientists and engineers from government and industry to link up with Soldiers who might someday employ the robots and unmanned systems in combat.

Addressing capability caps in defeating the improvised explosive device threat was a central theme throughout the rodeo, said Jim Parker, associate director for ground vehicle robotics at TARDEC. This year, it was set up for unmanned platforms to perform in three operational vignettes: they had to provide supplies, dig hasty fighting positions for a squad, and autonomously search and detect the presence of opposing forces.

"We have a high level of confidence in these robots," Parker said. "This is a very important event for us. In general, we were very pleased with what we saw here."

This marked the third Robotics Rodeo overall and the second at Fort Benning, which last hosted the event in 2010.

It was the first time JIEDDO participated in a challenged-based acquisition process, said Matt Way, a program integrator with the agency, which was created to attack networks, train the force and defeat the device. The organization set up four events – endurance, detection, disruption and reconnaissance – based on problem sets where robots could play a role in counter-IED operations.

"We definitely learned some lessons," Way said. "There are some things we can tweak and improve, but overall, we were impressed with how everything ran and the results we saw. We use our intel arm to keep track of the latest (enemy) trends out there and try to look ahead at where we need to be in delivering new technology. Robotics take the man out of the loop, and any time we can find a solution with mobility and suitability to support the Soldiers, it's better to put that robot in harm's way than the individual."

The robots on display at the rodeo ranged in size from handheld devices to 4,500-pound vehicles, said Ed Davis, the Maneuver Battle Lab's deputy director. Outcomes will be used to further support the MCoE's "Squad: Foundation of the Decisive Force" initiative by advancing possible robotic technology solutions.

"Most of the time, those who engage enemy forces are at that squad level, so we're looking at how we can reduce the load on a Soldier," he said. "With robotics, we're looking at whether we can offload some of that equipment and then get it to him when he needs it. It also increases his situational awareness. If he knows more about what he's up against when he has a mission, he can tailor that load specifically for that. We're looking at a lot of things in trying to help Soldier effectiveness in that small unit."

The Robotics Rodeo lasted only four days in 2010. Lubin said he's optimistic sponsors will want to return as the joint community used the event to target solutions and recommendations for further experimentation or rapid fielding.

"We really need a more collaborative effort to solve this counter-IED problem," Way said. "It's been a great partnership working with (the Maneuver Battle Lab) because they can rapidly help us get an assessment here with troops who have deployment experience. That's a serious risk mitigator for us in delivering a product that has the right amount of performance."

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23rd FTS: Denehan humbled by promotion

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Denehan has received a Silver Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal, Joint Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and several other awards and decorations.

"I definitely did not think I would be back here at Fort Rucker almost 26 years after arriving here as an Army warrant officer candidate in 1986 to take command of an Air Force squadron," he said. "That future was incomprehensible to me in that long-ago past, but I'm glad it's my present reality today."

During the ceremony, Col. Dagvin Anderson, commander of the 58th Operations Group, 58th Special Operations Wing, Air Education and Training Command at Kirtland AFB, said he couldn't "think of anyone more prepared and able to take command of the future of the Air Force's vertical lift program."

"You've had a hand in forming this team and I have no doubt you'll continue the 23rd's legacy of excellence," he said. "We will definitely be counting on you."

Moyes is leaving Fort Rucker to continue his career as the deputy group commander at 563rd Rescue Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

His previous assignments include the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo., the 33rd Rescue Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Japan, and the 41st Rescue Squadron at Moody AFB, Ga. He has also held positions at the Air Force Academy and was assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas, where he served as the chief of special operations and helicopter assignments.

Moyes has received the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters, and several other awards and decorations.

During the ceremony, he praised the work of squadron and credited his team for the successes of the past two years.

"I wanted one last time to recognize this outstanding team of professionals that I have," Moyes said. "You guys are what made us successful. You've made me proud on a daily basis and you're the reason we've always been able to complete our mission."

Moyes said that with Denehan as his replacement, he knew he was leaving the squadron in good hands.

Birthday: Event also celebrated USAWOA 40th anniversary

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Ramge, cut the cake with the youngest present warrant officer, W01 Josh Carter.

"The Warrant Officer Corps birthday cake cutting ceremony is important to us all," said McCarter. "It is an annual renewal of each warrant officer's commitment to the corps, and the Warrant Officer Corps' commitment to our nation's quest for peace and freedom worldwide."

After the cake was cut, the USAWOA chapter president said it was tradition that the first piece of cake be presented to the guest of honor, Bob Cooper, by the oldest present warrant officer, Ramge.

The second piece of cake was then presented to the oldest warrant officer by the youngest warrant officer to signify the honor and respect accorded to experience and seniority, said McCarter, adding that the oldest officer then served the younger officer to signify the experienced warrant officers that have nurtured and led young officers that fill the ranks and renew the corps.

For CW5 Max Dean, Alabama Army National Guard command chief warrant officer, the day was also an opportunity to bring recognition to another July birthday.

"This month is the 40th anniversary of the Warrant Officer Association," he said. "In 1972, a group of senior warrant officers met together in Indianapolis to discuss the changes that needed to come about in the Warrant Officer Corps."

From that meeting, the USAWOA was founded, according to Dean.

"The U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association is an organization that has contributed many of the positive changes to the corps in the last 40 years," said Cooper, who was also a former president of the USAWOA. "These positive changes have boiled down to three key words: professionalism, recognition and representation. These words are more than just their meaning and have made the corps what it is today by following these words."

Cooper also said that the Warrant Officer Career College was another addition that was a positive change to the WOC.

"As time goes by and changes come about, we must reflect back on what made this country great," said the former USAWOA president. "Freedom, which is provided by the sacrifices of our military, and that does not only mean the active-duty force. We must also look after the Families who have lost an active-duty warrior and also retired Soldiers."

Disintegrator: Future improvements, additions a possibility

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requested use of the disintegrator and he expects it to become available for use by mid-July.

"Right now I'm working on getting the instructions finished up and posted," said Hawn. "Safety's already been down to look at it."

Getting the disintegrator to the Recycling Center was no easy feat, according to Hawn, but the machine should start to pay dividends soon after going into regular operation.

"The goal is for the environmental folks and the recycling folks to get a contract with a company that can sell [compressed paper] to make money back for the installation," he said.

"If you can do that, then you eliminate the trucks needed to transport paper to the landfill, you're saving on fuel, and you don't have the personnel transporting paper to the landfill – so the machine is then paying for itself."

The local environment will also benefit from the disintegrator's usage.

"This will reduce the total volume of paper that goes into the landfill by 90 percent," said Hawn. "One and one-half recycling bins of disintegrator-compressed paper is equivalent to five bins and four large cardboard boxes full of shredded paper – so you're saving quite a bit of room."

In addition to the paper shredder proper, the disintegrator also boasts a CD and DVD destroyer and a degausser, which eliminates unwanted magnetic fields and also has a hard drive destruction unit to safely dispose of sensitive material.

Future additions and improvements to the disintegrator are still a possibility. In particular, Hawn shared that he hopes to acquire one piece of equipment for the disintegrator that functions like a large magnet, removing small bits of metal from the compressed paper to purify it and make it more valuable to companies interested in buying.

To contact DPTMS's security division to set up training for disintegrator use, call (334) 255-3542 or visit the office in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 275. The office is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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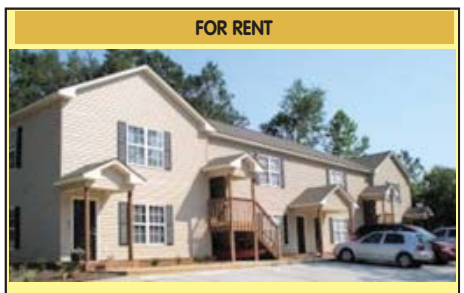

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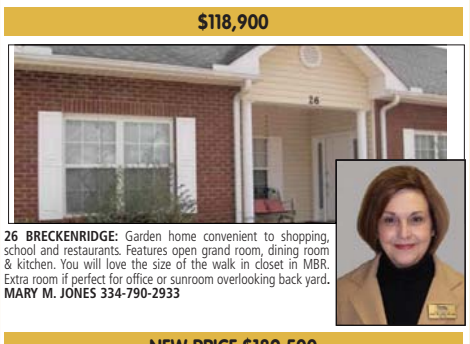

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Sgt. Eric Cothren prepares to receive patients with simulated injuries into a UH-60 Black Hawk en route to Wyoming's Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center's North Training Area following a training mission for C Co., 5th Bn., 159th Avn. Regt. June 21.

By 1st Lt. Christian Venhuizen
Wyoming National Guard

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Flying a mission of mercy is what CW1 Michael Reisig said he loves about his job as a medical evacuation helicopter pilot for the Wyoming Army National Guard.

"I'm there to help the guy on the ground. I'm there to make sure that every Soldier makes it home when he deploys," Reisig said. "If I can save just one more guy and get him home to his Family, that's what it is all about."

From June 21-23, the soldiers of Charlie Med tested their abilities to rescue injured and ill personnel from simulated combat zones and other precarious situations. With helicopters and personnel operating from Cheyenne, missions were called in using military codes, and helicopters, fully equipped with medical personnel and supplies, launched to their destinations in Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center, Wyo.

C Company, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, has the distinction of being the most deployed unit in the Wyoming Army National Guard. Charlie Med, as the Soldiers refer to their unit, has seen tours of duty for its pilots, medics, maintenance personnel and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters since Desert Storm.

A three-year rotation to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, recently came to a close, allowing the unit to turn its focus back to training and preparing for missions at home and in combat.

Sgt. Eric Cothren, a flight medic with the unit and a firefighter in Denver, said the roles of his medical team and what his civilian counterparts do are closely related.

