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## WARRIORS ON THE WATER

Story & Photos by Timothy L. Hale  
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Warriors and their professional bass angler partners head out on Lake Jordan at the start of the 7th annual Warriors on the Water Military Appreciation Bass Fishing Tournament, April 27, 2012. The tournament was a way to say “thank you” to the men and women who serve in the military.

CHATHAM COUNTY, N.C. – With the command to start engines, more than 150 high-speed bass boats turned the peaceful waters of Jordan Lake here into a churning mass of white foam.

Each boat carried a military service member from across North Carolina during the 7th annual Warriors on the Water Military Appreciation Bass Fishing Tournament.

They were all hoping to claim the

top prizes in the tournament that honors military members for their service but in the end, they came away with much more.

Three retired Desert Storm veterans, who wanted to show their appreciation to the men and women who are still serving, started the tournament in 2006.

“It’s not just about the fishing to win,” said Hal Abshire, Warriors on the Water president.

He said the military members “feel

more relaxed out on the water” and will talk with their fishing partners, some of who are military veterans themselves.

“This is a great way to say ‘thank you’,” he said. “This tournament costs the military nothing.”

Three Army Reserve Command headquarters personnel were some of the lucky ones chosen to participate.

Master Sgts. Anthony Garner, Ken-

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# RAVENS PLAYER VISITS FORSCOM/USARC



Photos and graphic by Timothy L. Hale/Army Reserve Command Public Affairs



Baltimore Ravens fullback Vonta Leach visited the FORSCOM/USARC headquarters April 3 to show his appreciation for the work performed by personnel here.

Leach, who grew up in Rowland, N.C., about an hour south of Fort Bragg, and played college football at East Carolina University, visited different directorates and signed autographs for football fans, no matter which team they cheer for.

Pictured clockwise from top are: Maj. Annmarie Daneker shows

her collection of NFL action figures in her workspace to Leach.

Maj. Ustacyia Allen shares her love of football with Leach.

Sgt. 1st Class Jovan Bowser, left, and Capt. Christopher Trailer, talk football with Leach.

FORSCOM/USARC employees line up for autographs on the back deck.

Maj. Tyonne Carter shares her Ravens pride with Leach.

Click the link below to see more photographs from the visit on the USARC-Fort Bragg Facebook page.



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# Reaching a USARC milestone

USARC Teammates,

As we enter the month of May and approach the summer season the USARC team at Fort Bragg approaches a significant milestone related to our move from Fort McPherson.

It was almost one year ago that we began to occupy the new headquarters building.

The past year has been a time of learning and discovery as we worked out some of the kinks inherent in any project of this magnitude.

Accordingly, in a couple of months, we will reach the end of the warranty period for the building.

As we approach that time I would ask all of you to be aware of your surroundings and report any maintenance issues promptly to the building maintenance team by calling 570-9611.

I also want to thank Building Manager Tony Jones and his staff for the great work they have done to keep our workplace well maintained both inside and out.

There are still a couple of residual tasks remaining before we can truly consider ourselves settled at Fort Bragg.

Early in April work began to renovate the Firestone building that was home to many of you during your first several months at Fort Bragg.

Later this summer the USARC/FORSCOM STB will move from the Old Bowley School to newly renovated offices in the Firestone Building.

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Renovations will also include a unit fitness center and additional locker rooms and showers.

Construction also began last week on a long awaited food service facility on the first floor of Marshal Hall between the employee entrances at the rear of the building.

When complete this summer the facility will house a Quiznos sandwich shop and a full service coffee bar with all of your favorite coffee beverages.

Finally, as we look forward to Memorial Day I urge each of you to take time to remember the soldiers and families we serve and those who have gone on before. Many who have made the ultimate sacrifice and many who are still serving in harm's way.

Enjoy time with your families and have a happy and safe holiday weekend.

Army Strong!



## MARSHALL HALL BLOOD DRIVE



**WHO: All willing and eligible FORSCOM/USARC Soldiers and Civilians**

**WHAT: FORSCOM/USARC Blood Drive**

**WHEN: May 31, 2012, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Marshall Hall KCR**

**The blood collected will support the war efforts or  
Womack Army Medical Center.**

### YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO DONATE IF:

1. You are at least 17 years old, feel well, and have a photo ID.
2. You know the names of medications you have taken in the last 30 days.
3. You weigh at least 110 pounds.
4. You had no body piercing(s) in the last 12 months.
5. You have not donated blood in the last 8 weeks for single unit or 16 weeks if double collection.
6. You are not pregnant or have not been pregnant in the last 6 weeks.
7. You have not had any dental work/surgery in the last 72 hours.
8. You have not had a cold or the flu in the last 72 hours.
9. You are not scheduled to jump in the next 72 hours.
10. You know when or where you have traveled outside the U.S. or Canada.
11. You know what shots or have your shot record for any shots/vaccinations received within the last 4 weeks.





