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Thomas Brading / Army News Recently-confirmed Secretary of Defense Mark Esper gives remarks during his farewell to the Army, July 24, in the Pentagon Auditorium. The event recognized Esper for his distinguished public service as Secretary of the Army from November 2017 to July 2019.

## Secretary Esper thanks Soldiers in farewell message

By Thomas Brading | Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Being secretary of the Army was "a dream of a lifetime," said Mark T. Esper, during his farewell address in the role a day after swearing in as defense secretary.

To him, the event was a chance to say thank you to everyone he's worked with and who "brought the Army to the next level," adding today is not about "me," it's about "we.

The ceremony, hosted by Gen. Mark A. Milley, Army chief of staff, recognized Esper for his distinguished service as the 23rd secretary of the Army, a role he held since November 2017.

Esper was "the right leader at the right time for our nation," Milley said. "Everyone across the entire Army wishes you the best.

"Our Army is more ready and more lethal than it's been in many years," he added, and because of Esper, the Army will "maintain dominance well into the

During the event, Esper was awarded the U.S. Army Leadership Award by Ryan McCarthy, the acting secretary of the Army. In addition, Esper received the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service (Bronze Palm) with a citation by Richard Spencer, who at the time of the citation, was acting secretary of defense.

According to Spencer's citation, Es per exhibited "outstanding leadership" in organizing, training, and equipping the Army and also prioritized taking care of people by advocating for servicemembers to the American public, foreign dignitaries, and government officials.

Esper agreed that taking care of people was his top priority.

While meeting Soldiers, Esper said he was "constantly struck by the expertise and dedication by those who take up the profession of arms." And with every policy written under his watch, he said he always thought of the Soldiers, families and civilians on the receiving end.

Under Esper's leadership, he led the Army's reform initiatives with "extraordinary business acumen," Spencer wrote. For example, he established the Army Modernization Strategy by "collaborating with private sector innovators and experts to form and strengthen longterm, strategic partnerships."

Due to this, Army leaders accomplished many of their goals, such as

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#### >> STRONG AND ABLE: 1ST BRIGADE HOSTS VICE CHIEF OF STAFF

Spc. Matthew Marcellus / 1st Armored Division

Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, perform pull-ups as part of a physical training event during a visit from Gen. James C. McConville, the vice chief of staff of the Army. The 1st ABCT demonstrated physical readiness as well as new equipment fielding and training during transition from a Stryker to an armored brigade combat team to McConville during his visit to Fort Bliss July 22. For more on this story, see page 3A.

# NEW DEPUTY IN TOWN

# Incoming 1 st AD Ops DC 'honored, grateful' to be part of Team Bliss

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

The new deputy commander for operations for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss is thoroughly enjoying his new home, but his time to explore it is drawing to a quick close.

Col. Colin Tuley took over as the new deputy commander for operations around July Fourth.

But Tuley, a 49-year-old native of Chicago, will soon be deploying with the 1st Armored Division headquarters to Afghanistan.

There, he will serve with Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, the commanding general for the Division and Fort Bliss. The command team and the division headquarters will fall in under the four-star Resolute Support Command headquarters and work with coalition and Afghan

"It is a very important deployment," Tuley said. "We are at a critical time in our efforts in Afghanistan as we work with the coalition and the Afghan government."

"It will be exciting to be a part of that," Tuley



Col. Colin Tuley is the new deputy commander for operations for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss.

Before arriving at Fort Bliss, Tuley most recently spent two years with the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina – first as the chief of staff and then as director of operations.

Even though he has only been at Fort Bliss for about a month, he has been completely impressed by the installation and the surrounding community and all they have to offer.

"It is a phenomenal installation and community," Tuley said. "It is by far the best installation I have ever been at and probably one of the best military communities I've ever seen."

Tuley has been impressed by the extremely close relationship between El Paso and Fort Bliss, calling it "unmatched" across the Army.

As for the training area, it is state of the art

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#### Elite gaming: Army engages youth in esports

By Devon L. Suits | Army News Service

FORT KNOX, Ky. – A loud cadence of gunfire echoed throughout the compound as the enemy-attacking force – a team of five operators – breached through the second floor.