"We go out and we pick the patients up at the point of injury," he said. "We get them back to the hospital in the rear and get the surgical interventions they need to stabilize them, and then we pick that same patient up and transport them to the higher

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Army radar to allow UAS to fly in National Air Space

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — By March 2014, the MQ-1C Gray Eagle, an Army unmanned aircraft system will be able to train in the same airspace as the Boeing 747, with the help of the Army-developed Ground Based Sense and Avoid system.

The Army recently concluded a two-week demonstration of the Ground Based Sense and Avoid system at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. During the demonstration, the Army put the system through multiple training "vignettes" that validated both the design and functionality of the system.

"We are ready to begin the certification process in order to be fielding in March 2014, for the Gray Eagle locations," said Viva Austin, product director for the Army's Unmanned Systems Airspace Integration.

The five locations for Gray Eagle basing and training include Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Fort Bragg, N.C. It's expected the first system will field in March 2014 at Fort Hood. About three months later, the system should field to Fort Riley. All five sites should be equipped with the GBSAA system by 2015, officials said.

The GBSAA is a radar and warning system designed to allow Soldiers to fly unmanned aircraft systems, like the Gray Eagle, inside the National Air Space, while still meeting Federal Aviation Administration regulations. The system monitors location and altitude of the UAS and other aircraft, detects possible collisions, and makes recommendations to UAS operators on how to avoid those collisions.

As unmanned aircraft systems and the Soldiers who fly them return home from theater, the Army needs a way to keep those UAS operators trained for the next battle, and they need to do that training inside the United States and inside the National Air Space.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires a pilot be able to "see and avoid" other aircraft flying in the same airspace. But a UAS has no pilot onboard. The Army can get around that

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PUMA LAUNCH

CW2 Dylan Ferguson, a brigade Aviation element officer with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st BCT, launches a Puma unmanned aircraft system June 25 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. Ferguson uses the Puma for reconnaissance for troops on the ground.

Guardsmen conduct air assault, evacuation training

By Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Griego
36th Combat Aviation Brigade

FORT BLISS, Texas — When lives are at stake, only the quick and coordinated efforts of well-trained service members will enable mission success and a safe return home.

When different units and assets come together for a single goal, communication and training are essential. For the troops of the 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, the 1-19th Special Forces Group and the Texas Air Guard, this means treating each scenario and simulation like the real thing.

Such was the case June 24 when these three outfits came together for a massive air assault and medical evacuation exercise at Camp McGregor, N.M., near Fort Bliss.

"This went really well," said CW2 Andreas Turner, a pilot with the 2-149th Aviation. "It coincided exactly with what kind of training we've been doing."

The event began with CH-47 Chinook helicopters delivering the ground troops designated to clear and control the area. These forces included Soldiers with the 1-19th Special Forces Group and Airmen from the Air National Guard's security forces. Throughout the surface conflict, troops called for air assault fire and executed their room clearing procedures with trained accuracy.

"It's good how we work with different assets like Aviation," said Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Garza, team leader with C Company, 1-19th Special Forces Group. "It's something that we would most likely do in a real deployment. Also, working with the Air Force, where they might be securing another part of an objective for us."

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On June 24, the 36th CAB teamed with personnel from the Air Guard and the 1-19th Special Forces Group for a joint air assault and medical evacuation exercise at Camp McGregor, N.M. The training helped prepare imminently deploying units for their overseas missions as well as reinforce cooperation between different units within the Texas Military Forces.

Members of the 36th CAB served as the opposition forces, role-playing combatants, civilians and aggressors who American troops may encounter overseas.

"One of the good things that we've got today," said Sgt. Edward Thorne, supply sergeant for 2-149th Aviation, "is that we're actually going to be able to use simunition rounds and actually do live fire. We're gonna see where we make our hits. We're gonna see how our training's been and what we've been trained up to."

Following successful clearing of the urban terrain, the ground troops then encountered a wounded combatant, requiring a call for medical evacuation and a skilled team of Aviation medics capable of retrieving the casualty within minutes.

"As per all medevac operations," said Turner, "we were on call. We received the call to conduct hoist operations to extract a patient. We got on scene, extracted the patient and returned back to the combat hospital. Everything was good to go."

With the casualty recovered and the mission complete, the Soldiers and Airmen on the ground executed a perfect extraction the same way they arrived, with support from the Aviation brigade's CH-47 Chinook aircraft.

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level of care."

There are a few differences between what is expected of military medics and with their civilian counterparts, Cothren said. "Not only do we go out and pick up the patient, we're also doing a lot of post-surgical transports where we're doing a lot of things that a nurse would do. We're maintaining sedation on (post-surgical patients), which requires a higher standard of care than a regular medic would do."

Cothren said many of Charlie Med's medics are civilian paramedics, with a host of skills and experience through their civilian occupation, that save Soldiers on the battlefield. It was something he first saw back when the unit first deployed to Desert Storm. He said he still sees it with the current deployments.

"All of the regular (emergency medical technician) basics were trained to a higher level, thanks to these paramedics. We were able to give a much higher standard of care than a lot of previous units that were medevac, that were able to give," he said of that first deployment. "The first rotation was credited with an almost 60-percent increase in saves."

Reisig said, "The best thing about (this training) is it gives you that unknown, that sense of 'I don't know when it's going to happen, but I still have to go on with my day.' When we come in for our one weekend a month we know what's going to happen, but when we come in for our two weeks in the summer and we do this 72-hour ops we don't know if we have to get up at 2 in the morning, we don't know if it's going to happen in the shower, we don't know if it's going to be when we're eating. Maybe we will be out at the aircraft, already ready, you just don't know and that's the best part of the training."

Simulated missions included the use of hoists and the loading and unloading of patients on litters. Both types of missions fit into what Charlie Med's combat and non-combat roles require.

When not rescuing Soldiers and civilians from the battlefield, Charlie Med Soldiers may be called on for search and rescue missions, rescuing people from areas not accessible by ambulances and not suitable for landing. As with events like Hurricane Katrina, those same helicopters may rescue people off of roof tops, or land to pick up those in need of medical attention.

As with both the state-side missions and those in combat, Charlie Med crews leave the ground with no major weapon systems on board. The helicopters fly with red crosses painted on them, picking up protection from gunships only when the combat zone dictates it.

"There's also the times where not having the weapons is also the good thing," Reisig said, referring to the way the United States conducts medical operations in compliance with the Geneva Convention. "It's kind of a morale thing, almost, in this battle that we're in today. We don't go out there with weapons. We don't break the rules. We don't cheat. We do what's right and we get the mission done."

UAS: Simulation paves way for system improvements

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by meeting other requirements, however. The Army can fly a UAS in the NAS with a chase aircraft following the UAS, for instance. It is also possible to fly in the NAS if a trained observer is watching the UAS. But the observer must be within one mile and 3,000 feet of the vehicle.

Additionally, the Army can't fly the UAS in NAS at night.

The GBSAA was developed as an "alternate means of compliance" for the FAA's "see and avoid" requirement. The system senses other traffic in the area, using a 3D radar system, and uses algorithms to determine if there is danger of collision and how to avoid that danger. That information is provided to the UAS operator.

When the FAA approves the system for use, the Army will be able to train UAS pilots any time of day.

"It's a significant impact [on training]," said Austin. "It does two things. One is it allows us to not need to put chase planes out to follow the aircraft over. It allows us to not have ground observers standing out there, trying to separate traffic. And it allows us to fly through the night hours, it gives us 24-hour operations, GBSAA allows that and opens it up."

The recent demonstration of the GBSAA involved seven vignettes at Dugway Proving Ground, involving both live and synthetic UAS, as well as synthetic "intruders."

The first three vignettes used real UAS. In vignettes 1 and 2, a real Hunter UAS flew at Dougway against synthetic "intruders" in their airspace. The difference between the two vignettes was the version of the GBSAA used. In both scenarios, the system performed without endangering the mission, but on the second run, the Army Phase 2 Block 0 system's improved algorithms indicated an earlier, safer departure time between the two intruders.

Vignette 3 pitted two live Shadow UAS against each other. One of the Shadows served as the intruder aircraft, the other was guided by the GBSAA. The operator of that aircraft was warned at an appropriate time and was able to follow the recommended maneuver to avoid the other aircraft.

The next three vignettes showed the adaptability of the Phase 2 Block 0 algorithms. They were flown using synthetic UAS, through the X-Plane system. Each of the three vignettes used replicated airspace over different military installations, including Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Fort Drum, N.Y.

Finally, in vignette 7, the GBSAA system was demonstrated again using a synthetic UAS, but was flown against live aviation traffic data around nearby Salt Lake City, and also against recorded air traffic data from Boston's Logan Airport.

"In both cases we were extremely successful and (it) was even more than we had hoped for," Austin said.

Austin said it was difficult to get the GBSAA system into a tough situation that it couldn't handle.

"The hardest part of that was actually trying to get into a situation where the maneuver algorithm was really tested, getting into a red condition," Austin said. "Big sky theory kind of held true, we almost felt like we were trying to chase people down at that point because air traffic control keeps people separated so well, it was kind of hard to put yourself in a really stressing situation and test those algorithms out really well. It was very safe and we demonstrated that the system and the test bed was really successful."

Austin did say one thing learned about the GBSAA is that the algorithm used to safely move UAS through airspace does not always do things conventionally, as pilots would do them. Austin said that they will try to work more standard ways into the system, if they can do so without breaking the algorithm.

Guardsmen: Training ensures team unity, preparedness

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It's unit cohesion," said Thorne. "It's pulling all the different parts of the element, whether we're air, ground, in the rear. It pulls all the elements together to work together as a team. It gets us familiarizing ourselves with who we have and what their capabilities are."

With several deployments in the coming year for the Aviation brigade and the Special Forces group, this exercise represented a solid step toward ensuring the unit's service members are trained and prepared for engagements overseas.

"It was very realistic," said Turner. "I think overall it was a great success; we learned a lot."