# FRG Announcement!!!

Come join us for  
USARC's first family  
day hosted by the  
FRG!!!

22 June 2012  
1200-1600 – Polo Field

We will be serving (FREE):

- ❖ Hamburgers/Hotdogs
- ❖ Soda
- ❖ Chips/Popcorn
- ❖ Cotton Candy/Snow Cones

*Bouncy house for the kids!*

*Volleyball, Horseshoes, Football*

*Dunking Booth, Sac Races, and*

*Best Motorcycle Contest*

- Bring a lawn chair
- ✓ A smiley face
- ✓ Some good conversation
- ✓ And an empty stomach

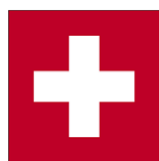






Top: Sgt. Maj. Malcolm A. Wolfe, Jr., USARC Chaplain sergeant major, demonstrates Australian rappelling during NCOPD, April 20, 2012.

Right: Sgt. 1st Class Faith C. Dickey, USARC G-1, steps off the 40-foot rappel tower during NCOPD, April 20, 2012.



# Swiss or AUSSIE?



## USARC NCOs make the “big slide”

*Story & Photos by Master Sgt. Steve Opet  
Army Reserve Command Public Affairs*

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - U.S. Army Reserve Command noncommissioned officers rose to a new challenge during the April NCO professional development session, building confidence while bolstering their courage.

Rappelling from a 40-foot tower was the highlight of the monthly team-building event.

Previous events have included combat-ives training, obstacle course and medical simulation training.

The rappelling exercise with the support of certified rappel instructors from U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the opportu-

nity to step out of my comfort zone,” said Master Sgt. Rhonda Beck, USARC G-1.

Beck said that rappelling both Swiss and Australian style provided her with a means to muster up her courage and do something that was both challenging and exhilarating.

“The trainers from USACAPOC were the consummate professionals ensuring that safety was the top priority while at the same proving an avenue of fun. They had my complete trust.”

Before making the big ‘slide’, the NCOs found their comfort zone wearing and using the gear on the smaller, slanted practice tower. Shouting “on rappel” to signal their readiness to descend, their rappel partner on the ground yells “on belay” while anchoring the rope.

This practice boosts both Soldiers’

confidence before making the climb up the big tower.

NCOs had their choice of rappelling down the wall or over the “skid” side.

“Actually, it’s easier going down the skid side,” said Master Sgt. John Itzin, USACAPOC training team.

He explained that beginners sometimes lose their footing on the wall and bang around instead of making a smooth descent, although many on the skid side did have their feet shoot up from under them as they went over the edge, adding a bit more excitement to an already exciting day.

Once everyone had safely landed to the applause and cheers of the onlookers, several Soldiers went back up to rappel again Aussie style – rappelling face down the wall.





# TCS Fraud: It's still a crime that does not pay

*Maj. Shannon Rice*  
*USARC SJA Fraud Task Force*

The Department of Defense has implemented several new policies which reduce the likelihood of travel fraud, but for those who have used mobilization as a way to pad their bank account or for anyone who is thinking about doing so, the results of recent courts-martial and other adverse actions should be a warning that this type of crime does not pay.

At the direction of the U.S. Army Reserve Command Deputy Commanding General, the USARC Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has recently expanded its efforts to take action against officers and Soldiers who have been investigated or are currently being investigated for travel fraud.

In some case an investigation may have been conducted as far back as 2008 for fraud that was committed in 2005 or earlier.

So if you are thinking that you can do it because someone else in your unit did so and got away with it, think again — they may not have gotten away with it and you likely won't either.

In addition to the cases cited below, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Fraud Task Force has initiated recoupment of over \$5 million in fraudulent payments and the Deputy Commanding General has issued numerous General Officer Memoranda of Reprimands in the past six months.

Several of these GOMORs have been issued to retirees and others have been issued in cases where the officer or Soldier was previously disciplined by placing something in their local file.

The bottom line is that if you defrauded the government, the Fraud Task Force is going to take a close look at your case and recommend appropriate action..

Recoupment of the funds is will be initiated in almost every case, whether the accused faces court-martial, administrative action or no discipline at all and is not limited to the fraudulent amount claimed.

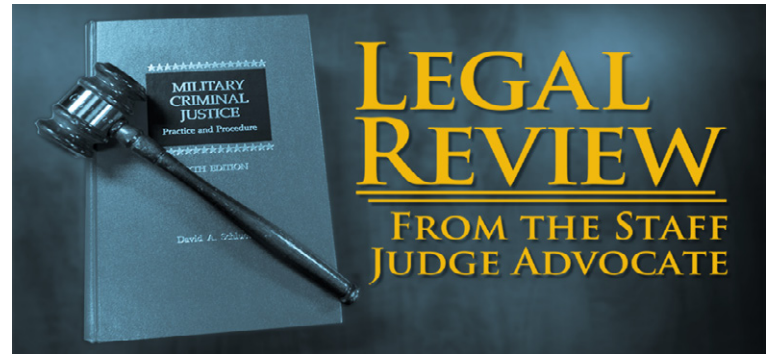
For example the Col. who was found guilty of committing fraud in the amount of \$63,000 will have \$127,984 recouped from his pay or from his tax returns.

