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From left: White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady. Command Sqt. Maj. William Wofford, White Sands Test Center Commander Col. David Cheney, Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ward, Garrison Command Sqt. Mai. Robert Parker, White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation President Francis Williams, White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation Treasurer Jon Gibson, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich, Dara Parker, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Tom Udall, Rene Romo, and DPW Director Jose Gallegos break ground for a new museum gallery during the Jan. 15 ceremony at the White Sands Missile Range Museum.

By Miriam U. Rodriguez Editor

The White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation presented White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady with a check in the amount of \$858,433 during a groundbreaking ceremony Jan. 15 outside the White Sands Missile Range Museum to begin the construction of a new museum gallery.

"With the construction of new facilities we will have the opportunity to expand the scope of our exhibits," Brady said. "Some new exhibits will contain a Science. Technology, Engineering and

Mathematics, or STEM, component with online content built in to support it. STEM education is one of our major focus areas as we work with our middle and high schools, community colleges and universities to develop and inspire our workforce of the future"

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Employees and residents were able to get information on a wide range of health and wellness subiect areas to include nutrition, sports and fitness, accupuncture, stress relief and preventive medicine.

McAfee Clinic trains at Trinity Site



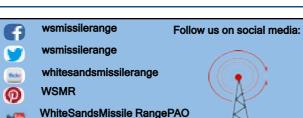
McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic Soldiers conducted Nuclear Accident or Incident Response Assistance training at Trinity Site in January to validate their readiness in regards to the installation nuclear surety mission.

Soldiers, such as Spc. Daniel Diaz, began by taking turns detecting radiation at Trinity Site. Soldiers were then given an intravenous infusion class by a Navy Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman. Soldiers discussed procedures for performing intravenous infusion while using a M-95 mask and then ran through decontamination procedures.

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WSMR builds bridges during WSMR Day at NMSU

By Chuck Roberts Staff Writer

It's only about 20 miles from New Mexico State University to White Sands Missile Range, but to some their nearby military neighbor is a secretive place just over the Organ Mountains.

But thanks to the first WSMR Day at NMSU Jan. 30, where WSMR employees spent the day chatting with engineering students, the impression became more of a small military community where world-class science and testing takes place – sort of like where Mayberry meets Star Wars.

"We are dispelling the myth that is White Sands Missile Range," said Mariette Mealor, deputy director of Leadership and Professional Development at WSMR and organizer of the event. "We are taking advantage of a great opportunity to showcase WSMR and share information about who we are and what we do, and that we're not some mystical place over the mountains."

"It's helpful, very helpful," said Victoria Clarke, a mechanical engineering student at NMSU. "I knew there was a lot at White Sands, but I didn't know it was split into so many divisions. I liked that there was a different table for everything, and having the chance to find out exactly what



Annie Soto, left, discusses career opportunities at White Sands Missile Range with Oscar Olivas, an information engineering technology major at NMSU.

each place does."

Filling the lobby of the College of Engineering were WSMR representatives from areas such as the Army Research Laboratory, Materiel Test Directorate, Information Management Directorate, and the Navy which has had a presence at WSMR since early testing with the V-2 rockets from Germany.

Those representatives also included recent NMSU graduates such as Heather Tylka, a WSMR intern who works as an

operations research analyst in the Materiel Test Directorate.

Tylka could connect with the students because it has only been a year since she graduated from NMSU with a master's degree in industrial engineering and became a WSMR intern and future full-time employee.

Tylka said she has enjoyed her time at WSMR where she has experienced a great deal of training and involvement in a variety of projects.

She said numerous stu-



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY CHUCK ROBERTS

White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady, left, talks with Juan Sanchez, an intern from the Materiel Test Directorate at WSMR during WSMR Day at NMSU Jan. 30.



Tim Worley, right, explains the Navy mission at White Sands Missile Range to an engineering student during WSMR Day at NMSU

dents she met were interested in learning what her job entails and how to apply. For help with navigating the USAJobs site where WSMR iobs are listed and applied for, WSMR had a separate venue upstairs focused on USAJobs, resume writing, interview skills, and what life is like at WSMR on a daily basis.