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Helping hands

Lyster offers program to nurture child development

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

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Darla Darty, Educational and Developmental Intervention Services speech and language pathologist, and Elizabeth Marriott, Early Childhood special educator and EDIS program manager, work together in Marriott's office in the EDIS department at Lyster Army Health Clinic Tuesday.

Caring for children can be a job in itself, but Lyster Army Health Clinic is looking to help make that job easier for some Fort Rucker Families.

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services is a program designed to serve military Families living on Fort Rucker that have children with medical, biological or educational risks, or special needs, according to Elizabeth Marriott, Early Childhood special educator and EDIS programs manager.

"[The child] may be behind in certain areas … like language, we will give [the Family] the tools to help him or her speak more," she said. "We talk with the parents about what they want their child to achieve because the parents have to set what we call the functional outcomes."

The care providers for the program work with children from birth to 3 years old to help them develop during a crucial time in their lives, said the special educator, adding that they work with children with various developmental disabilities, whether physical or mental.

Care providers first do an assessment of the child to see where the child is in his or her developmental stage and from there they can decide what, if any, type of therapy is needed, said Marriott.

"We'll start out with a screening to see if there are any areas that there may be some concerns with," she said. "The parents may [tell us] that their child is 14 months old and not walking and that they are worried, so we'll do a motor assessment and see where [the child] is at and talk to the parents about what they need."

The program is completely voluntary and the need for it comes from concerns of either the parent or care providers at Lyster that may notice that a child may be behind in his or her social, emotional, mental or physical development at an early age.

"Most of [the children that we work with] are under 3," said Marriott. "[The program] is for any child that is behind in any area," like a child that may lack the ability to properly communicate, which can cause the child to become frustrated, and lead to tantrums and outbursts, she added.

"Sometimes children have trouble communicating at a young age, so we'll work with them with signing," she said. "We give the children and the parents a way to communicate to stop a lot of frustration that the child may have."

All therapy sessions take place in the home of the child, said Marriott, because it's the child's natural environment and reduces any added stress that a child may experience.

The program is designed for the parents and Family to be very involved in the developmental process since the care providers have only a limited time to be with the Families.

"We may do a lot of demonstration and show them [how to help their child], but the parents are the ones that teach the children," said the programs manager. "I can tell them 'this is how we do this,' but unless the parent does it, we can only make a small effect."

Marriott said the program is as much for the Family as it is for the child in need, adding that the earlier a Family voices their concern, the better the chances are to get their child to start catching up.

"We just want [the children] to be able to work up to their full potential and the earlier we start, the more likely they can do that, whatever that potential may be," she said. "It's just wonderful to be able to watch these children grow and see how they change and to be able to see the parents smile when their child is doing what they wanted them to do or accomplish. It's extremely rewarding."

For more information, call 255-7237

Financial readiness training provides peace of mind to Soldiers, spouses

By Connor Wolanski
Army Flier Contributing Writer

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Mike Kozlowski, personal financial readiness specialist for ACS.

For incoming Soldiers, ranks E1 to E4, financial readiness training is a must – both figuratively and literally.

The training falls under the Army Community Service's Financial Readiness Program.

"Our mission is to get Soldiers, their Families, civilians and retirees to focus on improving their personal finances and making informed decisions on how to get their money to work for them – not against them," said Mike Kozlowski, personal financial readiness specialist for ACS.

"Money impacts our lives in some way every day, ranging from making a decision on where to go for lunch to paying our bills — and everywhere in between," said Kozlowski. "However, for most people, personal finance is little more than a mathematical 'mystery tour.'

"The purpose of the financial readiness training class is to provide Soldiers, and their spouses, with a practical approach to personal financial management so they can gain control over their finances and manage their money more effectively," he added. "Soldiers experiencing problems with their personal finances reduce the mission readiness of their respective units."

Financial readiness training is an eight-hour program that is mandatory for first-term Soldiers ranking from private to specialist or corporal, and it must be completed within 60 days of inprocessing. Lately, however, the office has had trouble getting Soldiers to fulfill this requirement in a timely manner, according to Mike Burden, Financial Readiness Program manager.

"We don't exactly have the easiest time marketing the class to Soldiers," said Burden, adding that the office currently sees Soldiers come in within 60 days of inprocessing at a rate of about 20 to 25 percent.

Incoming Soldiers are not the only Fort Rucker residents eligible to enroll in this class, however.

"Since 'repetition is the mother of all learning,' all Soldiers who feel the need to re-acquaint themselves with the basics of personal financial management should attend this class," said Kozlowski.

"Doing so also puts them in touch with Financial Readiness Program counselors who can provide them with one-on-one financial instruction and counseling, ranging from debt management and budgeting to investing and retirement planning," he said.

The Financial Readiness Program has also made this class available to both civilian contractors and Department of Defense employees, and strongly encourages military spouses to attend.

"In our varied counseling experiences we find that effective communication between spouses about money concerns is crucial to effective personal fiscal management," said Kozlowski, adding that the easing of marital tensions over "money fights" is a significant reward when working with couples.

"Here at ACS's Financial Readiness Program, I would have to say that I gain my reward from a smile on the face of a client who finally understands his or her financial problems always have workable solutions," said Kozlowski.

"The majority of 'working out' your personal financial difficulties and challenges is caught up in your mindset about the thing. It's all about hope – and my job is to convey it to my clients so they can continue along the path that leads to financial freedom in their lives," he said.

To learn more about financial readiness training, call (334) 255-9631 or (334) 255-2594, or visit the office in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 390. Classes are normally presented the first Friday of each month – except on holidays – from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center in Bldg. 5700; however, this month's session is scheduled for Friday.

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Get R.E.A.L.

A previous group of attendees of Army Community Service's Army Family Team Building training, Rucker Experience, Army Learning. ACS offers the class again July 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center in Rm. 371F. Get REAL helps those new to the Army learn about the lifestyle, make sense of the terms and acronyms, and learn about the resources available at the post. The free, interactive day of learning and meeting new people includes topics such as: acronyms, Army customs and courtesies, military rank, community resources and more. Advance registration is required. For registration and childcare information, call 255-2382.

Financial Readiness Training

Army Community Service offers Financial Readiness Training Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center in Rm. 284. The free training session provides a practical approach to personal financial management so Soldiers can gain control of and manage money effectively. Financial Readiness Training is required for all first-term junior enlisted Soldiers (E-1 through E-4). Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

For more, call 255-2594 or 255-9631.

Credit Repair Workshop

Army Community Service offers a Credit Repair Workshop Monday at 4 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center in Rm. 371A. The free workshop teaches people ways to improve their credit scores and negotiate successfully with creditors. Discussions will include credit reports and scores, what information is used to determine credit scores, how to contact and negotiate with creditors, and other credit- and debt-related information.

For more, call 255-9631.

Divorce/Separation Co-Parenting Workshop

Army Community Service hosts a Divorce/Separation Co-Parenting Workshop Wednesday from 9–11:30 a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street. The workshop focuses on the commitment of parents to stay focused on their children, and effective communication and negotiation skills. The workshop helps people reduce parental conflict, and to understand children's needs during and following a divorce. It is free and open to active duty military, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and Family members. People need to register by Friday.

For more, call 255-9641.

ACS Family Bowling Night

Army Community Service offers a Family Bowling Night for all active duty military Families with special needs, Family Readiness Groups, and Hearts Apart Families July 19 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Rucker Lanes. Cost is $1 per game and $1.50 for shoe rental. Registration is required no later than two days prior to the event. For more information and to register, call 255-9277 or 255-3735.

Newcomer's Welcome

Army Community Service hosts a Newcomers Welcome the third Friday of each month from 8:30–10:30 a.m. at The Landing. Active duty military, spouses, foreign students, Department of the Army civilians and Family Members are all encouraged to attend. A free light breakfast and coffee is served. For free childcare, parents should register children at the child development center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the Newcomer's Welcome.

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

AFTB Level III

Army Community Service offers its Army Family Team Building Level III training July 24-25 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 371F. Classes include: communication skills for leaders, leadership styles, building cohesive teams, managing group conflict and more. Advance registration is required.

For registration and childcare information, call 255-2382.

Children's craft making

The Center Library hosts a craft making activity for children ages 3-11 July 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register, stop by or call the library at 255-3885.

'Mind Candy'

Illusionist and hypnotist Wayne Hoffman performs "Mind Candy" July 27 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at The Landing. According to Hoffman, the audience doesn't just watch the show, it becomes part of it. People may find themselves selected to take part in mind-blowing experiments and demonstrations. With a presentation that combines mind-reading and visual illusions, people may leave the show questioning their senses. Tickets for the evening performances will be available at The Landing Zone for $10 in advance or $15 at the door. Special VIP tables are available for $150, which include 10 tickets and reserved seating. The event is open to the public and for ages 18 and older.

For more, call 255-9810 or 598-8025.

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program holds its "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" classes each Thursday from Aug. 2 to Sept. 20 from 9-11a.m. at the Early Childhood Activity Center in Bldg. 3705 on Dean Street. Topics include, raising responsible children, instilling values, problem solving and using natural consequences as a discipline technique. This workshop is a seven-part series and participants must attend all of the classes to receive a certificate of completion. The workshop is open to active duty and retired military, Department of Defense employees and their Family members. The workshop will not meet on holidays. For child care information and registration, call 255-9641.

Steak Night

Starting Aug. 3, every Friday at 5 p.m. is Steak Night at The Landing Zone. The special features an 8-oz. Flat Iron Steak with fries for $5 with the purchase of a beverage. Diners can add a side salad for an additional $1 and other sides are also available for purchase. This special is limited to the first 100 guests per night, is available for dine in only and is limited to one per guest. The offer is not valid with any other coupons or promotions. For more, call 598-2426.