This is known as the tainted voucher rule that provides for recoupment of the entire amount of the voucher and not just the fraudulent amount.

In other words, if you fraudulently claim \$100 on a \$5000 travel settlement the entire \$5000 voucher will be recouped not just the \$100 fraudulent claim.

In addition to adverse action and recoupment there are other administrative consequences that are possible.

For example the Lt. Col. who was court-martialed at Fort Bragg was reduced by the Army Grade Determination Review



Board from Lt. Col. to Capt. for retirement.

Even officers who have retired are subject to being reduced by the AGDRB.

This can mean the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of 20 years or more of retirement.

The AGDRB applies only to those lucky enough to be able to retire, but don't count on retirement as a given since administrative separation proceedings have also been or are being initiated against individuals who have committed fraud.

While many of the officers and Soldiers caught submitting fraudulent travel claims assert that they made honest mistakes, there are certain things that are never going to be considered an honest mistake.

If you submit a receipt for expenses for a company you created or that does not exist this is not an honest mistake.

If you arrange to rent your own property from a company then submit claims for the entire amount of "rent" even though you received most of it back this is not an honest mistake.

If you claim more than your actual amount of expenses to make sure you get reimbursed the maximum per diem that is not an honest mistake.

If anyone is telling you to do use one of these schemes because it is the way they did it, don't listen and seek a definitive answer on what you are entitled to in writing from a finance office.

Stealing from the Army might seem easy to do.

Besides, you hear about other Soldiers who are doing it, so why not you?

If they haven't been caught yet, they will be and so will you.

The excuse that other Soldiers are doing it too hasn't worked yet.

The Army wants its money back and will get it — however long it takes.



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# JUDICIAL OUTCOMES OF RECENT TCS FRAUD CASES

RANK - AMOUNT - LOCATION	ADJUDGED SENTENCE
COL - \$350,000 - Fort Myer	6 months confinement; dismissal; forfeit \$1,270 x6 months; \$250,000 fine
SFC - \$160,000 - Fort Belvoir	Reduction to E-5; \$20,000 fine
LTC - \$147,000 - Fort Bragg	4 months confinement; reprimand; forfeit \$8,198 x4 months; \$25,000 fine; (retired as CPT)
CPT - \$128,000 - Fort Benning	2 years confinement; dismissal
LTC - \$122,000 - Fort McNair	30 days confinement; dismissal; \$100,000 fine
SFC - \$101,000 - Fort Benning	9 months confinement; bad-conduct discharge
SFC - \$96,000 - Fort Hood	3 months confinement; reduction to E-6; forfeit \$2,000 x3 months
SFC - \$95,400 - Fort Knox	9 months confinement; bad-conduct discharge
MAJ - \$94,000 - Fort Sam Houston	60 days confinement; dismissal; forfeit all pay & allowances; \$34,000 fine
MAJ - \$88,000 - SD of MD	5 years probation; 8 months home detention; 40 hours community service; restitution
SSG - \$84,000 - Fort McNair	4 months confinement; reduction to E-4; \$7,500 fine
CPT - \$75,000 - Fort Myer	45 days confinement; dismissal; \$50,000 fine
LTC - \$75,000 - Fort Eustis	3 months confinement
SGT - \$64,800 - Fort Monmouth	60 days confinement; reduction to E-1; \$2,760 fine
SSG - \$57,000 - Fort McNair	6 months confinement; bad conduct discharge
SFC - \$56,000 - Fort McNair	Reduction to E-6; \$1,575 fine
COL - \$55,000 - Fort McNair	45 days confinement; dismissal; \$63,000 fine
1LT - \$52,000 - Fort McNair	5 months confinement; dismissal
LTC - \$50,000 - MD of FL	36 months probation; restitution \$25,000
CPT - \$50,000 - Fort Meade	6 months confinement; dismissal
MSG - \$50,000 - Fort McNair	3 months confinement; reduction to E-5; \$10,000 fine
SFC - \$50,000 - Fort Hood	Reduction to SPC; 60 days hard labor w/o confinement
LTC - \$45,000 - Fort Belvoir	5 months confinement; \$22,000 fine
SFC - \$45,000 - Fort Hood	Reduction to E4; 2 months hard labor w/o confinement; reprimand
MSG - \$41,000 - Fort McNair	Reduction to E6; reprimand
CPT - \$40,000 - Fort Eustis	5 months confinement; dismissal
CW4 - \$40,000 - EUCOM	Forfeit \$4,543 x6 months
CPT - \$33,000 - Fort Meade	6 months confinement; dismissal
MAJ - \$32,000 - Fort Knox	5 months confinement; forfeit \$2,000 x5 months
LTC - \$31,250 - ED of MO	5 months home confinement; 5 years probation; restitution

SOURCE: USARC/SJA







Lexington Common 19th of April, 1775 ... (Artist Don Troiani)

Painting by Don Troiani of Capt. Parker with his small company of average citizens, formed to protect their rights against an overwhelming force.