Unfazed by the commotion overhead, Sgt. David Blose maintained his composure as he crouched in a corner to hold his defensive position. Any "noob," or rookie, would have charged upstairs to engage the enemy – but not Blose.

Blose's team was down two teammates as the enemy moved downstairs. It didn't take long for one to cut across Blose's line of sight. With a simple flick of his wrist, he clicked the trigger on his submachine gun and eliminated the adversary with deadly accuracy.

Now exposed, Blose moved to cover in the adjoining room as the enemy force ran toward him with guns blazing. Blose fought back and dispatched each enemy in rapid succession.

The virtual compound fell silent as Blose, who goes by "Pumpkin.USAE" in the video game Rainbow Six Siege, waited for the final enemy to make a mistake. With the slightest flutter of movement at the end of Blose's crosshairs, he opened fire.

"Orange Team: Round 3 Won – Enemies Eliminated," read Blose's monitor, followed by several cheers from his teammates through the Discord voice-chat application. Blose had just "aced" the enemy team by successfully eliminating all five enemy operators

As a representative of the Army Esports Team, Blose maintains his competitive edge with every game of Rainbow Six Siege, or "Siege" for short. Further, Blose does this all while maintaining his Army career.

"I never thought I would play video games for the Army," Blose said. "It is every [gamer's] dream."

#### Army Esports

The esports program is an Army Recruiting Command outreach effort designed to connect the Army and American population through a shared passion for gaming, said Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Jones, the non-



Devon L. Suits / Army News Service

Sgt. David Blose competes online in Rainbow Six Siege as a representative of the Army Esports Team at the USA Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, June 25.

commissioned officer in charge of the program.

"Gaming as a medium has been growing consistently," Jones said. "Soldiers have grown up as gamers long before they joined the Army.

"We're actually putting a light on the gaming community itself, showing that it's not just a specific kind of person that plays video games," he added. "Everybody can enjoy this medium together, and it is a great way to grow the community at large."

One side of the program targets the competitive gaming circuit for games like Counter-Strike: Global Offensive, Overwatch, League of Legends, and Siege.

More than 6,500 Soldiers applied to be part of the Army's esports program shortly after it launched in September 2018. The esports team is slated to announce the final team roster in October.

Soldiers who are identified as the most competitive in select gaming titles will be reassigned to Fort Knox for a three-year tour, Jones said.

While at Knox, competitors will spend most of their time practicing with their teammates to maintain their competitive edge, he added. Teams will then use their skills to represent the Army at regional or national tournaments, or at other gaming exhibitions and conventions.

#### Army life

Blose currently serves as an aviation power plant repairer and squad leader with the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He will move to Fort

Knox in the coming months.

"As an aviation power plant repairer, I am responsible for the maintenance and repair of turbine engines used by any Army helicopter," Blose said. "It's a tedious task, but it is also strenuous and stressful. People's lives are in our hands, and if we don't do certain things correctly, it could cause an aircraft to crash."

Growing up as an Army dependent, Blose said he often played video games with his father and brother.

"My father was big into computers and video editing, so we got to play a lot of different games," he said. "It made us closer as a family. My mom wasn't all into it, but she didn't mind us [bonding] over video games.

"While living in Turkey, I was introduced to the game 'Counter Strike,'" he added. "My brother and I would wander into the city and go to multiple internet cafes to play the locals. That was my first introduction to competitive first-person shooters."

Until he relocates to Fort Knox, Blose constantly has to balance his Soldier and esports responsibilities. Every morning, Blose is up for physical training. He then moves into a lengthy duty day troubleshooting, inspecting, or maintaining helicopter engines, he said.

Once home, Blose spends his downtime relaxing or playing games with his wife as he waits for his west coast teammates to log on. Once everyone is online, the team spends the next five hours rehearsing tactics and playing matches. If he is lucky, he goes to bed by midnight.

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standing up Army Futures Command -- a new command Esper called "a game-changer." The command oversees Army modernization through six priorities: long-range precision fires, next-generation combat vehicles, future vertical lift, network, air and missile defense, and Soldier lethality.