Taco Tuesday

Starting Aug. 7, every Tuesday at 5 p.m. is Taco Tuesday at The Landing Zone. The special features $1 tacos (beef or chicken with shredded lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and sour cream). Diners can add a side of guacamole for 50 cents or make it a meal by adding black beans and rice for $1.95, or chips and queso for $2. This offer is valid with purchase of a beverage and cannot be combined with other discounts or coupons.

For more, call 598-2426.

DFMWR Spotlight

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Comfort in times of disaster — words help, but not enough

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Milton Johnson
Garrison Chaplain's Office

Unfortunately, this year is turning out to be one of the worst years ever for millions of people on almost every continent in the world. From Jan. 1 until this present day, wars, earthquakes, and unpredictable weather claimed scores of lives and devastated miles of property as far as the eyes can see.

The Colorado wildfires are probably the worst calamities yet because they left that region with an ongoing threat of air quality and contamination of water and air.

The good news is that after each disaster and adversity the rest of the world immediately reached across the country with missionaries, money, and lots of prayers to help relieve suffering and affliction of those who endured indescribable loss.

I can only imagine what happens when suddenly — maybe overnight — home, Family and business vanish in unexpected flames of fire. Or, if awakened in the night, out of nowhere comes an inferno of heat that engulfs your residence before you can think about what to do next.

What do you say to those who lived through the loss of an entire Family or a Family member in such a tragedy? How do you comfort them? The truth is, words of comfort can help, but they are not enough.

Try to visualize the following scene. One day after roaming the Earth, Satan came before God and boasted that all of mankind had rejected the Lord and was following him. However, God pointed to Job as an example of one who was still upright; fearing the Lord and shunning evil. Not to be outdone, Satan charged that Job's faithfulness was only a result of God's blessings.

So God permitted Satan to send a series of disasters upon Job. His property was destroyed, his children slain, and he himself was covered with painful sores.

In the midst of all his emotional and physical pain, Job was finally moved to speak.

He did not become angry or curse God, but he did demand an explanation for all that had befallen him. So God appeared to Job and for several chapters overwhelms him with His frightening answer.

"Job, you want to ask me some questions? All right, I'll answer your questions, but first I have some questions of my own I would like you to answer. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Earth? Can you set the boundaries of heaven? Can you unbuckle the belt of Orion? Can you send the birds south for winter? If you cannot answer these basic questions, how do you propose to understand the mystery of my will for your life?"

How did Job respond? He said, "My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you." Did God answer Job's question? He didn't respond the way Job expected. The only answer He gave was, "Here I am Job. Look at me and try to fathom my limitless power. Try to understand that I created and that I take care of all things. Grasp these realities and you will know that I will never leave you or forsake you. The answer to your questions can only be found in me and in our relationship. Trust in me."

Job did place his trust in the sovereign God of the universe and everything he lost was restored to him double.

Perhaps the most difficult aspect of our walk with God is demonstrating trust in Him during times of severe trial.

Like Job, we may find ourselves desperately searching for ways to make sense of what is happening to us. We may even be tempted to accuse God of unfairness.

In these times, His unchangeable nature, His steadfast love for His children and His limitless power become an anchor for our souls.

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10:45 a.m. Chapel Next Contemporary Worship Protestant Service.

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9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School
10:45 a.m. CCD (except during summer months).

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Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
MOPS is a Christian-based mom's group. MOPS is about meeting the needs of every mom of a child from conception through kindergarten. MOPS will meet every first and third Thursday, 9 a.m., at Wings Chapel, Bldg 6036. For more information, call the Religious Support Office at 255-2989.

Protestant Women of the Chapel
PWOC meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Wings Chapel, Bldg 6036. Childcare provided. For more information, call 255-9894.

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Pick-of-the-litter

Meet Johnny, an adult male available for adoption at the Fort Rucker stray facility. He is sweet and friendly. It costs $81 to adopt Johnny and other animals at the facility, which includes all up-to-date shots, microchip and neutering. For more information on animal adoptions, call the stray facility at 255-0766, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility needs donations such as dry or canned foods for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as well as blankets, toys and towels. Donations can be dropped off at the veterinary clinic or the commissary. Visit the Fort Rucker stray facility's *Facebook* page at http:// www.facebook.com/fortruckerstrayfacility/ for constant updates on the newest animals available for adoption.

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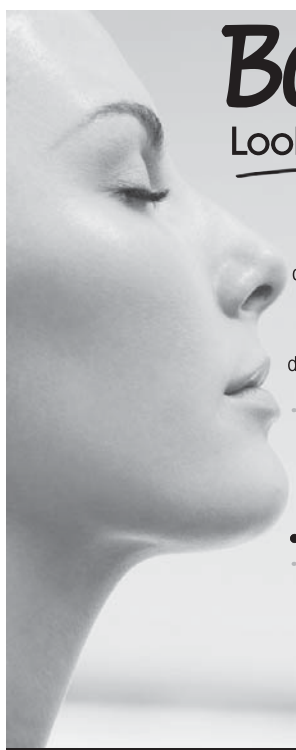

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Celebrating Freedom

Gary Sinise walks off the stage into the crowd to get closer to concert goers during Freedom Fest July 3.

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Freedom Fest brings fun, food, music to Fort Rucker

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Despite forecasts of thunderstorms, thousands of people packed the Festival Fields on Fort Rucker to celebrate the nation's independence at Freedom Fest with food, fun, fireworks, and the return of Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band July 3.

Before the concert began, people were able to enjoy fair-type rides like the Wrecking Ball, ride a zip line, jump on a bungee trampoline and even ride a mechanical bull, which is one of the activities that Sydne Dufrene, military Family member, participated in during her visit.

"I've been telling [my dad] that I want to ride a real bull but he wont let me," she said. "I guess I'll have to settle for the [mechanical bull], but it was a lot of fun. I liked it a lot."

Others said that riding the bull was something that they enjoy on a regular basis, but was not as easy as it looks.

"It was hard, but nothing I'm not used to," said Blake Larson, who is set to enter the Marine Corps in the coming months.

People also came to enjoy the various types of fair food offered at the event, but for most, they came out to see the main attraction: Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band.

"I came out here to see Gary and his band play again," said Jerry Danford, retired Army veteran. "I visited last year and it was simply amazing. I think it's just amazing what he does for our troops and the fact that he's able to take time out and come to Fort Rucker to put on a show like this for us is just awesome."

The concert was delayed by rain and many thought it might be canceled, but Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, was determined to get the show rolling.

"Gary told me we've got all night and he asked me, 'General, do you want me to [play]?' and I said, 'Gary, I want you to [play],'" said Crutchfield.

The concert got back on track when the weather cleared up and Natalie Stovall, up-and-coming country star, took to the stage to open for Gary's band.

Natalie Stovall, up-and-coming country star, performs at Freedom Fest despite rain delays.

Stovall's time on stage was brief because of the delays, but she was thankful that she was able to play for everyone in attendance.

"It breaks my heart that we have to pack up and leave," she told the audience. "We want to thank all the men and women serving all over the world. Thank you so much for what you do."

After Stovall's performance, a Lt. Dan montage played on the two large screens on either side of the stage, which showed different scenes that the actor was featured in from the movie "Forrest Gump" before he took to the stage.

The band played music that a wide variety of people could enjoy, ranging from classic hits like Lionel Richie's "All Night Long", to modern pop hits like Katy Perry's "Part of Me."

The Lt. Dan Band came to Fort Rucker after doing a tour for military troops in Alaska, according to Sinise, and has been touring around the world for almost nine years in locations like Korea, Singapore, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Germany and the Netherlands.

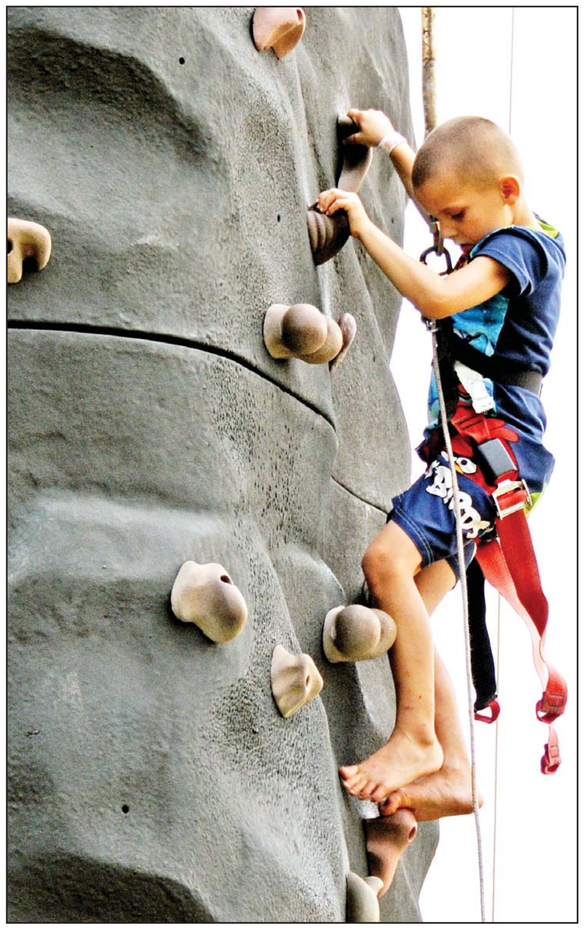
"The band has been all over the world because we appreciate the sacrifices of our military and our military Families," he told the crowd. "We can never say enough or do enough to thank them. We can never, ever take for granted what our military does for us each and every day in the defense of freedom around the world.

"People right here at Fort Rucker are training every single day to go out around the world in harm's way in the service of freedom," Sinise continued as he closed the show. "We are lucky to live in the United States of America. There are people all over this planet that don't understand what we have here, so, value it, appreciate it and appreciate those that provide it."

As Sinise and his band exited the stage, the fireworks show began, bringing Freedom Fest 2012 to a close.

