



## Incoming Chief credits family for his success

Story by Melissa Russell

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ANGIE, La. - Much like the many Citizen-Soldiers who serve in both communities and the military, Army Reserve Maj. Gen. (P) Jeffrey W. Talley credits his family for his ability to be successful in both endeavors.

Following the May 1st confirmation by the Senate for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as the Chief of the Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command, family support will play an even greater role for Talley as he takes command of the 205,000 Soldiers and over 12,000 civilians that comprise the Army Reserve.

From Talley's perspective, strong family support is essential to success in the military. "I can't imagine accomplishing what I have through multiple deployments and in over 30 years of service without the loving support of my family."

Talley met his wife, Linda, at Louisiana State University, they were married in their senior year, the same year Talley was sworn in as an officer in the Army. "Both of our families have been the foundation for me throughout my personal and military career."

Linda Talley's mother, Muriel Lorraine Hall currently resides in nearby Angie. "I'm so proud of Jeff with all he's done and all the schooling, he's still a family man he keeps up with his children. He survives in two worlds because civilian life is so different from the military," she said. "Linda



Then Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Talley, center, poses with his in-laws, Louis R. Hall and Muriel L. Hall, at the Maxwell Club on Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 2007, when Talley was promoted to brigadier general. (Courtesy photo)

takes care of things when he's away but when he's at home its 50-50, they work well together in their lives - I think that's why they work so well together."

"I never worry about Jeff. He will accomplish what he has to do and he will accomplish it in a fantastic manner because that's the way he is. I'm very, very proud of Jeff and I'm very proud of my daughter - I'm proud of all my children."

As the Chief of the Army Reserve, Talley will be the principal staff adviser to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army on all Army Reserve Affairs. He will be responsible for policy decisions and the development of Army Reserve budgets and training pro-

grams, as well as the management of Army Reserve troop program units, individual mobilization augmentees, and the active guard/reserve program; and serve as the appropriation director of all Army Reserve funds.

Talley was nominated by President Obama on March 20, 2012, and will replace Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, who has held the position since May 25, 2006. Talley will be promoted to lieutenant general on June 9th just before Stultz relinquishes command at a ceremony at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the Headquarters, U.S. Army Reserve Command. Talley will im-

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*Story & Photos by Timothy L. Hale*  
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FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters here, stepped out from behind their desks for a ruck march, May 11, 2012.

Marching to the beat of a cadence of “hard work, work,” sung by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Rivers, the NCOs moved along the nearly five mile course across the hills and trails of Smith Lake Recreation Area at a brisk pace.

Many of the Soldiers said it was a nice change of scenery from working inside the headquarters.

“It’s something different,” said Master Sgt. Rodney Tello, with USARC Staff Judge Advocate Office, the directorate charged with leading this month’s event.

“It gets you out of the office. That’s why we joined the Army – to be Soldiers.”

The NCOs had a surprise participant when Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz, the senior NCO for the Army Reserve, donned a ruck to march with the Soldiers.

“It’s not about sitting behind a desk – that’s what we’re asked to do. But at the end of the day, we want to be Soldiers,” Schultz said.

Schultz said that participating in physical activities such as road marches, weapons qualifications and honing Warrior skills goes hand-in-hand with the actual jobs that Soldiers do.

“As long as we’re doing that, as well as our jobs, that’s what keeps Soldiers happy,” he said.

More importantly, Schultz said the NCODP program conducted at the USARC headquarters sends a message to the rest of the Army Reserve.

“We are the leadership for the 205,000 Soldiers that we have out there,” Schultz said.

“If we’re not doing those same things in our headquarters that we’re asking our downtrace units to do, we’re failing as leaders.”

Keeping the mood light throughout the event was key for Sgt. 1st Class William Steward, with the USARC Augmentation Unit. He joked with the Soldiers and helped keep the cadence lively during the march.

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# Army Reserve ready to help

When Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005 and wreaked havoc on New Orleans, brave responders - from the Army National Guard to individual volunteers - descended upon the city as part of a frantic effort to control damage.

Meanwhile, thousands of highly-trained Army Reserve transportation specialists, medics and emergency responders stood-by in nearby Belle Chasse, La., ready to provide much-needed support.