Esper, along with top-tier Army leaders, reallocated roughly \$25 billion toward modernization efforts through a "night court" process. In it, leaders spent up to 60 hours after duty hours combing through Army programs and weighed them against modernization priorities.

As defense secretary, Esper's strategy includes upgrading weapons systems, strengthening alliances and improving performance and holding accountability at the Pentagon, similar to his leadership in the Army.

Esper's wife, Leah, was also recognized at the ceremony and received the Distinguished Public Service Medal for her public service in support of the Army.

"Mrs. Esper traveled frequently with her husband to meet with Army families and spouses in the United States and abroad," Milley said. She served as "an invaluable asset on a broad range of family issues facing the Army."

He added that her "compassion, tireless dedication, and sincere concern" for all members of the Army – Soldiers, civilians, and families – have "enhanced all the lives she touched."

As the 27th secretary of defense, Esper now leads the entire military, which has more than 1.3 million active-duty troops. He joked that he'll "be down the hall" from the Army and will check in from time to time.

Following an 80-9 vote in the Senate, President Donald Trump formally appointed Esper into his new role during a swearing-in ceremony Tuesday night in the Oval Office.

During Esper's address, he used the opportunity to thank his colleagues, from top-level Army leadership down to every Soldier, civilian, and family member across the globe.

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and the largest in the Army, he added.

"It allows commanders to train at all echelons, which is a good thing," Tuley said.

The wide range of services, programs and support offered at Fort Bliss for Soldiers and Families is also quite impressive, he added.

"They definitely place number one in what I've seen in my career," Tuley said.

Tuley and his wife, Jin, have been exploring the Borderland area since they arrived here a month ago.

"We love the hiking," he said. "We love the restaurants. We love the activities. What is not to like?"

Tuley is an infantry officer who has spent

much of his career with the 75th Ranger Regiment at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington and at Fort Benning, Georgia.

This is the first time he has ever served with the 1st Armored Division or been stationed at Fort Bliss.

His "all-over-the-map" resume is a great fit for his new job as the Division's deputy commander for operations, he said.

Besides serving in the Ranger Regiment, he has also served in a wide variety of other units. He did his company and battalion commands with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and he served as a brigade commander with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

"At this level, you are coming in in the

combined arms fight, multi-domain," Tuley said. "Regardless of whether it is an armored division or an infantry division, it is maneu-

ver warfare."

"Like any other division, it is about taking care of Soldiers and families," Tuley continued. "Regardless of the platform, it is all about readiness. It is the same across the spectrum of divisions or platforms."

Tuley said he is honored and grateful to be able to serve in a senior position with America's Tank Division.

"It is a storied division, rich with history," Tuley said. "The leadership, the families that are part of this community, it is great to be a part of this."



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# Welcome vice chief

#### Gen. McConville visits Fort Bliss, receives briefs, observes training, works out with troops

By Spc. Matthew Marcellus | 1st Armored Division PA

Presence is a vital component of leadership, so it comes as no surprise that leaders across the Army ensure that they visit, observe, and interact with components at every level.

Units across Fort Bliss hosted Gen. James C. McConville, the vice chief of staff of the Army, during his visit to the installation July 21-22

McConville received briefs, observed training, and monitored the progress of Soldiers within the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division as they undergo a conversion from a Stryker brigade to an armored brigade.

Soldiers of the "Ready First" brigade led circuit-style physical training with McConville, consisting of comprehensive exercises including: a farmer's carry with full water cans; fireman's carry with sandbags; pullups and leg tucks; shuttle-run; and handrelease pushups.

"We conducted combat-focused PT with the vice chief of staff of the Army, consisting of five stations which lasted five minutes each," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Palomino, the senior enlisted advisor for 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment. "This training allows us to look more into what our combat-focused PT should be and allows for the vice chief of staff of the Army to see what we're doing at the battalion level."

The Soldiers rallied around McConville as he spoke about the importance of remaining physically fit, emphasizing Comprehensive Soldier Fitness as a key aspect to success on and off of the battlefield.