"I thought this year's Freedom Fest was amazing," said Katie Pettengill, civilian. "I'm really glad I stayed for the whole thing because the concert was so amazing. This is the kind of thing that really makes me proud to be an American and live where I live."

Gary Sinise gives a little girl in the crowd an up-close and personal concert experience



William Robinson Jr., military Family member, climbs the rock wall.

Lt. Dan Band vocalists Julie Dutchak and Molly Callinan sing to a Soldier during a concert at Freedom Fest .

A Family enjoys riding the Wrecking Ball at Freedom Fest July 3.

Fireworks explode above Fort Rucker

Alabama Road Trip: Childersburg, Sylacauga feature Family fun

By Alabama Department of Travel
Press Release

Sylacauga and Childersburg are located only 10 miles apart along a stretch of highway that is both U.S. Hwy. 280 and U.S. Hwy. 231.

Sylacauga is best known for being located on top of a bed of pure white marble and as the spot where a meteorite struck a woman resting inside a home in nearby Oak Grove. Childersburg proclaims to be the "Oldest Continually Occupied City in America" with history dating back to the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto.

People can take their Family to explore a cave that's 12 stories deep. Along the way, you can see how ice cream is made and the location where "stars fell on Alabama." This road trip takes you along U.S. Hwy. 280 between Sylacauga and Harpersville and includes a stop at a vineyard.

Childersburg — Covered Bridge and Cavern Fun

Childersburg is believed to be the location of a Coosa Nation village visited by the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto in the fall of 1540. Childersburg calls itself "The Oldest Settlement in America." Named for the explorer, DeSoto Caverns Family Fun Park (5181 DeSoto Caverns Parkkway, (256) 378-7252, www.desotocavernspark.com) is a magnificent 12-story cave. Guided tours of the cave include a light, sound and water show on every tour. The more than 25 attractions outside the caverns include a maze and wacky water golf. The park also includes a butterfly house. In warm weather, you can watch the butterflies as they scurry from place to place.

Also on the outskirts of Childersburg are the historic 1864 Kymulga Grist Mill and the adjacent Covered Bridge built in 1860 (7346 Kymulga Grist Mill Road, (256) 378-7436). Visit the mill site, walk across the covered bridge that spans Talladega Creek and then explore the nature trails. The Kymulga Grist Mill grounds are the home of the annual Coosa Fest held in late September.

Vineyard, ice cream

Drive on U.S. Hwy. 280 across the Coosa River and as you head north toward Harpersville (less than 10 miles), you will reach Morgan Creek Vineyards (181 Morgan Creek Lane, Harpersville, (205) 672-2053 www.morgancreekwinery.com). This Family-owned vineyard and winery offers free guided tours.

Start your trip in Sylacauga with a fun walking tour of the Blue Bell Ice Cream factory (423 N. Norton Ave.; (256) 249-6100). Blue Bell is located a block from city hall and offers tours Mondays through Fridays, with the first tour at 9 a.m. and the last starting at 1 p.m. You should call ahead to schedule your place on the 45-minute tour.

Since you are in Sylacauga, which sits atop a bed of mostly white marble, take time to visit the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum and Arts Center (711 North Broadway, (256) 391-1352, www.comermuseum.weebly.com). This museum, containing works of art by the Italian sculptor and quarry investor Giuseppe Moretti, is a great place to learn about Sylacauga's marble history. It also has a "Nabors Room," which celebrates native son Jim Nabors, who gained national fame as both an actor and a singer. Be sure to tour the upstairs gallery inside the museum, where you will see a copy of the Hodges Meteorite and newspaper clippings that tell the story of the 8 1/2-pound rock that fell from the sky and struck Ann Elizabeth Hodges as she napped in a farmhouse in Oak Grove just outside of Sylacauga.

You can also view Sylacauga marble sculptures at the B.B. Comer Memorial Library (314 N. Broadway; 256-249-0961, www.bbcomerlibrary.net) where the sculptures from visiting Italian artists are on permanent display. They can be found in the lobby around the stairwell. Another must-see are the 17 paintings that ran as advertising for Avondale Mills in The Saturday Evening Post. These paintings by Douglass Crockwell reflect the American way of life in 1948 and are in a similar style to that of Norman Rockwell.

Where "Stars Fell on Alabama"

From Sylacauga, travel north on U.S. Hwy. 280 to the adjacent community of Oak Grove, the site of a rare occurrence. An 8.5-pound meteorite crashed into the home of the Guy family on November 30, 1954, striking Elizabeth Ann Hodges. A farmer found another meteorite nearby. These two Oak Grove rocks from the sky are the only known meteors from that day.

To find the location of this unusual event and see the "Stars Fell on Alabama" historical marker (http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=44229) commemorating the occurrence, travel U.S. 280 N. from Sylacauga. When you see the Nissan automobile dealership, exit to the right onto the Old Birmingham Highway. The historical marker will be on your right just before you reach Odens Mill Road.

(For more on this or other Alabama Road Trips, see http://www.alabama.travel/road-trips-and-trails/)

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ANDALUSIA

JULY 13-14 — The 37th Annual World Championship Domino Tournament is Friday and Saturday at the Kiwanis Fair Complex. Competitors from all over the United States compete for cash prizes. On-site registration is Friday from 7-8 a.m. For more information, call 222-5830 or visit www.worlddomino.com.

JULY 23-AUG. 3 — The Andalusia Ballet Studio hosts its annual summer intensive dance classes at the Andalusia Ballet Church Street Cultural Arts Centre. The training is for experienced dancers ages 8 and up in ballet technique, jazz, and modern. For more information, call 222-6620 or email info@andalusiaballet.com.

DALEVILLE

NOW THROUGH AUG. 1 — Registration for pee wee football is now through Aug. 1. Practice sessions begin the first part of August and the season runs through Nov. 1. For more information, visit www.dalevilleal.com.

DOTHAN

TODAY AND THURSDAY — The Cultural Arts Center hosts a Textile Art Camp today from 9 a.m. until noon. Attendees can interact with real alpacas and learn how the wool is sheared then turned into felt, dyed and shaped into handmade pins, jewelry and stuffed animals. For more information and registration, call 699-2787 or visit www.theculturalartscenter.org.

TODAY — The Cultural Arts Center staff hosts the LaCour and Baker Jazz Duo from 8-11 p.m. in the banquet hall. Tickets are $10 each in advance; $15 the night of the show. For more information, call 699-2787 or visit www.theculturalartscenter.org.

FRIDAY — Landmark Park's Animal Adventures begins at 10 a.m. for children ages 5 and up. Scheduled topics are Butterflies and Moths Friday; Let's Go Fishin July 20; and What Came First (chickens and eggs) July 27. Registration is required and the program is free with paid gate admission. For more information, call 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY — Landmark Park's Discovery Room provides a closer look at the natural history of Native Americans to educate children in a hands-on environment from 10 a.m. until noon and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. For more information, call 794-3452.

Now through July 31 — Landmark Park hosts a military appreciation month. Military members receive $10 off membership. The park also provides a free Digitarium Planearium Program for military families Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. For more information, call 794-3452.

ENTERPRISE

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters, on County Road 537, every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call Connie Hudson at 406-3077, Randy Black at 393-6499 or Bob Cooper 347-7076, or visit the VFW Post 6683 on Facebook.

ONGOING — Enterprise State Community College holds classes to teach English as a second language at the Fort Rucker campus Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon in Bldg. 4502, Rm. 131.

ONGOING — The Boll Weevil Dance Club meets every Friday from 7-10 p.m. at the Enterprise "Jug" Brown Recreation Center. Cost is $5 per person. For more information, call 347-3381.

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 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 — Every Tuesday and Wednesday, Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton police station. The officers can help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, VA pension, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans' job programs and other veteran services. All veteran services provided are free of charge. For more information, please call Chuck Lobdell at 718-5707.

OZARK

NOW THROUGH AUG. 4 — The Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum is sponsoring an exhibit of nature-related art, the 2012 Nature Show. Artists 18 years or older are eligible to enter up to three pieces, in any combination of painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking and photography with a theme that relates to nature. Works must be original (not from a kit) and all works must remain in the gallery for the duration of the show. Previous contest-winning pieces may not be entered. Entry fee is $35 for non-members and $30 for members of DCCAH for the first entry and $5 for each additional entry, up to three total entries. Entry fees are not refundable. The "Nature Show" runs until Aug. 4. For more information, call 774-7145 or visit www.ruddartcenter.org.

AUG. 18 THROUGH SEPT. 28 — The Dale County Council of Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the 12th annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition that will be held at the Ann Rudd Art Center/Dowling Museum. Entry fee for non-members is $35 and $30 for DCCAH members for the first entry. One or two additional entries are $5 each (three is the maximum that can be entered). Offered awards will be $250 for first place, $150 second place, $100 third place and four $50 merit awards. Due date of entry fees and art work is Aug. 4, 1-4 p.m. Opening reception and award presentation is Aug. 18, 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.ruddartcenter.org.

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 — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesdays 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, finger foods, and refreshments. For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

NOW THROUGH JULY 27 — The Wiregrass Tennis Association will be offering eight weeks of free tennis lessons in Enterprise, Eufaula, Ozark and Troy on different days throughout the week. For more information or to register for the free lessons, call 439-1128 or visit www.wiregrasstennisassociation.com/CommunityRelations.html.

Beyond Briefs

ArchiTreats Lecture

The Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery hosts ArchiTreats lectures on the third Thursday each month. The next lecture is July 19 from noon-1 p.m. and is entitled "Alabama and the War of 1812: After the Horseshoe." For more information, call 353-4726 or visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Performance on the Green

People can enjoy a relaxing summer evening at Blount Cultural Park and watch the Montgomery Ballet's captivating and magical "Performance on the Green," Sunday and Monday from 8-10 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call 409-0522.