# Bringing stories from the past to life

Story by Jason Wetzel

Office of Army Reserve History

President John F. Kennedy said, "... art is not a form of propaganda, it is a form of truth."

This truth he refers to speaks to us from the walls of our conference rooms, lobby and corridors here at the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters.

The once blank canvases of sheetrock are now colorful with Army artwork, with an emphasis on the Army Reserve.

Historical scenes from the American Revolution to today's war on terrorism are showcased throughout USARC.

Over 50 framed paintings and prints are in place, with more planned.

Maj. Gen. Keith L. Thurgood, Chief of Staff, Army Reserve, approved the Office of Army Reserve History to display Army artwork in USARC.

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz said in 2009, "We've got to capture the history of the Army Reserve, all the great accomplishments and lessons learned, and importantly the people."

Shared conference rooms were named in honor of battles and campaigns selected from Army battle streamers. Many of the framed prints also include a battle streamer. It is this historical art that supports our Army heritage and lineage.

USARC prints are from today's most renowned military artists, such as, James Dietz, Don Troiani, Dale Gallon, Mort Kunstler, Rick Reeves, Keith Rocco, and more. These artists help the Office of Army Reserve History to create a visual record of the American military

experience.

"Through his meticulous attention to detail and historical accuracy, Dietz creates compelling images of the men and machinery that have shaped our century; recreating moments out of history and bringing to life stories from the past." (The Art of Jim Dietz website).

**"We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda, it is a form of truth."**

— John Fitzgerald Kennedy





This quote represents the essence of artwork throughout USARC.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once said, “Art is power” and nothing says “power” more than the dramatic images of Army Reserve soldiers in battle.

One is reminded of this power when entering the front VIP lobby and seeing the eight feet high by 16 feet wide Lexington Common 19th of April, 1775 mural by Don Troiani.

USARC art provides dramatic and colorful images of our Soldiers in heroic settings and this art brings to life our rich Army heritage as it motivates and inspires.

The Office of Army Reserve History will continue to bring to life the blank walls of USARC with powerful images of our Soldiers and the heritage of the Army Reserve.



Capt. Parker, who led the early Warrior-Citizens at Lexington Common in 1775, is the symbol of the Army Reserve and it is his profile that is the centerpiece of the Army Reserve crest.



**USARC shared conference rooms, with artwork, named for battles and campaigns:**

Room 5520.....	Lexington 1775
Room 5578.....	New Orleans 1814-1815
Room 5570.....	McHenry 1814
Room 5509.....	Saratoga 1777
Room 4901.....	Gettysburg 1863
Room 4906.....	Vera Cruz 1847
Room 4902.....	Fredericksburg 1862
Room 4435.....	Vicksburg 1863
Room 3901.....	Chickamauga 1863
Room 3905.....	Shiloh 1862
Room 3907.....	Chancellorsville 1863
Room 2901.....	Meuse-Argonne 1918
Room 2908.....	Champaign-Marne 1918
Room 2408.....	Santiago 1898
Room 1901.....	Southern-Philippines 1945
Room 1908.....	New Guinea 1943-1944
Room 1909.....	Rome-Arno 1944
Room 520.....	Ardenne-Alsace 1944-1945
Room 504.....	Anzio 1944
Room 522.....	Southern France 1944



**Ten Years Later, The Fight Continues... (Artist James Dietz)**

Ten years after the attacks on the United States and her allies at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the fight continues. U.S. forces, together with many allied nations have been engaged in combat operations in a multitude of areas that include both Iraq and Afghanistan.





# “The Sarge” visits Fort Bragg, Honors USACAPOC in Charlotte

*Story by Staff Sgt. Amanda Boersma  
U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological  
Operations Command (Airborne)*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - For most hot rod fans at the Four-Wide Nationals, it was the thunder of 30,000 horsepower engines in cars like Tony, “The Sarge,” Schumacher and Antron Brown’s U.S. Army Top Fuel dragsters that gained their respect in Charlotte, N.C., on Saturday April 14, 2012. But what Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Jacobs felt was more than just adrenaline, it was the symmetrical feeling of values that Don Schumacher’s Racing team upholds.

“It is more than just seeing the dragster with the U.S. Army Reserve paint scheme,” said Jacobs, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne).

“Tony and his crew use speed, power, teamwork and technology to achieve success, and that is what the Army uses to accomplish its mission.”

For longer than a decade, The U.S. Army has been an official military partner of the NHRA, one of America’s top-tier racing organizations. DSR drivers, Schumacher, seven-time world champion, and Brown, both feature the Army colors on their dragsters. “The Sarge,” featured a special U.S. Army Reserve paint scheme on his dragster for the NHRA Four-Wide nationals.