"We are constantly ensuring that our Soldiers are combat prepared and combat trained, and that starts with PT," said Palomino. "It's our mission to be ready and able. That's what the Army asks of us as leaders

and Soldiers. It's important to be vigilant and to remain always ready because you never know when you're going to have to go fight."

McConville also observed Soldiers from 2nd Bn., 37th Armor Regiment training at the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, a facility which provides simulated combat scenarios to strengthen and maintain operational read-

McConville also met with Soldiers from 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment to tour their motor pool and company operations facility. The 6-1 Armored Regiment briefly demonstrated new equipment training and described the new equipment-fielding progress to McConville.

"It's important that the vice chief of staff of the Army sees what 1st ABCT has to offer and sees our energy," said Palomino. "It's very powerful and motivating to us that the vice chief of staff of the Army visited."

Throughout his visit, McConville recognized several Soldiers for their excellence, diligence and dedication by presenting challenge coins, distinguishing them in front of their unit.

"Being recognized means a lot to me. I try my hardest to be the best I can be and for me to be recognized from among my peers and receive a coin from a four star general is surreal," said Pfc. Javonn King, a unit supply specialist assigned to 1-36 Infantry.

Soldiers from 1st ABCT expressed to Mc-Conville their inspirations in the Army as well as the culture that surrounds them.

"The leadership around me is great; they inspire me to be better," said King. "I try to motivate people, always keep a smile on my face, and to know where I came from and how great it is to be in the Army."

Army leadership doctrine stresses the importance of a leader's presence, as it serves



Photos by Spc. Matthew Marcellus / 1st AD Public Affairs

Pfc. Brianna Bastidas, a unit supply specialist with 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, shakes hands with Gen. James C. McConville after receiving a challenge coin for excellence at Fort Bliss July 22. Bastidas was essential during a fielding of six M88A2 Hercules Recovery Vehicles, ensuring a thorough inventory was properly conducted and improved the recovery capabilities across the squadron. She demonstrated technical excellence and a determined sense of diligence during her assigned duties.



Soldiers assigned to 1st Bn., 36th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st AD and McConville, front right, perform the preparatory drill during a physical training event.

to provide purpose, direction and motivation

"McConville's presence at every location

invigorates and energizes our formations," said Palomino. "It's important that we see him, as his presence does matter."

## Sustainment Brigade prepares for Army Combat Fitness Test



Sqt Briaira Tolbert / 1st AD Sust. Bde.

#### By Sgt Briaira Tolbert

1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade

The Army is preparing to implement the Army Combat Fitness Test Oct. 1, but the 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade is ahead of the power curve, certifying Soldiers to administer it prior to

Soldiers went through training to earn their ACFT level I certification (grader) July 19 and the level II (manager) noncommissioned officers certified 10 Soldiers during the event. In addition to familiarizing graders to the ACFT, Soldiers participated in a practice test to ensure they have an understanding and what's expected of them.

"The ACFT is based on battle drills what we actually do in a combat zone,"

Sgt First Class Mark Pencios, 22 Chemical Battalion, 48th Chemical Brigade, instructs Soldiers on how to conduct the sprint drag cary for the Army Combat Fitness Test.

said Sgt. 1st Class Vance Collins, noncommissioned officer in charge for the ACFT training event hosted for the 142nd Combat Support Sustainment Battalion. "It is vital that we train everyone to standard both the graders and the test takers."

The ACFT consists of six events: the three-repetition deadlift, standing power throw, hand-release pushups, sprint-dragcarry event, leg tuck, and a two-mile run. Soldiers score based on their military occupational specialty. Gold is the category for moderate physical demand; gray is the category for significant physical demand, and black is the category for heavy physical demand. While Soldiers go through the lanes of the ACFT, managers instruct the graders on how to properly conduct the exercises and also ensure they are meeting the standard for their MOS.

The ACFT is being embraced by many Soldiers, and they seem to be excited for it to take effect.