Unfortunately, these Soldiers were legally restricted from doing so. A law limiting the Army Reserve's ability to provide assistance during natural disaster response operations, such as those for tornadoes, floods and hurricanes, stood between these reservists and their neighbors who would have benefitted from their disaster response skills.

Thanks to new language introduced under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, Army Reserve Soldiers can now provide disaster relief and emergency management at the community-level, and can respond to requests for emergency assistance from state governors and the president. With hurricane season approaching and more than 10,000 Army Reserve Soldiers stationed in Florida alone, this development is bound to save lives, prevent suffering and minimize property damage.

This change in legislation will have a tremendous impact on our nation's emergency relief efforts, as Army Reserve Soldiers represent a majority of the Army's relief capabilities.

The Army Reserve currently comprises 100 percent of the Army's biological operations and railway units; more than two-thirds of its medical brigades and combat support hospitals; and nearly half of its military police commands and supply units.

Until recently, these resources were not being used to aid in community-level and domestic national disasters and emergencies.

Having led the nation's largest Army Reserve command and coordinated joint efforts during large-scale disaster relief efforts, I can speak directly to the importance of this new law. Less than one year into my time with the 377th Theater Sustainment Command, my Soldiers and I were tasked with taking the reins in Haiti during Operation Unified Response following the 2010 earthquake. As leaders in this response effort, we worked directly with the Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development and non-governmental agencies to help restore Haiti to a pre-earthquake condition.

In addition to bringing their combination of military experience and training to Haiti, many of my Soldiers also brought the compassion and empathy of individuals who have been personally affected by a natural disaster. Based out of Belle Chasse, La., hundreds of them lived through Hurri-

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Maj. Gen. Luis R. Visot



cane Katrina or served with those who had, and they brought that experience with them to help alleviate similar pain for the people of Haiti. Their unique experience as citizen-Soldiers made the best candidates for the job.

Florida has the third most Army Reserve Soldiers of any state, many of whom specialize in disaster relief-specific capabilities such as medical support, emergency response and transportation. This new law presents a significant opportunity for Soldiers to continue using their military and civilian training despite draw-downs in overseas combat zones. With increased chances to use these skills to protect communities, Soldiers will stay on top of their game for their next deployment. Their communities will benefit.

National tragedies such as Hurricane Katrina should forever remind us how devastating an impact a natural disaster or emergency can have. With proper planning and execution, this new language included in the NDAA 2012 will result in a vast improvement in our nation's ability to protect American citizens and their communities.



**Army Reserve Pvt. Quiana Gomez, with the 196th Transportation Company, Orlando, Fla., keeps track of supplies being loaded at the Fort Pierce, Fla. airport, Jan. 24, 2010, in support of Operation Unified Response. The supplies included bottled water, non-perishable food and other comfort items for Haiti earthquake relief. (Photo by Timothy L. Hale/Army Reserve Public Affairs)**







Noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters are reflected in water during an NCO Development Program event at Smith Lake Recreation Area, Fort Bragg, N.C. May 11, 2012. The ruck march, covering approximately five miles, was the latest NCODP event conducted monthly by USARC NCOs from the different staff sections in the headquarters.

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“We are the leadership for the 205,000 Soldiers that we have out there. If we’re not doing those same things in our headquarters that we’re asking our downtrace units to do, we’re failing as leaders.”

– Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz  
USARC Command Sgt. Maj.



U.S. Army Reserve Command Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Schultz, encourages Soldiers during a NCO Development Program event at Smith Lake Recreation Area, Fort Bragg, N.C. May 11, 2012.







"I try to motivate the troops," Steward said. "I try to keep everybody upbeat and going."

"I luckily am a morning person. False motivation is better than no motivation at all so we've got to keep them going," he said with a smile.

Each USARC directorate leads the monthly NCODP for the headquarters. Previous events have included combatives, medical training, confidence course, and rappelling.

The program took off in full stride in January utilizing the training opportunities that Fort Bragg has to offer – training not readily available when the headquarters was located at Fort McPherson, Ga.



Clockwise from above: Sgt. 1st Class William Steward, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Waskewich and Master Sgt. Michael Williams, step up the pace near the end of the ruck march at Smith Lake Recreation Area, Fort Bragg, N.C. May 11, 2012.