DSR recognizes a U.S. Army unit at each race and USACAPOC(A) was chosen for this NHRA event. Jacobs spoke before



**Dave Adamson meets Tony “The Sarge” Schumacher, 7-time NHRA Full Throttle Series Champion, at Fort Bragg, N.C., April 11, 2012. Schumacher carried the Army Reserve paint scheme on his top fuel dragster at the 4 Wide Nationals at zMax Dragway in Charlotte, N.C., April 13-15. Adamson, chief, manpower branch, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army Reserve Command, said. “We used to watch him all the time when we were in Iraq. He serves our (Army) image very well.” (Photo by: Timothy L. Hale/U.S. Army Reserve)**

the race and served as the master of ceremonies for an enlistment ceremony for new Soldiers on the quarter mile track.

Each time the U.S. Army Top Fuel Dragster races down the track, Schumacher’s crew must completely disassemble and reassemble the entire engine and test it in less than 30 minutes.

“They can’t be an idiot, they have to give 110 percent constantly because I am going to put my butt in that car and go 330 miles per hour in three seconds,” said Schumacher. He stressed the importance of surrounding yourself with quality people.

“People always tell me, ‘I can drive that car,’ then I ask them, ‘would you jump in that car if five of your closest friends were the guys who tuned it?’ He says that most of them immediately respond with, ‘no.’

Schumacher knows the importance of having the highest quality crew team. It takes an entire team to have seven world titles, 67 career wins, 110 final round appearances and 67 career poles since joining the U.S. Army racing team in the fall of

2000. During those years, he also captured six consecutive NHRA Top Fuel titles.

“When units go to Afghanistan, they don’t bring their, ‘B,’ team, they bring the best; their best equipment, smartest and the most well trained Army and leadership,” said Schumacher.

“I don’t want to show up to a race and be average, I want to win. I need the right people and the right team. That is why I drive for the Army.”

Jacobs expressed the parallelism of the physical, emotional, and mental strength that both organizations exude.

“As Tony is about his people, the U.S. Army is about it’s Soldiers,” said Jacobs. “Our Soldiers make the Army-Army Strong, and the Army is the strength of the nation.”

Overall, Schumacher finished in second place at the NHRA Four-Wide Nationals with a time of 3.83 seconds at 320 miles per hour, Brown coming in third place with a time of 3.84 seconds at 322 miles per hour. The event is the fifth stop of 23 races in the 2012 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series.



**Tony Schumacher, U.S. Army DSR Top Fuel Dragster driver, waits on the starting line before his first race of the day at the third annual NHRA Four-Wide Nationals in Charlotte, N.C., April 14, 2012. (Photo by: Staff Sgt. Amanda Boersma/USACAPOC)**





# Samuels honored for energy-saving

Story by Gary Sheftick  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON - An Army Reserve officer who researched the effectiveness of energy-saving “micro-grid” technology in Afghanistan was among nine Americans honored as “Champions of Change” by the White House, April 19.

As a civilian, Dr. Alan Samuels works as a research chemist at Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he studies remote-sensing technology for the Army. As a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, he recently returned from deployment to Afghanistan, where he supported the efforts of the Army’s Research, Development, and Engineering Command to evaluate better ways to more efficiently use energy in a combat environment.

“It’s a very humbling thing for me ... as a research chemist without any real expertise in power and energy,” Samuels said of being honored as a Champion of Change. “I am glad I was able to make a contribution to help out.”

Samuels deployed to Afghanistan in April 2011 to stand up a science and technology integration and collaboration center at Bagram Airfield. The colonel and his team collaborated and shared information with other Army and Department of Defense agencies in theater to address operational energy challenges there.

One of the efforts Samuels was involved in was to assess, in an operational environment, the efficiency of traditional power-distribution systems using generators, and how that changes with the addition of “micro-grid” technology. Traditional power-distribution networks on a forward operating base, in a combat environment, Samuels said, are using fuel inefficiently.

“We had 60kw generators putting out anywhere from 5-15kw around the FOB,” he said. “That is kind of bad news for the generator systems. They are using a lot of fuel they don’t have to. Second, there are maintenance issues. Since the generator is not running at its load, then it’s not reaching the temperature it needs to efficiently burn that fuel and put out the power,



**Lt. Col. Alan Samuels, who researched the effectiveness of energy-saving “micro-grid” technology in Afghanistan, was among nine Americans honored as “Champions of Change” by the White House, April 19. (Photo by: C. Todd Lopez/Defense Media Activity-Army)**

based on the demand.”

Micro-grid technology, Samuel said, makes the whole system more efficient and so they use less fuel.

“So what these computer technologies do as components of the micro-grid systems is sense that load and only turn on those generators that are needed,” he said. “And their maintenance, as well as their fuel consumption, goes way down.”