VETERAN OWNED

#### Army EOD ToY showcases top Soldiers

By Master Sgt. Jeff Duran | 20th CBRNE Public Affairs

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. - After a rigorous week of competition, one team rose to the top of the Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team of the Year competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, July 22-26.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Hamilton and Sgt. Tyler Kinney, 763rd Ordnance Company/21st Ord. Co. (WMD), 79th Ordnance Battalion (EOD), 71st Ordnance Group (EOD), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, won the weeklong competition. Staff Sgt. Xavier Steinhart and Sgt. Benjamin Livesay, 74th Ord. Co. (EOD), 303rd Ord. Bn., 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, were awarded second place honors. Staff Sgt. Michael Epshtein and Sgt. Shaun Chesterman, 46th Chemical Co., 22nd Chem. Bn., 48th Chem. Bde., Fort Bliss, were recognized with third place.

The Army EOD Team of the Year event is designed to improve readiness of EOD professionals. The participating military members are able to hone their skills in a physically and mentally demanding environment as EOD technicians and improve their ability to respond to situations as required, enabling them to better perform their duties at home and in a deployed environment.

"It was a trying (week) and there were a lot of challenges," said Steinhart. "It tested our assertiveness, our decision-making skills and our trust in each other."

The training event encourages knowledge sharing between the teams in attendance, according to Lt. Col. Rusty Ravenhorst, commander, 73rd Ord. Bn.

"The sharing of techniques and information provides a platform to solicit invaluable feedback necessary to shape and refine ordnance doctrine and training to enable the readiness for the Army," said Ravenhorst.

The event is designed to test Soldiers' teamwork and critical thinking skills as they

apply technical solutions to real-world problems. The six teams of two Soldiers were assessed on 14 EOD operations and associated tasks to provide EOD support to largescale combat operations to eliminate and/ or reduce explosive threats. The assessed tasks are centered upon detecting, identifying, conducting on-site evaluation, rendering safe, exploiting and final disposition.

"This the Army's event where we bring the best of the best EOD professionals, at the team level, to show their knowledge and their skills of their 89D profession," said Capt. Ryan Whittle, competition officer in charge, 73rd Ord. Bn.

The military occupational specialty for EOD is 89D and are the Army's tactical and technical explosives experts.

"The teams here get awesome training. We spend all year planning the training. They're getting exposure to other organizations that we have out here working in conjunction with our EOD trainers," Whittle said. "To even get to this event requires a full hierarchy from company to battalion to group that teams have to work through."

He added that the selection process requires a lot of effort.

"There's rigor involved at every step of the way. EOD teams have to be able to perform physically in combat as well as their EOD duties. The equipment they utilize is heavy. We have bomb suits. We have MOPP gear. It is a hot and sweaty event for these individuals."

Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear is designed to protect the wearer from toxic environments.

The event challenges are divided into lanes where the team must overcome a specific challenge, centered on what EOD Soldiers must do as part of their regular duties.

The actual challenges are designed to be accurate for what EOD Soldiers would expect to see in the field.



Staff Sgt. Matthew Hamilton and Sgt. Tyler Kinney, 763rd Ordnance Company/21st Ord. Co. (WMD), 79th Ordnance Battalion (EOD), 71st Ordnance Group (EOD), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, won the U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team of the Year competition at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, July 22-26. Staff Sgt. Xavier Steinhart and Sgt. Benjamin Livesay, 74th Ord. Co. (EOD), 303rd Ord. Bn., 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, were awarded second place honors. Staff Sgt. Michael Epshtein and Sgt. Shaun Chesterman, 46th Chemical Co., 22nd Chem. Bn., 48th Chem. Bde., Fort Bliss, were recognized with third place.

"It's as close as we can get," said Staff Sgt. Jason Halls, EOD instructor with the 73rd Ordnance Battalion about the challenge he was grading. "The rigor of being in the MOPP4 for the entirety of it is just like it is going to be."

MOPP4 is the highest level of protection to toxic environments.

Halls added that the events have an additive effect over time with multiple events.

"After having spent three hours in a chemical suit, that's going to instantly make that next one a little more taxing."

"Our design methodology is based out of our doctrine [which is] the core competencies for EOD," said Whittle. "We have a variety of problems out there. We have UXO [unexploded ordnance]. We have IEDs (improvised explosive devices). We have depleted uranium, large projectiles and other EOD tests."