Clarke, who had indepth conversations with various WSMR representatives, wasn't a hard sell. The third-year engineering student said she is interested in a career with the Department of Defense that involves testing and the opportunity to remain in Las Cruces. So yes, Clarke said she is "definitely inWhite Sands."

The event was also a good fit for Oscar Olivas, an information engineering technology major who enjoyed the casual setting versus the more formal atmosphere of a job fair. "I think it's great to get to see the different aspects of White Sands all in one place," said the El Paso, Texas, native.

In addition to exchanging useful academic and professional information with representatives such as Tylka, Olivas said attending the event made him feel he was on the right pathway for success. And at the end of the road, he also sees a government career working with the military, and

terested in working at one that lets him stay close to home.

> That was music to the ears for Mealor who envisioned such meaningful exchanges when coordinating the event.

"This is awesome. It far exceeds my expectation," said Mealor while observing the event that had begun only a few hours prior. "The interest from both the staff and students and their engagement right now is fantastic."

If you missed the WSMR representatives at WSMR Day at NMSU, there is one upcoming job fair at UTEP - Engineering & Science Career Expo on Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Union Building East on the 3rd floor. 💠

Museum

"On behalf of myself and Command Sgt. Maj. William Wofford I want to thank Museum Director Darren Court and the White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation for their patience, hard work and most of all their dedication in making this event possible after

many years of planning," Brady said.

The foundation raised a total of \$555,000 over 20 years, then received a large donation from Paul and Joy Arthur. The White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation was responsible for providing part of the funding to build the first permanent building that stands today. The new museum gallery will replace the temporary building that sits next to the current permanent building.

In 1992, the commanding general of WSMR at the time, Brig. Gen. Richard W. Wharton, Jr., was interested in starting a museum at WSMR. So he called on three civilian employees and told them to start a museum. Wharton had a small portable building from HELSTAF moved to an empty lot where the permanent museum now stands. WSMR employees Ed Townley and Irving Rubenstein then wrote a grant requesting the seed money to start a museum foundation, which would be the fund raising arm for the museum. The White Sands Missile Range museum was founded in 1994.

"This is gratifying. It is great," Townley said. "When we first started we thought we were going to have a small gift shop, a small temporary museum."

Townley said it is overwhelming to see what has happened over the last 20 years.

"When we first started we had a temporary building and then the foundation raised the money to build the current building. It is just a wonderful transition," Townley said.

"I think WSMR is the most historic place in the world. We've had a lot of very committed employees who served on the foundation and contributed money to building the museum, and because of the involvement of employees (and other donors) we were able to accomplish this," said WSMRHF President Francis Williams.

Brady shared a story Williams told him about how for over twenty years WSMRHF members and volunteers sold fajita pitas and T-shirts at several venues to help raise funds for the museum.

"This shows her selfless service and dedication," he said.

Brady also thanked all the individuals and businesses who donated funds to help make this day possible. A special thank you went out to the family of Paul and Joy Arthur, who, through the Rear Admiral Paul K. Arthur, Ret., and Joy L. Arthur Living Trust, donated \$337,912 to this effort.

Paul and Joy were longtime employees of WSMR and both were inducted into the White Sands Missile Range Hall of Fame.

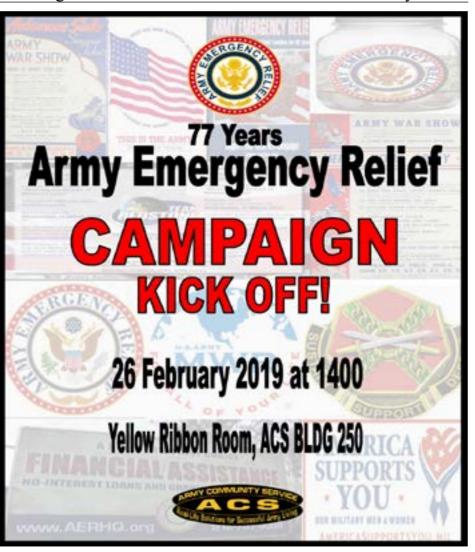
Also present were field representative for U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich, Dara Parker, and field representative for U.S. Senator Tom Udall, Rene Romo.