Samuels said in Afghanistan, in an operational environment, he was able to observe a 17-percent reduction in the amount of fuel used, relative to the baseline, just using micro-grid technology.

Samuels said assessments for how fuel usage numbers change, how efficiency changes with demand-side reductions in energy use, are still underway. The “demand side” of the energy equation is the user, and how much electricity he pulls from the grid.

Ways to reduce efficiency on the user side can involve things like improving the efficiency of environmental control units that cool and heat tents, placing shades over the tops of tents to reduce solar loads, and using thermal quilts to insulate tents, “so you are not trying to cool the tent when you really only have the thickness of canvas as insulation,” Samuels said.

Those kinds of improvements to demand-side efficiency could also significantly reduce the amount of fuel used on a FOB or a COB, Samuels said. But those assessments are still underway, because they will be conducted through multiple seasons in theater to get the best numbers.

Reducing the amount of fuel used in theater is not just an environmental concern, or even a cost concern - it’s a concern for the lives of soldiers.

“The Army’s mission is very dependent on power and energy, and upon our ability to adapt, change and innovate to the circumstances in which our forces find ourselves,” said Katherine Hammack, the assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Environment and Technology.

Technology, like micro-grids, can reduce fuel usage, and the great costs associated with providing it. “It means that we can have fewer fuel convoys on the road,” Hammack said. “One in every 46 convoys suffers a casualty - which means if we have fewer convoys over the road, we are saving lives.”



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# Parents of Fallen Soldier to Share Inspirational Message



*Chaplain (Maj.) Mike DuCharme*  
*USARC Command Chaplain Directorate*

The USARC Command Chaplain Directorate is excited to offer a spiritual fitness opportunity for our Soldiers and staff in the form of a prayer luncheon.

Please join us on Thursday, 10 May, starting at 11:30 a.m. at McKeller's Lodge for a buffet lunch, prayer, and inspiration.

A bus will be available at USARC headquarters leaving at 11:10 a.m. to bring 44 participants to the lunch. All others can car pool to the lodge.

Our keynote speakers are John and Lori Witmer. They will be sharing their journey of faith after losing their daughter Michelle, killed in action in Baghdad, Iraq in April 2004.

Their story received national attention when the Witmers' two other daughters, Charity and Rachel (also deployed),



*Sisters in Arms*

*A Father Remembers*

John Witmer



**(L-R) Rachel, Charity and Michelle Witmer. Michelle was killed in April 2004. Her parents will be the guest speakers at luncheon, May 10, hosted by the USARC Command Chaplain Directorate. (Courtesy photo/John Witmer/<http://www.johnwjournal.blogspot.com>)**

struggled with the dilemma of returning to their units in Iraq or remaining with their grieving family at home after the funeral.

The story aired on The Today Show and the HBO Documentary, "Last Letters Home: Voices of American Troops from the Battlefield."

The entire story is told in a book published by John Witmer entitled "Sisters in Arms: A Father Remembers."

I had the privilege of being Michelle's chaplain during that tour. Our first meeting will always be a significant spiritual moment for me.

My Forward Operating Base was on the east side of Baghdad while Michelle's company was on the west side.

I had taken the command sergeant major's security team for my weekly visit to Michelle's company.

Upon arrival I was surprised to find no Soldiers in the area. When I visited their operations center, I was told an urgent mission had been executed and they had forgotten to inform our operations center to cancel my visit.

Since there was a swimming pool in the area, I allowed the Soldiers some downtime while I sat outside and brooded over the waste of time and danger to the team.

I even questioned why God could have allowed this to happen.

At the peak of my frustration who should walk up but Spc. Michelle Witmer asking if I was her chaplain. Thus began a relationship that saw Michelle grow over the next couple of weeks in her excitement about her faith.

As tragic as her death was, it was a blessing to contact the Witmers and let them know how great Michelle had been doing spiritually.

It is amazing that God cares so much for each of us individually that he sent me to Michelle at just that time. God's love and grace are awesome!

This time of food, prayer, and inspiration will feed both the body and soul.

Tickets are available at the USARC Command Chaplain Directorate. Please RSVP [diana.blissett@usar.army.mil](mailto:diana.blissett@usar.army.mil) to reserve your seat.





## WARRIORS, from Pg. 1

neth Skinner, and LeRoy Tousant spent the day hoping to land a big winner.

But for the trio and the rest of the competitors, even having an experienced angler in the boat didn't make that many fish fill up their live wells in the boats.

"I was excited!" Skinner said. "I couldn't wait to show up for this. Even though we didn't catch very many fish we were out there on the water flipping the rod and we had a great time."

And like many fish stories, Skinner, and his partner, Brad Kimrey, had a "big one that got away."

"It was cool to turn around and see his rod bent about halfway over ... and him not knowing what was going on until that big one jumped out of the water," Kimrey said.

"Unfortunately, it jumped off about halfway to the boat," he said as he and Skinner both shared a laugh.