The week allowed teams to display their respective units' skills as participants respond to tasks in a physically and mentally demanding training environment. The training events are designed to test the participants' knowledge and master of tasks within their respective occupational skill sets.

"It means a lot to me to provide a venue where our community, leaders, and influencers are able to come here and see what our EOD teams need," said Whittle.

CASCOM Public Affairs contributed to this article.

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#### Army to break ground on Digital Air-Ground Integration Range this fall

By Eric Pilgrim | Fort Knox News

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Construction is about to begin on a new high tech live-fire range at Fort Knox that, when finished in 2023, will be only the second of its kind anywhere.

Called a Digital Air-Ground Integration Range, or DAGIR, the fully computerized range will make it possible for military personnel around the United States, and even abroad, to coordinate and practice accomplishing missions from the ground and air simultaneously.

"This is a big deal for us," said Rodney Manson, Installation Range Management officer at the Fort Knox Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

The Army established the first-ever DA-GIR at Fort Bliss, Texas in 2012. Conceptualized in the 1990s, the idea didn't begin to materialize at Fort Knox until 2004.

"Since that time, we've been primarily working it here," said Ken Boeglen, DPT-MS director. "I think the Army was looking at something along the coast with an impact area that was over water, but eventually it was narrowed down to Fort Knox."

Yano Range has been designated as the area where the DAGIR system will be emplaced, with the total cost running about \$52 million – \$26 million for construction and the rest going to instrumentation. An area about eight kilometers long and one to three kilometers wide will be used – roughly 3,000 square acres.

"This is a big project, probably the biggest in Army ranges for the next four or five years," said Manson. "The range will include target devices, battlefield effects simulators, aerial weapons scoring system; all the stuff that goes into a DAGIR."

Most ranges are not this large. The Army doesn't have the ground to do this," said Manson. "So probably the biggest thing is, it's the ability for the ground commander to integrate the fires into an objective."

Boeglen said most live-fire ranges, like the one currently at Yano Range, provide capabilities for only one or two tanks to move forward, fire at targets, and move back.



In the past, Army tank companies conducted live-fire exercises at Fort Knox's Yano Range one tank at a time. Fort Knox officials say the new Digital Air-Ground Integration Range, or DAGIR, will make it possible for Soldiers and military personnel to coordinate and practice accomplishing missions from the ground and air simultaneously. The DAGIR is expected to come online sometime in 2023.

By comparison, the DAGIR range will allow for training on several different scenarios and qualification requirements, to include individual and platoon tank gunneries, dismounted live-fire exercises, artillery fires, and several capabilities for rotary and fixed wing aircraft.

"If you were into a crawl-walk-run scenario, this would be a walk to... a slow jog in a training scenario," said Boeglen. "If I were to go through this range, once I get to the National Training Center [at Fort Irwin, California], I would have an opportunity to say, 'Hey, I'm ready to start jogging fast or running."

"This truly will be a regional asset," said Manson.

No construction has started at Yano Range at the moment, although training missions that normally occur there have been shifted over to Wilcox Range in preparation for construction to begin in September or October. Establishing the range at Yano already has

one big cost-saving advantage built in.

"We're laying it on an existing facility, so a lot of the dirt work doesn't need to occur," said Manson. "This range was probably due for an upgrade or refit anyway. This was timely in that we were getting an upgrade to the range, so the good news is all they really have to do is bury some data wire and change a couple of little things. The construction that normally will take two years, we assume will take less."

Manson emphasized that that doesn't mean a contractor will have the range done in less time, however. A lot of variables can affect range construction.

"The systems will talk to each other, designate targets, report, then they'll execute the range in that manner," said Manson.

Boeglen said a change in strategies and focus on the world stage has created a necessity for U.S. forces to change training, making the DAGIR concept more needed. "We're getting back to rapid deployments, so the idea of [Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercises] is being kicked around again. We did one last year with the 89th [Military Police Brigade] before they were diverted to the [Southwest border support mission]," said Boeglen. "The deployment readiness exercises that the Defense Department wants to execute makes this a good fit for that."