Master Sgt. Rodney Tello, U.S. Army Reserve Command Staff Judge Advocate Office, checks on the progress of Soldiers. Master Sgt. Lillian Rivera-Contreras is all smiles as she nears the end of the ruck march.

Noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters move through the Smith Lake Recreation Area.



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# Soldiers share military experiences at career day

Story & Photos by Timothy L. Hale  
Army Reserve Command Public Affairs

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Soldiers from the U.S. Army Forces Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters shared their experiences of serving in the military with students during Career Day at New Century International Elementary School here, May 3, 2012.

This was the first career day event in the two-year history of the school that featured Army and Air Force service members along with firefighters, police officers, lawyers, bankers, physicians, and natural resource officers.

Principal Felix Keyes said hosting a career day is a good way to let children know what their future could hold for them.

“We may light a spark in somebody today that they hadn’t even thought about before,” Keyes said. “I would advise any school to bring them in and let the children be exposed to those different careers.”

Fielding a variety of questions, particularly those dealing with combat, from the youngsters proved interesting at times for the Soldiers but they instead focused on the positive aspects of serving in the military such as humanitarian missions and the opportunity to travel to different parts of the world.

Capt. Marisol Chalas, a UH-60 Blackhawk senior pilot with U.S. Army Reserve



**Capt. Marisol Chalas, a UH-60 Blackhawk pilot with U.S. Army Reserve Command Aviation Operations and Plans Division, hands out aviation-related stickers to students during Career Day at New Century International Elementary School, Fayetteville, N.C., May 3, 2012. Soldiers with U.S. Army Forces Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command spent the day with students answering their questions about serving in the Army. At right, Lt. Col. Samuel Driver, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Aviation Operations and Plans division chief, answers questions from students.**

Command Aviation Operations and Plans Division, said the kids were very smart but often don’t completely understand what the military is all about.

“They watch a lot of video games and sometimes they think the video game is the reality of what we do – especially us flying helicopters,” Chalas said.

“We tell them in reality our job is to not only go to war but we also do a lot of humanitarian missions,” she said, highlighting her missions from the earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Katrina relief missions to assisting in building clinics in the Dominican Republic.

“We are out there in a time of conflict but we also do really good things for the community and the world,” she said.

Principal Keyes said many of the students have one or both parents serving in the military at nearby Fort Bragg, N.C., and having service members visit the school can help other students understand what the military is all about.

“There are lots of different jobs (in the military),” Keyes said. “The kids pretty much know what their parents do but they don’t realize all of the different things

the military has to offer. It’s good to have different people come out and talk about different jobs they have in the military.”

Even though they were elementary school students, guidance counselor Mary Bethea said a school holding a career day is key for them at their age.

“Plan a career day,” Bethea said.

“Help your students to become aware of careers so that when they grow older and become our future, they have some guidance,” Bethea said.



**Capt. Jason Tolbert, U.S. Army Reserve Command, G-3/5/7 Force Management, uses a globe to show students many of the places he has served in the Army.**

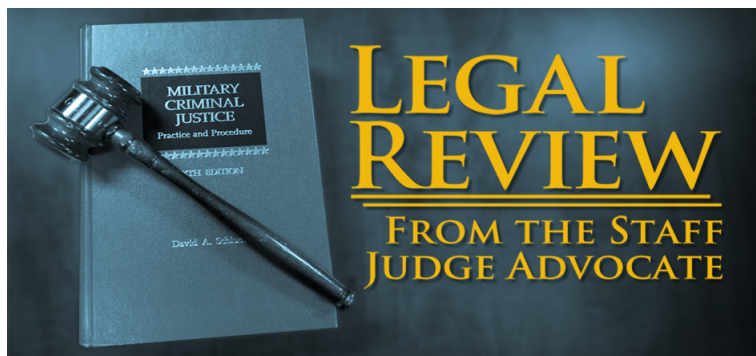


**Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas Baker and Ken Volker, U.S. Army Reserve Command aviation safety officer, talks with students during Career Day at New Century International Elementary School, Fayetteville, N.C., May 3, 2012.**





# Hatch Act: Defining political activities by civilian employees



Story by Lt. Col. Lance Von Ah  
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In light of the Presidential Election, Army Reserve civilian employees should be familiar with the Hatch Act (5 USC 7321), which governs participation in political activities.