"The WSMR museum is key to preserving this part of history and paying tribute to the individuals, military and civilian, working in service to our nation. I commend and thank all of those who helped make this new museum building possible. It has been a many years long effort by those who understand the immense value of the installation and its people," Heinrich said in a letter read by Parker at the ceremony.

"This 4,000 square foot renovation would not be on the verge of becoming a reality without the determination of Museum Director Darren Court, the White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation, and its President Francis Williams, WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady, and the many volunteers here today who have worked so hard on this project," said Udall in a letter read by Romo at the ceremony.

"With this renovation the museum will now be able to showcase the story of a range that has played and continues to play a key role in defending our nation's national security," Williams said.

"Brig. Gen. Richard W. Wharton, Jr., was a visionary who felt that the history of WSMR had to be preserved by establishing a museum," Williams said.



WSMR Exchange offers two sweepstakes

Army and Air Force Exchange Public Affairs

Two sweepstakes are giving Soldiers and their families a chance to take their BE FIT lifestyle to the next level.

From Jan. 18 to Feb. 18, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is offering military shoppers a chance to win the Fill Your Gym Bag Sweepstakes, sponsored by Adidas.

Ten winners worldwide will each receive a \$100 Exchange gift card toward filling up their gym bag with fitness necessities, from fitness trackers to the latest sportswear

to name-brand shoes and accessories, all of which can be found in Exchange stores or online at Shop-MyExchange.com.

The second sweepstakes will award five winners a Schwinn 830 treadmill, which is valued at \$799 and features a high-resolution LCD monitor, a media shelf and a USB charging port. The worldwide sweepstakes entry period runs from Jan. 18 to Feb. 18.

"The Exchange is dedicated to promoting a BE FIT mind-set for WSMR Soldiers, retirees, military families and Veterans," said Exchange General

Manager Michael Brennan. "These sweepstakes help make staying ready and resilient a little more affordable."

Authorized Exchange shoppers 18 years and older can visit ShopMy-Exchange.com/sweep-stakes to enter. Honorably discharged Veterans who have determined their eligibility to shop at Shop-MyExchange.com can enter, too.

No purchase is necessary to win, and the sweepstakes are each limited to one entry per person. Winners will be notified around the end of February.

Las Cruces Arts Fair returns

Doña Ana Arts Council

The Doña Ana Arts Council's Las Cruces Arts Fair, the area's most expansive collection of art and fine crafts, returns for the ninth year to the Las Cruces Convention Center March 1 through 3.

Over 100 artists from across the country, some returning favorites and other first-time exhibitors, will offer work in eight categories, including jewelry, mixed media, fabric, painting and drawing, print making and photography, porcelain-pottery-glass, recycled materials, and woodwork-metalwork-sculpture

The fair kicks off Friday evening, March 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., giving collectors the first opportunity to see and buy work directly from the artists. The Las Cruces Arts Fair continues Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

There will be entertainment by flamenco guitarist Jake Mossman Friday evening and Saturday and food and beverages will be available to purchase.

This year's featured artist is Hal Marcus of El Paso, Texas. Marcus is a self-taught artist whose sense of color originated from the influences of Mexico, where as a child he accompanied his grandmother on weekly visits to the Juarez market. He was inducted into the El Paso Artists Hall of Fame in 2003, served as chair of the El Paso Mu-



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The Doña Ana Arts Council's Las Cruces Arts Fair returns to Las Cruces for the ninth year March 1-3 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

seum of Art Advisory Committee, and is of the owner of Hal Marcus Gallery, which exhibits only local art

DAAC is donating space for two student booths, representing emerging artists from New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College. Students participating in the fair are challenged to learn to display their pieces, price their work, and discuss their art with the public. Be one of the first to collect the work of these up-and-coming artists.

In addition, each exhibiting artist will contribute an item to a silent auction, which will close Sunday at 2 p.m. All fair proceeds benefit DAAC's many children's art programs.

For the third year, a Quick Art contest will be part of the fair, with 16 artists creating art as the audience watches, with all pieces then available to purchase by silent auc-

tion. The Quick Art contest will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon.