Slimy Saturday

McWane Science Center hosts the slimiest day of the year. Visitors can run across the oobleck pool, take a plunge down the slip n' slide and even make their own slime at the center in Birmingham Saturday. For more information, visit www.mcwane.org.

Capital City Shape Notes Concert

Traditional singers perform from shape note hymn books published in Alabama, including "The Sacred Harp" and "Christian Harmony." The free, daylong concert is July 19 in the Old Alabama Town Reception Center. For more information, call (888) 240-1850.

Dark Knight Rises Premiere

The Dark Knight Rises opens at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, in the IMAX Dome Theater at the McWane Science Center in Birmingham. For more information, visit www.mcwane.org.

Pier Park Summer Concert Series

People can relax and enjoy free music on the lawn at Panama City Beach's Aaron Bessant Amphitheater.

The concerts are open to the public and free of charge. Food and coolers are allowed. Scheduled bands include the Runnin' Pardners Tuesday, The Lee Boys Thursday and Boukou Groove on July 26. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit pcbeach.org.

Fishing tournament

The Lionfish round-up, spear fishing and hook and line fishing tournament is Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Harborwalk Marina in Destin, Fla.

For more information, visit www.ecreef.org.

Deadline nears for expanded Homeowners Assistance Program

By Amaani Lyle
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Eligible military members and federal civilian employees who face financial loss when selling their primary residence may receive compensation, provided they apply for the Expanded Homeowners Assistance Program by Sept. 30.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages HAP on behalf of the military branches. The HAP, initially created by Congress in 1966, provides financial assistance to qualifying homeowners when a closure or significant change in operations at a military base leads to severe losses in the local real estate market.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, expanded the HAP to provide assistance to:

- Deployed wounded, injured, or ill members of the armed forces (30 percent or greater disability) and forward deployed wounded, injured, or ill Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilian homeowners (including employees of non-appropriated fund instrumentalities) reassigned in furtherance of medical treatment or rehabilitation or due to medical retirement in connection with their disability;
- Surviving spouses of the fallen;
- Base Realignment and Closure 2005-impacted homeowners relocating during the mortgage crisis; and
- Service member homeowners undergoing permanent change of station moves during the mortgage crisis.

"The amended law now includes HAP relief for surviving spouses of the fallen, BRAC 2005-impacted homeowners relocating during the mortgage crisis, and service member homeowners undergoing permanent-change-of-station moves during the mortgage crisis," said Michael McAndrew, director of facilities investment and management office for the deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment.

Key expanded HAP deadlines and qualifying timeframes have already passed, McAndrew said, further escalating the urgency of swift benefit distribution and program closure.

"Reassignment order dates must range from Feb. 1, 2006, through Sept. 30, 2010, and qualifying property purchases, or signed contracts to purchase must have occurred prior to July 1, 2006," McAndrew said. "BRAC reached its full implementation by Sept. 15, 2011."

The total benefit calculation, capped at $729,750, is based upon the home purchase price, McAndrew said.

"We've made every effort to try and make funds available to pay as many of these applications as we can, and so far we've been very successful in doing that," McAndrew explained, adding that the program is designed to minimize the housing market's impact, not negate it altogether.

"It's a great program, but we can't help folks if they don't apply," McAndrew said. "We need to know who is out there, because there's no magic database in the department that tells us who may have been impacted."

Wounded, injured and ill and surviving spouse applications take priority and are not subject to the Sept. 30, 2012, deadline for claims.

All applications are now centrally processed through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District. To apply, visit the HAP website at http://hap.usace.army.mil/ and follow application instructions.

Dempsey discuss challenges, benefits of military moves

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The frequent relocations common to military life may be challenging to Families, but they also are one way children become resilient and adaptable — attributes critical to the military of the future, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said here in late June.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey made the comments as part of an informal "fireside chat" at the National Military Child Education Coalition's 14th national training seminar. He was joined by his wife, Deanie, and retired Army Col. Jack Jacobs, a Medal of Honor recipient and vice chairman of the Medal of Honor Foundation, who asked the couple broad questions about today's military.

The Dempseys moved 22 times in 36 years of service, they said, and all three of their children have served in the Army.

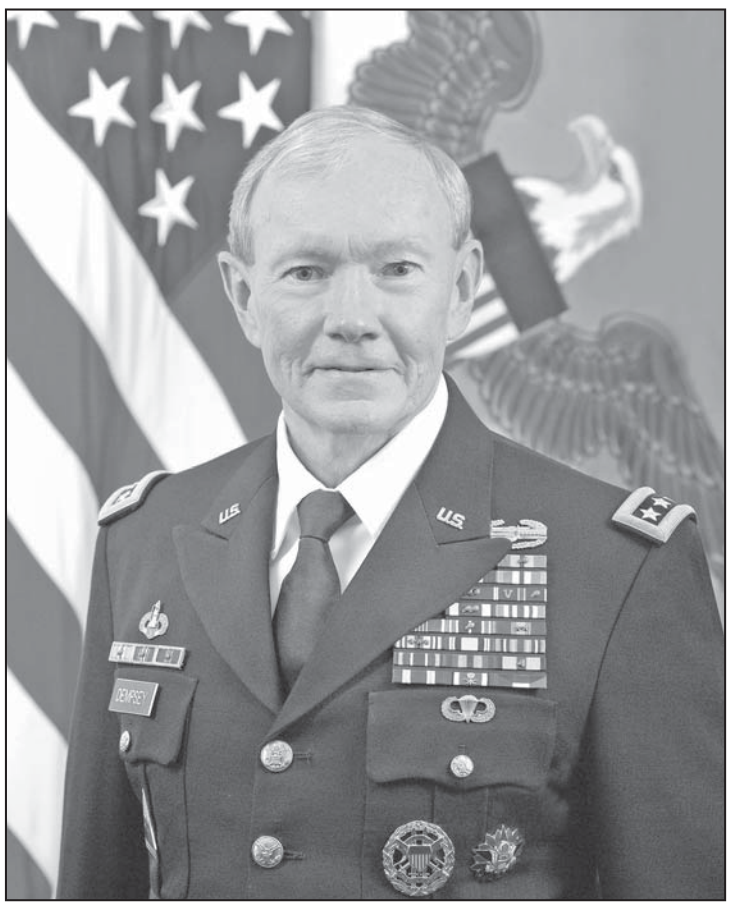
"In some ways, it is a burden," the general said, "but it also is how our kids become resilient and adaptable. Part of being adaptable is being introduced to unfamiliar circumstances."

It is those attributes that the military is "really going to need," Dempsey said, "because we never [predict] the future right.

"In some ways, the military profession and its values and the versatility you have to have as a military Family is really quite strengthening," he added.

That resilience and adaptability starts with how parents handle the moves with their children, Mrs. Dempsey said.

"It starts with the Family and if you make each move an adventure — and you've got to really sell some places," she said, drawing laughter from the audience.



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Dempsey

Also, "it's the fraternity of the military Family," she said. "You can say [to the kids], 'You will make new friends,' or 'You'll be with Johnny and Susie from two moves ago.'"

Many military children grow up to enter the military themselves, Mrs. Dempsey noted.

"If it were that bad, they wouldn't serve, too," she said.

Military Families also have more support than ever, the Dempseys said. As demands on military Families skyrocketed after the 9/11 attacks and through 10 years of war, Americans have responded, many through public-private partnerships, which the chairman described as the best form of support. He credited the nonprofit education coalition as being one example of such support.

The chairman also credited the "Joining Forces" campaign created last year by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, for its efforts to raise public awareness of military Families' challenges and sacrifices and to call on all sectors of society to support them.

Such organizations are "making a difference," Dempsey said.

"This is about public-private partnerships. This is not the government imposing the idea that we should take care of service members and their Families," he said. "It's about the government advocating that [support of military members and their Families], and about the people of the United States' communities and corporations stepping up.

"That's partly a reflection of what we've asked our service members and their Families to step up and do in these past 10 years, which is remarkable," he added.

It also has helped, Mrs. Dempsey said, that there are many more programs today to help military Families, and fewer divisions among rank.

"It used to be that officers and enlisted wives were separate," she said. "At the end of the day, we're all military spouses and we all just want them home."

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Army partners with VA to study PTSD treatments

By Karey Phillips
U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity

FORT DETRICK, Md. — Post-traumatic stress disorder is a common anxiety disorder that can stem from any traumatic event experienced by an individual.

While there are medications currently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat it, they are not sufficiently effective in treating combat-related post-traumatic stress commonly seen in service members and veterans.

The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity's Neurotrauma and Psychological Health Project Management Office signed an interagency agreement with the Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program to jointly conduct and support clinical studies of pharmacotherapeutics for the treatment of combat-related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in service members and veterans.

"The interagency agreement between USAMMDA and VACSP structures how the agencies will collaborate," said Maj. Gary Wynn, research psychiatrist with the Neurotrauma and Psychological Health Project Management Office. "While the DOD may be funding the research effort, the VA is an equal partner in the project."

"The VA is the primary location for Veterans to receive care so we need to be looking at their populations as well as those still on active duty," he explained.

USAMMDA and VACSP will be working together to identify and develop alternate indications for existing FDA-approved drugs used to treat other disorders.

"While these drugs are FDA-approved, they are not approved for the treatment of PTSD," said Wynn. "In fact, many of the drugs currently being used have little or no research supporting their off-label use in treating PTSD."

Currently, there are two drugs that are FDA-approved for treating PTSD. However, studies have shown that these drugs are less than 50 percent effective when it comes to treating combat-related PTSD. Additionally, the side effects from these drugs can be harmful to service members and veterans.

Although these drugs have helped victims of PTSD, worldwide they have shown limited benefit for service members and veterans struggling with the aftermath of combat.

"These studies are vital to understand if and how [the drugs in the collaborative USAMMDA and VACSP study] should be used in service members and veterans," said Wynn.

According to Wynn, the collaboration between USAMMDA and the VA will ensure the highest quality of research.