Civilian employees, regardless of their duty status, will not:

- Use their official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election. This includes:
  - Use their official titles or positions while engaged in political activity.
  - Invite subordinate employees to political events or otherwise suggest to subordinates that they attend political events or undertake any partisan political activity.
- Solicit, accept or receive a donation or contribution for a partisan political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group. For example:
  - Host a political fundraiser.
  - Invite others to a political fundraiser.
  - Collect contributions or sell tickets to political fundraising functions.
- Be candidates for public office in partisan political elections.
- Knowingly solicit or discourage the participation in any political activity of anyone who has business pending before their employing office.

Civilian employees *may not* engage in political activity – i.e., activity directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group – while the employee is on duty, in any federal room or building, while wearing a uniform or official insignia, or using any federally

owned or leased vehicle. This includes:

- Distribute campaign materials or items.
- Display campaign materials or items.
- Perform campaign related chores.
- Wear or display partisan political buttons, T-shirts, signs, or other items.
- Make political contributions to a partisan political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group.
- Post a comment to a blog or a social media site that advocates for or against a partisan political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group.
- Use any e-mail account or social media to distribute, send, or forward content that advocates for or against a partisan political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political group.

Civilian employees, not on duty, *may* engage in partisan political management and campaigns. This includes the following:

- Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections.
- Register and vote as they choose.
- Assist in voter registration drives.
- Contribute money to political campaigns, political parties, or partisan political groups.
- Attend political fundraising functions.
- Attend and be active at political rallies and meetings.
- Join and be an active member of political clubs or parties.
- Hold office in political clubs or parties.
- Sign and circulate nominating petitions.
- Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, or municipal ordinances.
- Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections.
- Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections.
- Distribute campaign literature in partisan elections.
- Volunteer to work on a partisan political campaign.
- Express opinions about candidates and issues.

The Hatch Act further restricts certain civilian employees (generally intelligence and enforcement-type positions) from engaging in partisan political management or partisan political campaigns. Civilian employees should contact their servicing Judge Advocate before they participate in political activities if they have any questions regarding what is or is not permissible.



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Check it out at <http://www.civilian-training.army.mil>.

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# Supervisor training ends June 30, 2012

Army Reserve personnel, both military and civilian, that supervise Army Reserve civilian employees are reminded of the requirement to complete approved Supervisor training within the past three years as of June 30, 2012.

Supervisors have the option to take the on-line Supervisor Development Course (SDC) or attend one of the remaining HR for Supervisor classes, being sponsored by Fort McCoy, Wis. Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and at the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Information about these courses can be found on the Civilian Human Resource Training Application System, or, CHRTAS website at:  
<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/student/login.aspx?caller=1>.

Additional information can also be found by contacting the Civilian Training and Leader Development Division at USARC headquarters, via email [USARC\\_cpmo\\_tld@usar.army.mil](mailto:USARC_cpmo_tld@usar.army.mil) or by telephone at (910) 570-9026/8343/9147.

## Nominations being accepted for DoD Executive Leadership Development Program

Headquarters, U.S. Army Reserve Command is accepting nomination for the DoD Executive Leadership Development Program through June 28, 2012.

DELDP 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 Headquarters, Department of the Army.

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, [USARC\\_cpmo\\_tld@usar.army.mil](mailto:USARC_cpmo_tld@usar.army.mil), (910) 570-9147/9026.

## CPMO releases dates for USARC new personnel orientation

## Williams recognized for 40 years of Army service



U.S. Army Reserve Command Chief Executive Officer, Tad Davis (left), attaches a 40-year service pin to the lapel of Edward Williams, Chief, Enterprise Services Division, and G 2/6. Williams was recognized for 40 years of combined Federal Service. Williams started his career in 1972 as Soldier with the 569th Personnel Services Division, Nuremburg, Germany. Williams began his civilian Federal service in 1992 after retiring from the Army. (Photo by Master Sgt. Steve Opet/U.S. Army Reserve Command)

## Civilians are encouraged to apply for Emerging Leader Program

The Defense Civilian Emerging Leader Program is now accepting applications. DCELP is open to permanent GS 7-11's.

This year's program will concentrate on developing emerging leaders in the Acquisition and the Financial Management communities. Some limited Human Resource personnel slots are also available. Selection is based on a competitive review process.