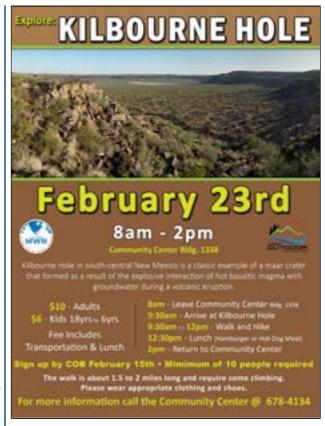
Tickets are \$10 for adults at the door or \$15 for a two-adult pass when purchased in advance. Children aged 12 and under are admitted free. Ticket holders may reenter the event one additional day at no charge. Tickets may be purchased in advance online at www.daarts.org; in Las

Cruces at the DAAC offices, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla; Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road; The Frame and Art Center, 1100 S. Main St., and in El Paso at the Hal Marcus Gallery, 1308 N. Oregon Avenue;

The Las Cruces Convention Center is located at 680 E. University.

For more information, go to www.daarts.org or call the DAAC office at (575) 523-6403.







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Amnesty Day allows ammunition turn in



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Amnesty Day gives people the opportunity to turn in government issued or privately owned ammunition and explosives without reprisal.

By Adriana Salas de Santiago Staff Writer

The White Sands Missile Range Safety Office along with the Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surveillance from the Materiel and Test Directorate collaborated to host an Amnesty Day, Oct. 31 where four, 40 millimeter cans full of ammo were collected. Amnesty Day provides an opportunity for the WSMR workforce and residents to turn in government issued or privately owned ammunition and explosives. Ralph Stuck, WSMR Safety Office chief said last year's event was the largest collection they have received since the inception of the program four years ago.

"We wanted to let people know that Amnesty (day) is truly that and we just want to make sure property is disposed of properly," said Carol Hickman, WSMR Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surveillance

The most common

type of ammunition that is turned in, according to Stuck, is ammunition that Soldiers may have unintentionally kept during a training exercise or when testing weapons out on the field. The event is intended to cater to those Soldiers or employees who fear reprisal if they turn in ammunition that should have been turned in earlier.

"This is a no questions asked event," Hickman said. "That is the whole purpose of amnesty."

By regulation, at least one Amnesty Day must be held on post. Hickman said they try their best to coordinate the date towards the end of the year at a time that is most convenient for the installation. The location is off of Highway 70 near Gate A-18 at the truck parking area. Stuck said he doesn't want young Soldiers, civilians or contractors to feel like there isn't a means to turn in an item that may be dangerous to keep in their possession. However, he said it is difficult to convey the message of anonymity and

no reprisal for events like these. He hopes to improve the communication process to increase the amount of turn-ins at the event and year-round.

"People are still hesitant to come and turn in stuff," Stuck said. "Now we know what we need to do for the next one."

If you missed the Amnesty Day window, there is a year-round Active Amnesty Box for small arms, 50 calibers and below, that is located at the Ammunition Supply Point main gate, off of WSMR Route 19. If you wish to turn-in an item that is above 50 calibers, a pickup can be scheduled throughout the year by either contacting the safety office or Hickman.

"All they need to do is give (us) a call and we will help them turn the item in," Stuck said.

"They can even call me privately and arrange to meet in private," Hickman added.

For more information or to coordinate a pickup, call Carol Hickman at (575) 678- 4052 or Ralph Stuck at (575) 678- 3921.





Sexual Harassment / Assault Response & Prevention













Steps to be Active a success

By Adriana Salas de Santiago Staff Writer

Thirty four million seven hundred sixty five thousand eight hundred fifty four steps were taken at WSMR from October to December 2018. thanks to a 12-month walking program, led by the White Sands Homes and WSMR Wellness, a program created to maintain health and wellness within the WSMR workforce and community. The steps were completed by 166 individuals who participated in last quarter's step program.

Dawn Armstrong, WSMR FMWR fitness program specialist and WSMR Wellness coordinator said the program has created fun incentives for the WSMR community to get fit and be active.

"The Steps to be Active program started out for WSMR to just be a program to get healthier and overall jumpstart your health," Armstrong said. "However it actually turned out to be more about community and camaraderie."