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MUD RUN
Community has good, clean fun during mud run

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W01 John Whetsel, B Co. 1st Bn. 145th Avn. Regt., and Jeremy Mack, civilian, play a game of racquetball at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility racquetball courts Monday.

Off the wall

Fitness facility hosts racquetball tournament

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility will hold a racquetball tournament July 21 at 8 a.m. to give people the opportunity to participate in teams or individually to win trophies as well as bragging rights, according to Cedric Smith, organizer for the tournament.

"We've got a few players coming from out of town playing and we've got some local players as well," he said. "We would love to get more interest in the tournament from novice to open players."

The tournament will be a one-day shootout played in eight different categories in six different divisions, according to Smith.

The divisions will be Novice, D division, C division, B division, A division and Open division, he said, adding that professional players will not be allowed to compete.

"A novice player is someone who has been playing for less than six months and has never won a tournament," said Smith. "If a person has won a tournament as a novice, they get moved up to the next division, which would be D."

From there they would move up the division ladder moving to C, B, A, and Open, then eventually professional, depending on their skill level, he said.

Smith said that the tournament is classified in divisions to prevent people with different skill levels competing against one another, adding that sometimes open players will compete in A division-level tournaments just to easily win.

The tournament will also have a doubles category and a masters category, which is for participants 55 and older. Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded in each category of the tournament.

The doubles tournament will be played as round robin, which means that different skill levels will play against each other, according to Smith.

"People that participate will also have the opportunity to win a new racquetball racket that will be raffled off," he said.

The cost to participate in the tournament is $15 for singles, $15 per person for doubles, and $25 per person to participate in both singles and doubles.

Smith, who also works as Air Traffic Controller Quality Assurance on Fort Rucker, is an avid racquetball player and also officiates many intramural league games on the installation.

"[Racquetball] is a lot of fun and a good workout. It's excellent cardio," he said. "What I love about it is that it's one of those sports that if you lose, you have to blame yourself – you can't blame anybody else."

He also said the physical demands of racquetball are very high if a person is looking to play competitively.

"The game is very demanding physically – you've got to be in good shape to play," he said. "If you're going to play in tournaments, it requires a high-degree of fitness."

For more information on the tournament, call 255-2296

Registration for fall youth sports open until July 31

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker Youth Sports holds registration for fall youth sports now through July 31.

"We want kids on Fort Rucker to have a great experience with youth sports," said Leroy Minus, Child Youth and School Services youth sports and assistant fitness director. "We want to give these kids a quality program and that's the main thing, so when their parents come, they see that we're actually taking the time for their kids."

The sports that will be offered this fall are soccer, cheerleading, tackle football and tennis, with different age groups for each sport, according to the assistant director.

Fall soccer will be offered in age groups of 4-5 year olds, which is the training league; 6-7 year olds, which is the Pee Wee league; 8-10 year olds, which is the Midgets league; and 11-14 year olds, which is the Juniors league, said Minus, adding that the cost for the 4-5 year-old age group has been reduced to $20 per child, but the cost for ages 6 and older have remained the same at $40 per child.

"We reduced the cost for soccer so that we can make it easier for parents to get their kids involved," he said.

Each season the department can have anywhere from 150-200 children participating in soccer alone, said Minus. With this amount of participation, the teams are systematically put together to ensure that siblings can play together if they are in the same age group, and that boys and girls are evenly distributed throughout the teams.

"We will do a girls line-up before we distribute the boys because we want to try to have at least 2 to 3 girls on each team," he said. "We won't usually do a skills assessment of the kids, so different skill levels will play with each other."

Cheerleading is another sport offered for the youth on Fort Rucker and is available in four different age groups: 4-5 year-old Pee Wee mascots, 6-7 year-old Midget mascots, 8-10 year-old Pee Wee cheerleaders and 11-12 year-old Midget cheerleaders.

The cost of cheerleading is $40 and enrollment is limited to two mascots per age group and the first 12 cheerleaders to sign up, said Minus.

Cheerleading and football go hand in hand, and tackle football is another sport that will be offered for fall youth sports, but will only offer one team per age group with only two different age groups: 8-10 year-old Pee Wee and 11-12 year-old Midgets, said the assistant director, adding that enrollment will be limited to the first 27 players per age group.

"Our installation isn't large enough for us to have multiple teams," he said. "But we do play with outside organizations so [the children] will play teams from Troy, Brundidge, Skipperville, Daleville and Ozark."

The cost for tackle football is $65 per child. Fort Rucker also offers tennis for 8-17 year olds and the cost is $40 per child.

Parents can also become more involved in their children's sports teams by becoming a coach. Minus said the youth sports department is always looking for good youth coaches.

Before a parent or Soldier can become a coach, they must go through a background check and coaches training to be able to participate, according to Minus.

"[The coaches] will learn about child abuse, learn about coaching youth sports and they learn about our six pillars of character," which are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship, he said. "We teach them this so when the coaches step out on that field with those kids, they know our standards."

Parent meetings are held to teach parents of the standards that are upheld by each of the coaches and what the department expects of them, said the assistant director. The meetings are also where parents learn how they should act at their children's games by supporting them, their teams and their coaches.

"We believe, since we are a military installation, that we are representing the U.S. Army," he said. "You have a responsibility as a parent to support your kid the right way and we want to show that."

The next parent meeting will be held Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center Gymnasium, Bldg. 2806 on 7th Avenue.

"I think the greatest thing that we get out of this is when we see the kids progress in sports and see that the same kids continually sign up for different sports," said Minus. "That shows that we're doing a great job and it shows that they are having fun – that's what we're offering here."

For more information on youth sports, parent meetings or coaching, call 255-9105 or 255-0950.

Down Time

Super Crossword

SHARPEN YOUR WITS

ACROSS
1 Mineral suffix
4 Awaited
9 Two, in Tijuana
12 Out of line
17 Worthless
19 Pad
20 Journalist Tarbell
21 Hapsburg capital
22 Like a spy story
25 Actress Jennifer
26 Former Pentagon head
27 Big name in locks
28 Dweeb's cousin?
30 Competitor
31 Germ type
34 Made likely
37 Pumper's pride
38 Harrison Ford movie
41 With 68 down, "CHiPs" star
42 Tenor Thomas
46 Writer Hunter
47 Turf
48 Field marshal Rommel
50 Chemistry info
51 Gets slushy
53 Seoul soldier
55 Non-threatening
58 Ms. Goldberg
60 Act like Etna
62 Fine stuff?
64 Actor Everett
65 Bring up
67 Conger
68 Look over
69 "Superman" star
70 Pitch in
72 Somerset Maugham work
76 Pale
77 Gravy ingredient
79 Prison pariah
80 Rum sum
81 Mead's milieu
83 Eatery
84 Snyder or Hanks
85 Houston ballplayer
87 Detest
90 "Calendar Girl" crooner
92 Fox's foot
94 Desert schlepper
96 Circus barker?
97 Fight site
99 Crank's comment
101 Take risks
102 Auto adornment
103 Very, very satisfied
104 Michael Ansara series
108 Egg plant?
109 Fondue ingredient
110 Rifleman
114 Business abbr.
115 James of "Misery"
116 Pearl Harbor's locale
119 Hold back
121 Flautist James
123 The Searchers hit
128 Private's posture
129 Lodge member
130 Carry on
131 Joy Adamson's joy
132 Hirsute Jamaican
133 Occupy a cot
134 Chutzpah
135 Chariot bumper?

DOWN
1 Peruvian of old
2 Oklahoma city
3 Hitch in haste
4 Quote from 41 down
5 — Saud
6 Comic Goodman
7 Snorri's stories
8 He moves cars
9 Excavate
10 Laudatory lyrics
11 French philosopher
12 Isn't completely wrong?
13 Diocese
14 Roman Polanski film
15 Put behind bars
16 Cardiff's country
18 Where lions laze
21 Nothing but space
23 Handle
24 Class
29 Used to be
32 Imperfection
33 Roof edge
35 Breathe like a bull
36 Reverse
37 Eventual monarch
39 Chip's chum
40 Beseech
41 Fluffy female
42 Mouth piece?
43 Antique ending
44 Impending peril
45 Pericles' portico
49 Mil. group
52 De Lesseps' ditch
54 Danny or Stubby
56 Hot rocks?
57 Early orchard?
59 Essence
61 Machinations
63 Some wines
66 Mr. Saarinen
68 See 41 Across
69 San —, Italy
70 Basics
71 "Dies —"
73 Interstate exit
74 Coll. cadets
75 Armada member
78 Shred
82 Kind of kiln
84 Prepare to be in "Baywatch"
85 Vigilant
86 Astronomer Khayyam
88 "Bali —"
89 New Haven hardwood
91 Brew barrel
93 "— Named Sue" ('69 hit)
95 Slips up
98 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
100 Biblical tyrant
103 Musical composition
105 Stream
106 Kevin of "SNL"
107 Unrestrained
108 Churchill trademark
109 Motown's Marvin
111 Organ part
112 Boxer Griffith
113 Hair coloring
115 — Grande, AZ
117 Present
118 Weekend warriors (Abbr.)
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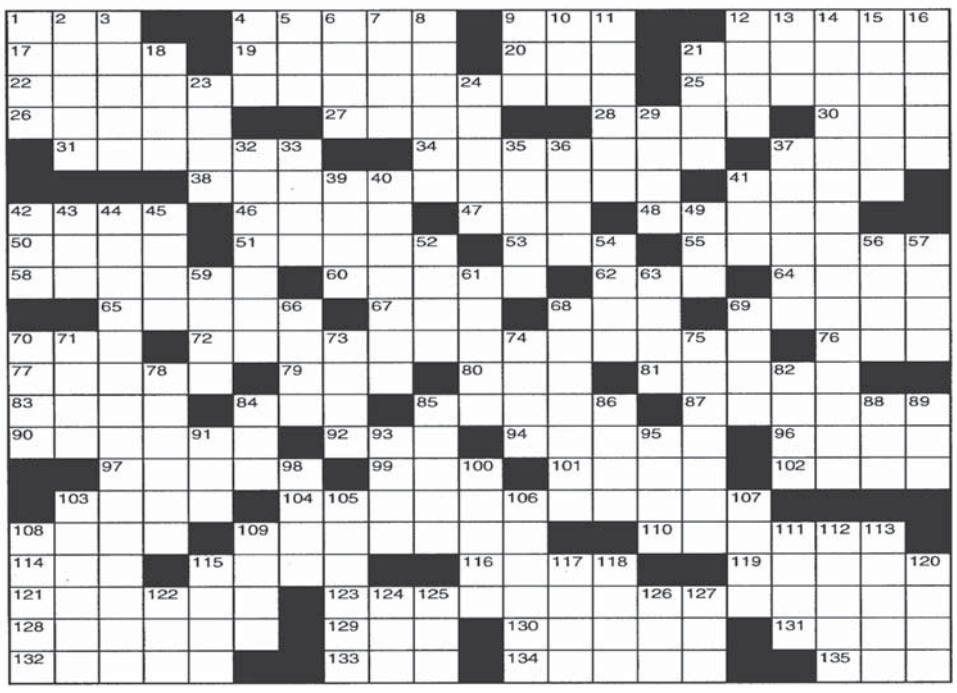