For more information - [http://www.cpmo.osd.mil/lpdd/dcelp\\_index.aspx](http://www.cpmo.osd.mil/lpdd/dcelp_index.aspx).

The U.S. Army Reserve Command Civilian Personnel Management Office has scheduled the following dates for new USARC personnel orientation.

- June 21 - Room 1901 (L)
- August 23 - Room 4901 (L)
- October 25 - Room 4901 (L)
- December 20 - Room 4906 (L)

This training is mandatory for all military and civilian employees assigned to the USARC headquarters.

For more information, you may contact Katherin deLeon at 910-570-9026 or email: [USARC\\_ATRRSPZ@usar.army.mil](mailto:USARC_ATRRSPZ@usar.army.mil).





# Maj. Bradley honored at Fayetteville ceremony



Story & Photos by Master Sgt. Stephen Opet, Army Reserve Public Affairs



(LEFT) - Cadet Roberto Rodriguez escorts Eddie Boykin, mother of Major Harrietta Bradley, USARC G8, during the 5th Annual Field of Honor event at Fayetteville's Veterans Park. The flag that Rodriguez bears is in honor of Major Bradley, one of 10 recognized during the opening ceremony. More than 900 flags, each representing a veteran, can be seen at the park through June 30.

(ABOVE) - Charles Johnson and Eddie Boykin, proudly pose at the Field of Honor with their daughter Major Harrietta Bradley.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. - A remarkable sight at the Fayetteville Veterans Park greeted visitors during the 5th Annual Field of Honor ceremony and display.

More than 900 flags waved in the breeze symbolizing all who are currently serving, those that have served, and the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our nation's security and freedom.

Each flag came with its own story, displaying a tag identifying the person who sponsored the flag and the flag honoree. In addition to the field of flags, 10 selected veterans were honored by having their biography read while their flag was placed at the walkway leading to the Field of Honor

Maj. Harrietta Bradley, deputy chief of Reserve Pay, U.S.

Army Reserve Command, G-8, was the first veteran honored that day.

"I'm extremely honored, so honored that I had to ensure that I had both my parents here," said Bradley. "I feel really good about representing USARC, and it lets Soldiers know that people do care, that Fayetteville cares."

Bradley's mother, Eddie Boykin, travelled from Little Rock, Ark. for the special day.

As Bradley's citation was read, her mother carefully secured the flag in place.

"I am very, very proud of my daughter," Bradley's mother said. "She has been an asset, I believe, to our country - I'm just a proud mother."

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mediately be sworn-in as the 32nd Chief of Army Reserve following the change of command ceremony.

According to Linda Talley, the transition has been fairly easy because military is a big part of how she was raised.

"My father was military and I was raised military," said Talley.

"My mother prepared me that there were times we would have to put the needs of the Nation before our own. I support the country by supporting my husband."

Most recently Talley served as the commanding general, 84th Training Command (Unit Readiness), Fort Knox, Ky., relinquishing command on April 14.

He has over 30 years service in the Army and Army

Reserve in a variety of command and staff positions from platoon to division level, including time on the Joint Staff in Washington D.C., and served on the Secretary of Defense's Reserve Forces Policy Board from 2009-2012.





# Building togetherness through Strong Bonds



*Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James L. Boggess  
USARC Chaplain's Office*

One of the best kept secrets in the Army Reserve is the Strong Bonds program.

I am sure some of you have heard of Strong Bonds, but you may not understand what it is or how it works.

The Strong Bonds program is a chaplain-led program designed to provide Soldiers and their Families with positive relationship skills. When you have the right tools you can build and maintain positive personal relationships, both at home and at work, while improving your overall well-being. For Soldiers with families, Strong Bonds provides an opportunity to focus on the most important relationships in their lives, the ones with their spouse and children.

## **How does the Strong Bonds program work?**

Research shows that training in communication skills, intimacy, and conflict management increases satisfaction in personal relationships, marital relationships and reduces rates of family violence. With increasing demands being placed on Soldiers and their Families, interpersonal relationships are fully tested. When Soldiers and their Families enjoy healthy relationships a major stressor is reduced.