Tousant and his partner, Richard Jensen, landed two keepers totaling a little more than nine pounds.

"He (Richard) told me to just keep throwing and be consistent and don't give up," Tousant said.

For Garner, he said his day couldn't have gotten any better – well, maybe if had caught some fish it would have.

"The sun was shining, the water was smooth, it was a good day," Garner said with a wide grin.

"Unfortunately, we did not catch one fish but we had a good time," he said.

But besides being on the water and trying to land a trophy fish, the program provided the Soldiers something perhaps a little more lasting – the opportunity to build new friendships.

"It's a fun time," Tousant said. "Strangers become friends."

For more information about Warriors on the Water, visit their website at [www.facebook.com/WarriorsontheWater](http://www.facebook.com/WarriorsontheWater).



Master Sgt. LeRoy Tousant, with Headquarters, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Inspector General office, shows off one of his keepers during the 7th annual Warriors on the Water Military Appreciation Bass Fishing Tournament at Jordan Lake, Chatham County, N.C., April 27, 2012. The tournament was a way to say "thank you" to the men and women who serve in the military. Tousant is a native of Lake Charles, La.



Master Sgt. Kenneth Skinner, right, and his partner, Brad Kimrey, take off for another fishing spot during the 7th annual Warriors on the Water Military Appreciation Bass Fishing Tournament at Jordan Lake, Chatham County, N.C., April 27, 2012. Skinner, with Headquarters, U.S. Army Reserve Command, G-2/6, is a native of Mountain View, Mo.



## DOUBLE EAGLE

Have a great story to tell? Contact us with your story ideas by email at:

**USARC\_DoubleEagle@usar.army.mil**

*Deadline for submission is the 20th of each month*





# Mandatory Supervisor Training Deadline Approaching

If you supervise any of our Army Civilians you must complete required Supervisor training every three years. Your training must be up to date and documented by 30 June 2012. There are only three approved training course that meets this requirement:

- Human Resources for Supervisors [Course # X8BHRS]- this is a 3.5 day resident course.
- Previous version of the on-line Supervisor Development Course (SDC) [Course # 131 F21.
- Current version of the on-line SDC [Course # 1-250-C53]

USARC is sponsoring the HR for Supervisors Course through the end of June. Classes will be conducted at selected locations across the command. Seats are available on a first come-first served basis. Sign-up through the Civilian Human Resource Training Application System (CHRTAS) by following these instructions:

- <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/student/login.aspx?caller=1>

- Choose Apply for Training
- Choose Civilian HR Training
- Choose any Region
- Select course # XB8AHRS, HR for Supervisors.
- Complete application

Supervisor will receive request for enrollment action via email. Supervisor approval must be completed to be enrolled. Your unit/organization responsible for travel costs to attend training .

If you cannot attend this instruction you have the option to the on-line version. Sign-up is also through CHRTAS. Just select the Supervisor Development Course tab once you get to the Training Request page and complete the application.

If you have questions or need assistance feel free to contact the Civilian Training and Leader Development Section in the Civilian Personnel Management Office (CPMO) at USARC, (910) 570-9147/9026.

## Civilians need to be aware of changes in professional development training

Some significant changes to the Civilian Education System (CES) policy as of April 26, 2012.

The changes outlined below affect who is eligible for the different courses:

A. CES course attendance is now more effectively targeted towards specific civilian grades or pay Bands. Employees will now attend the CES course targeted for their current grade or have completed an equivalent military or civilian leader development course. Civilians may not enroll in a course that is higher than their current grade, although they may enroll in a course that is targeted for a lower grade. The CES courses and grade targets are indicated below:

**Foundation Course (FC):** GS 01-15 (hire date after 30 Sep 06)

**Basic Course (BC):** GS 01-09

**Intermediate Course(IC):** GS 10-12

**Advanced Course (AC):** GS 13-15 (no change)

**Continuing Education (CESL):** GS 14 -15 (no change)

Priority for attendance at resident courses for supervisors, managers, and Team leaders, per AR 350-1, Army Training and Leader Development, remains in effect.

B. This policy change also rescinds the 10-year rule for equivalent course credit. Employees who have completed specific TRADOC approved professional military

education (PME) courses or legacy civilian Leader development courses at any time in the past will have met the requirement for their target CES course. Equivalent credit requests previously submitted and subject to the 10-year rule will be automatically updated in CHRTAS to reflect the change to policy. Equivalent PME courses and civilian leader development courses are listed on the CHRTAS main menu.

The foundation course (FC) is required for all army civilians hired after 30 September 2006. The FC must be completed before the employee is eligible to apply for their target CES course.

C. CHRTAS now has the capability to auto-determine CES equivalent course completion, based on completion of specific TRADOC approved Professional Military Education (PME) courses or legacy civilian leader development courses. Course completion must be recorded in the employee ATTRS training history in order to be considered for meeting the CES target course requirement. If you need help with updating your ATTRS record check with your training coordinator in your unit/organization.