For the October through December quarter the steps program was advertised as a competition between WSMR Department of Defense employees and WSMR resident. Of the 166 participants, 69 were residents and 97 were DoD employees. The residents beat the DoD in the overall step count. Residents came in at 21,926,650



The Post Chapel came in first in the number of steps taken as part of the Steps to be Active program.

steps with only 69 participants and employees came in at 12,839,204 steps. The organization with the highest score was the Post Chapel at 9,425,096 with 15 participants made up of WSMR DoD employees and residents combined. Armstrong said the friendly competition really stood out for the installation.

"We came together as one instead of competing against each other," she said. "I saw people actually exercising and they did it with purpose. They were getting involved in White Sands."

The steps were not only tracked in the form of walking but also through several different aspects of exercise like muscular strength, endurance and flexibility. During the course of the three-month program participants were provided incentives like wellness shirts, personal training, fitness classes, or Fitbit to reach their goals.

"I heard residents wanted to be a part of

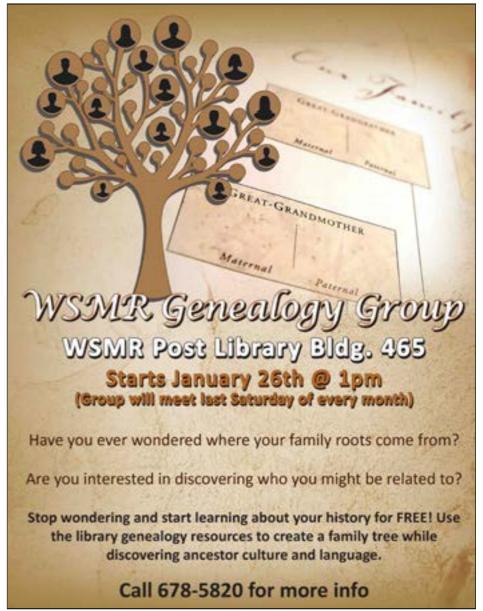
something active and this was it. It was why we did so well for such a small installation," she said.

The individual with the highest overall steps was WSMR Resident Yadira Ibanez at 1,971,381 steps. The male with the highest overall steps was DoD employee Matthew Barrett at 1,905,165 steps.

"The importance of your health really can be summed up as being able to do something that you love and feel good about and that is exactly what we did, we worked together in this program and we were successful," Armstrong said.

For more information about the steps program visit Bell Gym at the first upcoming Wellness Education class, Wednesday Jan. 30 from 11-1 p.m., or contact the gym at (575) 678-3374.







Community Calendar

Community Calendar submissions are compiled by the Public Affairs Office. Any WSMR organization wishing to publicize an event on this calendar should submit information to usarmy.wsmr.atec.list.ranger@mail.mil.

Frontier Club Lunch Specials

Friday, Feb. 8

Frontier Club - Hot wings

Monday, Feb. 11

Frontier Club - Sweet and sour pork

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Frontier Club - Green chile enchilada

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Frontier Club - Sausage and peppers

Thursday, Feb. 14

Frontier Club - Green chile meatloaf

Friday, Feb. 15

Frontier Club - Specials from the grill

Monday, Feb. 18

Frontier Club - Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Frontier Club - Tostada carnitas

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Frontier Club - Green chile Alfredo

Thursday, Feb. 21

Frontier Club - Barbeque

Friday, Feb. 22

Frontier Club - Smothered burrito

Monday, Feb. 25

Frontier Club - Kung Pao chicken

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Frontier Club - Red chile enchilada

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Frontier Club - Chicken parmesan

Thursday, Feb. 28

Frontier Club - Beef Stroganoff

Closed Saturday and Sunday



- Feb. 18 President's Day Holiday
- Feb. 27 Military Civilian Council Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Frontier Club



Frequently Called
Numbers

Aquatic Center 678-1068

Army Community Service 678-6767

Arts and Crafts Center 678-5321

Auto Crafts Center 678-5800

Bell Gym 678-3374

Bowling Center 678-3465

CDS 678-2059

Community Center 678-4134

Commissary 678-2313

Frontier Club 678-2055

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