The Strong Bonds program helps build a healthy Army. Strong Bonds retreats are held at an off-site location, like a hotel or resort, to help eliminate many of the day-to-day distractions.

This change in location helps develop an environment that allows the participants to focus on their most important relationships with limited interruption. A team of instructors provides training, and practical exercises that are designed to improve inter-personal relationship skills. The Strong Bonds program has events that focus on the needs of single Soldiers, married Soldiers and Families. Any Army Reserve Soldier may attend one Strong Bonds event each fiscal year.

## **What is it like to attend an event?**

All events are held at a hotel or resort and participants wear civilian clothing to make the environment more informal and relaxed. The event takes place over a weekend and involves ice



**Army Reserve soldiers and their spouses participate in a Strong Bonds couples retreat in Minneapolis, Minn., on July 30, 2011. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Felix Fimbres/USCAPOC(A) Public Affairs)**

breakers, classroom instruction, practical application, and one-on-one time to help participants put the training into action.

No uniforms are allowed and everyone is instructed to leave their rank at the door. While everyone is encouraged to actively participate in the group activities, no one is ever asked to disclose anything personal to the group. Couples and families primarily focus on each other, while single Soldiers work in small groups to improve their communication skills.

Strong Bonds for Singles events focus on providing information on developing positive interpersonal relationships, and improving interpersonal communication. These skills benefit single Soldiers at work, at home, and help them make better relationship choices.

Strong Bonds for Couples is designed to help strengthen the marital bonds by giving couples the time and tools to improve their communication skills, develop a better understanding of each other, and build their relationship through class room instruction, practical exercises, and tools that can be used for the rest of their lives.

Strong Bonds for Families helps improve inter-generational communication by improving both the parents' and children's listening skills. This helps the children feel valued and empowered while re-enforcing the parents' leadership role. Children are active participants in family events with parents developing additional skills in caring for and managing the Family unit.

## **What have people been saying about Strong Bonds?**

Many Army spouses have stated that the Strong Bonds program was the first time they felt included and valued by the Army.

An initial five year study of the program seems to indicate

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# GO FOR BROKE



## 442nd Regimental Combat Team still serves with honor



*Story by Christopher Ruff  
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In commemoration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, the Office of Army Reserve History highlights the history of the sole remaining Army Reserve combat unit, the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry.

Their motto, “Go for Broke”, originated with the Hawaiian pidgin phrase used by craps shooters risking all their money in one roll of the dice.

The 442nd has the distinction of being the highest decorated unit in the history of the United States Armed Forces.

For combat service in WWII, the 442nd received 21 Medals of Honor, 33 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, 560 Silver Stars, (28 of which were awarded twice) 22 Legion of Merit Medals, 15 Soldier’s Medals,

4,000 Bronze Stars (1,200 awarded twice) and 9,486 Purple Hearts.

The 442nd was composed primarily of Americans of Japanese descent called “Nisei”. In the aftermath of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the loyalty of Japanese Americans was called into question. Japanese Americans found themselves classified as C4, (enemy aliens) and were not subject to the draft.

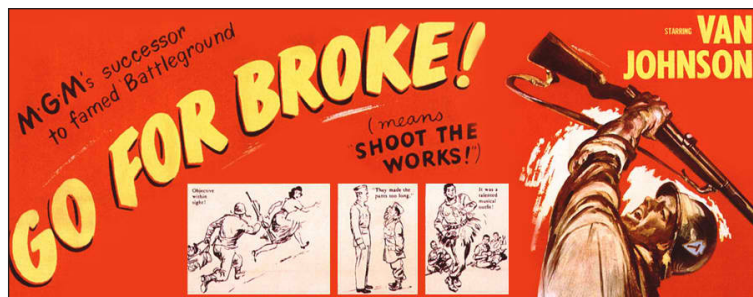
In addition, the Department of Defense had thousands of Japanese Americans confined to camps on the West Coast.

Soldiers from the 298th and 299th Infantry regiments of the Hawaiian National Guard were formed

into a Hawaiian Provisional Battalion and sent to training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin on 12 June 1942. On the 15th the battalion was designated the 100th Infantry battalion (separate).

The stellar training record of the 100th caused the Department of Defense to reverse its decision and approved the formation of a Japanese American combat unit.