D. Current CES course reservations will not be affected by these policy changes. An employee who has a current reservation in a CES course may keep that reservation, even if he or she is not grade eligible for the course. Effective the date

of this message, new registrants for CES courses will be eligible for CES courses based on the new grade targets.

If you have questions or need assistance feel free to contact the Civilian Training and Leader Development Section in the Civilian Personnel Management Office (CPMO) at USARC, (910) 570-9147/9026.

### Nominations being accepted for DoD Executive Leadership Development Program

USARC is accepting nomination for the DELDP through 28 Jun 2012. This is a unique and very beneficial leadership development experience for GS 12-14's.

Designed as a year-long experiential program, candidates are centrally selected and funded by HQDA. If you are interested, review the application criteria outlined at the following link:

<http://cpol.army.mil/library/train/catalog/ch04eldp.html>.

Click on the application page at the bottom of this link to submit an application. Complete the application and forward applications to the Civilian Training and Leadership Section, [US-ARC\\_cpmo\\_tld@usar.army.mil](mailto:US-ARC_cpmo_tld@usar.army.mil), (910) 570-9147/9026.





# Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summit seeking nominees

The Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summit brings together military teens from reserve component families (Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve).

This year's Joint Reserve Component Summit is July 1-6, 2012 in the north Georgia Mountains.

The 6-day, 5-night experience offers teens an opportunity to grow and develop not only in their own leadership abilities, but also as reserve component military youth.

Teens will experience high adventure elements including climbing walls, rappelling down a rock face, whitewater rafting and other high adventure elements.

Teens will have opportunities to meet others from across the globe and share experiences while making new friends.

The objective of this Summit is to introduce military teens to not only their parent's military service branch, but also to the growing joint nature of their work.

Registration fees and airfare is covered through the Extension-Military High Adventure Camp initiative through a partnership among USDA-NIFA, Purdue University and the Office of Secretary of Defense Military Community & Family Policy.

Additional information and an online application is available at <http://www.georgia4h.org/jointreservesummit>.

Please apply by May 4, 2012; acceptance information will be provided by May 11.

## Rendering honors to the flag

The CSA and SMA discussed a significant change noted in Public Law 110-417 - Oct. 14, 2008 which contains SEC 595 noting a change from past practices. A change which many may be unaware.

The law states, "SEC 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS."

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

"(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

"(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

"(C) all other persons

present should face the flag and "stand at attention with their right hand over their heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart' and".

The key to the change in 2008 is that it allows the veterans to render the salute which allows them to present arms reflecting their military service to our country. The former law did not provide the veteran the option/opportunity.

Please ensure we continue to educate our Soldiers, those in transition, and when given the opportunity, our veterans as to the change in the law.

Although this change occurred in 2008, there are many who are unaware.

This law provides our veterans the opportunity to display their national pride and commitment to their country. But, on a larger note, allows everyone else to see the veterans among them who have served their country.

## Army looking for Smartcard Pilot Participants

If you have a spouse or know of an Army retiree who accesses Army Knowledge Online (AKO) via login username/password and lives near Fort Belvoir, Fort Bragg or Fort Jackson, they may want to participate in our smartcard pilot.

The Army CIO/G-6 recently extended its smartcard pilot for Army spouses and retirees through September 2012 after a very positive response to the October 2011 to March 2012 pilot.

We are evaluating smartcard identity authentication as an alternative to username/password login to websites -- such as Army OneSource, Army Family Readiness Group, milConnect, TRICARE Online and AKO.

Army spouses and retirees living near Fort Belvoir, Fort Bragg and Fort

Jackson are being asked to register for a smartcard, or renew their card by visiting the Smartcard Pilot page on AKO.

Non-FOUO users link to <https://ako.us.army.mil/suite/page/650680>. FOUO users link to <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/650680>.

The Army Spouse and Retiree Smartcard Pilot is part of a larger initiative to secure sensitive data on Army private web servers. The smartcard's public key infrastructure (PKI)-based authentication provides a more secure and convenient way to access Army and DoD online resources that contain personally identifiable information. The Army is also considering other solutions for family and retiree logon.

From October 2011 to March 2012, over 700 smartcards were issued to Army spouses and retirees (Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard) across five pilot installations. Surveys showed that 93 percent of respondents preferred using the smartcard over username/password and 64 percent used the smartcard at least once a day or several times per day to access Army and DoD websites.

The Army wants input from new smartcard users as well as from spouses and retirees who were accepted into the pilot's first phase. Pilot participants will have the same level of access to information as before - the only difference will be how they make the initial connection.





# XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Motorcycle & Bicycle Safety Rally May 16 at 0800



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# Take 5 for Safety

*What does "Take 5" mean to you? If you're like most people, you're probably thinking "take a break." But in safety, time can be both your enemy and your friend. That's why we're asking you — wherever you are and whatever your plans — to Take 5 and think about your environment and situation. Then ask yourself one simple question:*

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