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

TRIVIA

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What state is home to the most of the Yellowstone National Park?
2. TELEVISION: What was Norm's wife's name in the sitcom "Cheers"?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of toads called?
4. PERSONALITIES: What 1950s television newsman signed off his broadcasts with the words, "Good night and good luck"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does recalcitrant mean?
6. MUSIC: What famous duo performed "Foggy Mountain Breakdown"?
7. MEDICAL: What common condition is known as cephalalgia?
8. INVENTIONS: Where were cross-bladed scissors invented?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Dracula"?
10. MOVIES: What famous actress played an uncredited bit part as a Halloween ghoul in the movie "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial"?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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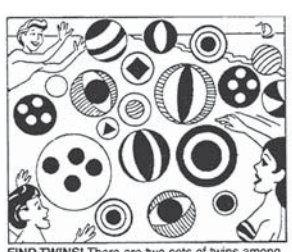
See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Kid's Corner



FIND TWINS! There are two sets of twins among the various beach balls above. See how quickly you can find both sets.

IN CROWD! Insert a consonant into the name of a desert animal and find the name of a California seaside resort. Into this name, insert a vowel and find a possible choice of center in a box of assorted chocolates. Time: 1 min.

Camel, Carmel, caramel.

LINK-UPS! This classic poser continues to present a challenge. We have six segments of chain containing five links each, at right. We would like to join these segments into one continuous chain by opening and closing the fewest number of links in the shortest amount of time.

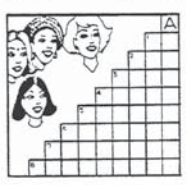
If it takes one minute to open a link, and one minute to close one, in how few minutes can we complete the circle?

Try puzzling it out.

Ten minutes — by opening all five links of one segment and using each link to connect ends of the others.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



ADD-A-LETTER WORD POSER

Add a letter in each step progressively at left, rearranging letters as necessary, to form new words in accord with the following definitions:

1. First letter of alphabet (A, in place).
2. In attendance.
3. Occupied a chair.
4. Hollywood status.
5. Gaze steadily at a person or thing.
6. Metal frames used in fireplaces, etc.
7. Unfamiliar
8. Police officers next below captains or lieutenants.

Time limit: 2 minutes.

1. A, 2. At, 3. Sat, 4. Star, 5. Stare, 6. Grates, 7. Strange, 8. Sergeant.

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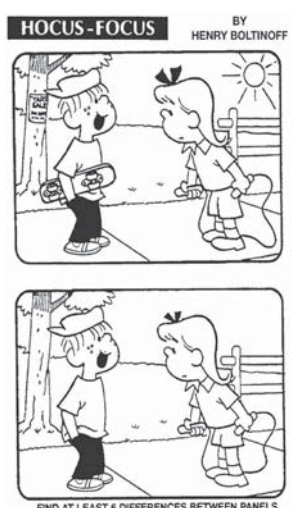
HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Poster is missing. 2. Skateboard is missing. 3. Bow is smaller. 4. Sun is missing. 5. Shorts are shorter. 6. Jump-rope is different.

PHOTOS BY SCOTT HANSEN

Stephanie Schildt makes her way through a mud pit June 30 during the annual Down and Dirty Mud Run series opener behind Soldiers Field House on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Lewis Main.

Community has good, clean fun during mud run

By Somer Breeze-Hanson
Northwest Guardian

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. (July 5, 2012) -- Jordan Sonora spent more than an hour getting ready for the first race of the Down and Dirty Mud Run Series, Saturday. With a superhero theme, the Navy corpsman painted his entire body green and donned purple shorts to run the annual Joint Base Lewis-McChord fun run dressed as The Incredible Hulk.

"I CrossFit a lot and people always say I get angry when I don't get a lift," Sonora said. "I decided to go green."

It took less than 20 minutes for his paint to come off as he progressed through various obstacles, sprinkler sprays and mud pits behind Soldiers Field House on Lewis Main before crossing the finish line in just under 26 minutes.

More than 500 runners competed in the first of two annual mud runs held each summer. With about 475 pre-registered runners, the check-in line delayed the start time by about 15 minutes. But time wasn't a concern for the majority of the participants who dressed in creative costumes just so they could ruin them.

Jen Shellard and Katie Brown pulled together matching outfits at the last minute and wore "Team Awesome" Angry Birds T-shirts. While the duo were soaked and dirty, Brown was expecting a little more.

"More mud!" she demanded afterward.

Seventeen-year-old Cameron Freshwaters repeated as Mud Run overall champ, finishing the race about five minutes ahead of second-place finisher, his father Brett Freshwaters. A cross-country and track athlete at Stadium High School, Freshwaters breezed through the 3.3-mile course in just under 19 minutes and was just about spotless.

"It was more like dirty water," Freshwaters said. "It really tests you because you're not just running, you're doing obstacles as well. It tests your endurance."

While some participants complained that there wasn't enough mud, Matt Freeth might disagree.

Dressed in nothing but swim trunks and running shoes, Freeth finished the run with mud in his mouth, up his nose and he guessed more than likely he had some in his shorts. He had the idea to run as superhero Silver Surfer, but he didn't have time to find silver paint for himself and his inflatable raft. He settled for just being a surfer.

"I liked the idea of the beach and since it's Washington, it's not really much of a summer," Freeth said.

Freeth not only had to maneuver through the low-crawl pits, mud pits and tires like everyone else, but he had to do so while carrying his raft. It proved to be the biggest challenge when running uphill against the wind.

Participants in the first 2012 Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Mud Run climb over an obstacle June 30 as they near the finish line.

Freeth finished 82nd overall, but the fun run did not award prizes to the top finishers in each age category. All finishers received a Down and Dirty Mud Run coin and were welcomed with a warm outdoor shower afterward.

BRIEFS

RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility hosts a racquetball tournament July 21. Novice, D, C, B, and A players begin at 8:30 a.m.; open players begin at 10 a.m.; and doubles players begin after open players. Players will referee games. If an overflow of participants register, some games may start July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is $15 per person for singles only, $15 per person for doubles only, and $25 per person for participants playing both singles and doubles. All pre-registered patrons will receive a T-shirt. Participants must register by July 18. Refreshments are provided and the event is open to the public.

For more, call 255-3794.

FALL YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION

Fall youth sports registration is now through July 31. Fall sports include tackle football for ages 8–12, cheerleading for ages 4–12, tennis for ages 7–18 and soccer for ages 4–17. Children must meet age requirements by Sept. 1. A current sports physical, and child, youth and schools services registration are required for participation.

For more information, call 255-9105 or 255-0950.

ENTERPRISE BASEBALL

Enterprise's semi-pro baseball team is in need of players. The team's record is 10-0, and it plays games against Dothan and Panama City this weekend.

People interested in joining the team should call Joe Jackson at 347-4275 or 806-6929.

RIDING STABLES RULES

Riding Stables staff reminds community members that letting horses out of their stalls can be dangerous to the horses and motorists. Visitors are also reminded to stay on the main roadways, do not approach any of the horses without owners' permission, stay out of the pastures and obey the speed limit of 10 mph at all times.

For more information, call 598-3384.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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TRIVIA

Answers

1. Wyoming
2. Vera
3. A knot
4. Edward R. Murrow
5. Resistant to authority
6. Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs
7. Headache
8. Early Rome, about 100 A.D.
9. Bram Stoker
10. Debra Winger (Nurse Zombie carrying a Poodle)

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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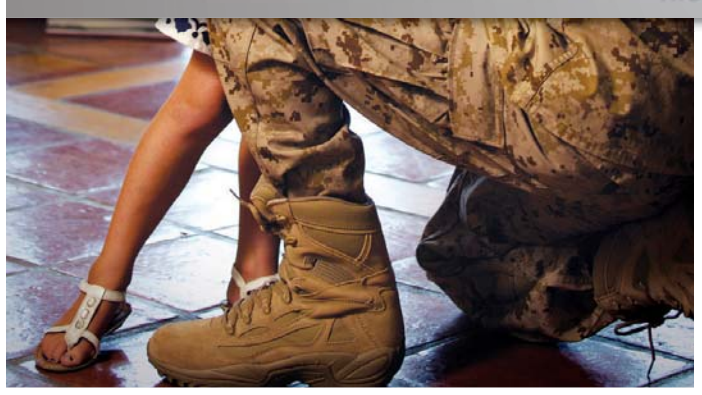

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