President Roosevelt heralded the for-



A movie poster for “Go For Broke” starring Van Johnson, tells the story of the Japanese Americans who formed the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in 1943 and served in Italy and France in WWII. (Courtesy of Google.com)







mation of the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat team saying, "Americanism is not and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

The 100th Battalion deployed to Northern Africa in preparation for the invasion of Italy. The 442nd Combat team joined the 100th as replacements at Anzio, Italy on 28 May, 1944.

The Battalion battled the Germans in numerous engagements across Italy and into Southern France from 26 June 1944 to 2 May 1945.

The outstanding service of the 442nd led General George C. Marshall to state: "The men of the 100/442nd took terrific casualties. They showed rare courage and tremendous fighting spirit ... everybody wanted them."

By the war's end, over 14,000 had served in the ranks of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Among the members of this prestigious unit is Senator and Medal of Honor winner Daniel Inouye.

As a new 2nd Lt, Daniel Inouye was fighting to break German defenses in Tuscany, Italy. He led his platoon against enemy machine guns when he was shot in the stomach.

He ignored the wound despite its severity and continued to press the attack.

He collapsed from blood loss after destroying two machine gun nests.

When he regained his wits, he continued to within 10 yards of a third enemy position and raised his right arm to throw a grenade into it. At that moment, a German rifle grenade struck and severed his arm.

He warned fellow Soldiers not to come to his aid for fear that his severed arm would release its grip on the primed grenade.

He clutched the grenade from his severed arm and lobbed it in on the Germans with his left, destroying a third position.

After this, he rose to his feet and silenced the last resistance with a left-handed burst from his Thompson.

The 442nd was de-activated in Honolulu in 1946, but reactivated in 1947 as a Reserve unit.

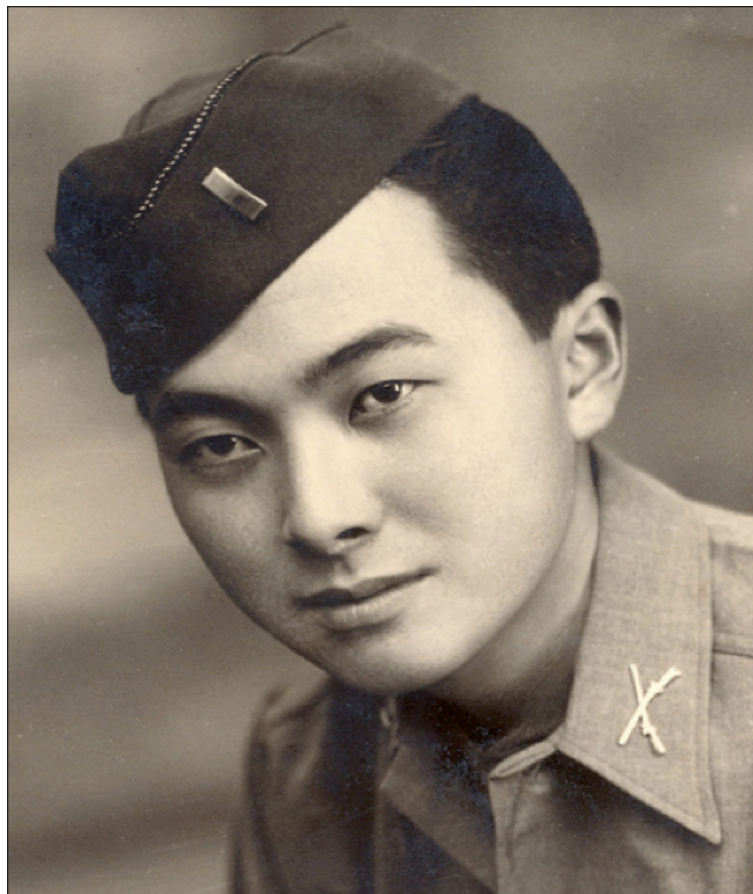
During the Vietnam War, the 442nd was mobilized in 1968 to refill the Strategic Reserve while carrying on the unit's honors and lineage.

In August 2004, the battalion was mobilized for duty in Iraq where it was stationed at Logistics Support Area Anaconda in the city of Balad, 50 miles northwest of Baghdad.

In Iraq the unit suffered 4 killed in ac-

tion and was instrumental in finding over 50 weapon caches.

Today the 100th battalion, 442nd Infantry maintains headquarters at Fort Shafter, Hawaii and remains the sole infantry unit in the Army Reserve.



**1st Lt. Daniel Inouye, now a U.S. Senator, pictured as an infantry officer in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions near Tuscany, Italy, April 21, 1945. (Courtesy of Defense.gov)**



**Samoa-based U.S. Army Reservists of Bravo and Charlie Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, 9th Mission Support Command, brush up on their combat skills during weapons qualification recently. More than 100 soldiers returned to American Samoa, June 30, 2010, after completing 18 days of training. (Photo by Spc. Nadya Langkilde)**





# FORSCOM/USARC give the gift of life

*Story & Photos by Timothy L. Hale  
Army Reserve Command Public Affairs*

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – The command conference room in the U.S. Forces Command and U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters building here was turned into a blood donor center May 31, 2012.

This was the first time a blood drive had been held in the combined headquarters since both command arrived at Fort Bragg last year.

Soldiers and civilians filled out forms, answered a battery of questions from medical screeners, and then rolled up their sleeves to give the gift of life.

Staff Sgt. Colin Green, a medical laboratory specialist, Womack Army Medical blood donor center, said that holding a blood drive at workplace is a great way to meet collection needs.

“We try to get the donors in their place of work, which is easier for them,” said Green.

“They can come down, give a pint of blood, and go back to work.”

Green said that while every pint counts anytime a blood drive is held, the numbers are not the most important consideration for a successful event.

“For every unit that you get, it is one less that you have to acquire from somewhere else. Each unit (collected) is a success,” he said.

“There is always a need ... so we have to keep the freshest possible blood for our military overseas as well as our Armed Services Blood Program,” he said.

Erika Miller, the FORSCOM/USARC Family Readiness Group leader, was one of the first civilians in line when the blood drive started.

She donated blood because she knew the pints collected would be going to those who need it – Soldiers serving overseas.

And she should know about Soldiers, her husband, Jason Miller, is the FORSCOM/USARC headquarters company first sergeant.

“It’s a high demand (for blood) and it’s for a good cause,” she said.

Green said it takes the body about eight weeks to replenish one pint of blood donated.



**Erika Miller, FORSCOM/USARC Family Readiness Group leader, donates blood during a blood drive at the U.S. Army Forces Command/U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 31, 2012. This was the first blood drive held at the combined headquarters since both commands relocated from Fort McPherson, Ga. in Atlanta in 2011.**



**A phlebotomist draws samples of blood from a donor during a blood drive at the U.S. Army Forces Command/U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 31, 2012**

## **BONDS, from Pg. 11**

that Army couples who attend Strong Bonds programs have half the divorce rate of Army couples who have not attended a Strong Bonds program. Participants also indicate that after attend the event they have higher levels of satisfaction with their personal relationships.

**How do you attend a Strong Bonds event?**

The easiest way is to log on to

**[Strongbonds.org](http://Strongbonds.org)**, select the Event – Find An Event pull down menu.

On the next page select the Army Reserve logo and then select the type of event. A list of events will appear. Look for an event in your region and follow the instructions.

**[Strongbonds.org](http://Strongbonds.org)** also has information and helpful links. Consider signing up today!





# FRG Announcement!!!

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

**Friday, June 22, 2012**  
**at SPORTS USA!**  
**Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

We will be serving (FREE):

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

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- ✓ A smiley face
- ✓ Some good conversation
- ✓ And an empty stomach





## Calling all volunteers for the USARC FRG FAMILY DAY

Please help our FRG by donating  
theme baskets to  
Auction at Family Day.

You can donate as an individual or as a directorate.  
The themed baskets must be neatly put together  
for display and turned into HHC NLT 15 June.

Suggested theme ideas:

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Wine & Cheese  
Chocolate Candy  
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# Take 5

for Water Safety

- Learn to swim and use a personal flotation device when necessary.
- Alcohol and water do not mix!
- Read and obey all rules and posted signs.
- Never dive into lakes and rivers — hidden dangers may lurk beneath the surface.
- Watch for the dangerous “too” — too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much strenuous activity.
- Know how to prevent, recognize and respond to emergencies.

*Take 5 ... then take action.*



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