Boeglen and Manson said there will be a shift in noise levels as they make the transition to the DAGIR range. Wilcox Range is already experiencing heightened levels because of the diversion from Yano. Once Yano construction is complete in 2023, residents in nearby Bullitt County can expect increased noise levels as the DAGIR range goes live.

Environmental engineers at Fort Knox have conducted assessments and communicated the expected changes with Bullitt, Meade and Hardin county leaders.

In the short term, the range is expected bring in a boon to local economies while construction occurs, according to Boegen and Manson, Once the range is complete, Boeglen said it is unclear whether there will be increases in permanent job positions. However, there will be an increase in the transient troop numbers during training cycles.

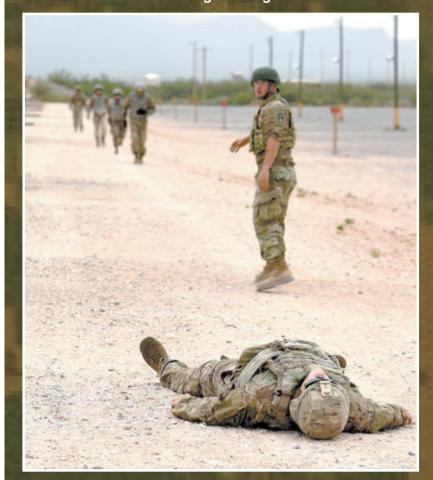
"This will bring more customers to post and likely make the airfield busier," said Boeglen.

Manson said overall, the range will add up to a win-win for all.



#### >> MEDIC!

Soldiers practice active shooter response, medical evacuation during training exercise



Task Force Viper (CONUS Replacement Center), 5th Armored Brigade, First Army Division West, conducted medical evacuation training at McGregor Range Complex, New Mexico, July 17. The training was incorporated into rifle marksmanship training and provided the Soldiers with a unique opportunity to respond to an active-shooter scenario at the weapons range. Soldiers from 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division provided air support evacuating the casualties from the training complex to Fort Bliss.



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# For God and country:

# Chaplain Corps celebrates 244th anniversary

**By Sgt. Pollyanna Tanuvasa** | Fort Bliss Mobilization Brigade/ 653rd RSG

Unit Ministry Teams across Fort Bliss celebrated the 244th Chaplain Corps anniversary on July 25, which kicked off with a teambuilding event at McKelligon Canyon, as UMTs trekked the 4.8 mile trail.

"This event was a wonderful opportunity to gather the members of the Chaplain Corps from across Fort Bliss – whether they were chaplains, religious affairs specialists, directors of religious education and civilian religious support contractors – all of whom are professionals, who build the spiritual readiness and resilience of the Fort Bliss military community," said Chaplain (Col.) Allen Staley, Installation Senior Chaplain.

He continued, "The purpose was to celebrate the rich history and heritage of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps, to say thank you for the dedicated efforts of the local members of our corps, including their families, and to build teamwork and community through sharing delicious food, engaging in enjoyable fellowship, and fun activities in a relaxed setting. I am very encouraged by the spirit and the participation at this event, and I am thankful for the efforts of the many enabling it to happen."

The three core competencies of the Chaplain Corps are nurture the living, care for the wounded and honor the fallen. Year round, UMTs comprised of chaplains and religious affairs specialists live the core competencies by providing religious support and spiritual readiness for Soldiers. Annually, the Chaplain Corps anniversary is a time for UMTs to pause and reflect on the corps's rich his-



Photo courtesy 1st AD Public Affairs

Unit Ministry Teams and their families concluded the Chaplain Corps festivities with a group photo at Fort Bliss July 25.

tory, as well as the vital role it plays in the military.

For almost as long as the U.S. Army has existed, chaplains have served alongside Soldiers. Both the U.S Army and the Chaplain Corps were established in 1775. In 1945, an enlisted course was established for chaplain assistants to serve in the Army Air Corps. The UMT integrates itself amongst the troops and aid in keeping the Soldiers spiritually strong and resilient.

"The history of the Chaplain Corps is an example of how 56Ms enable religious freedom," said Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Zeno, religious support office noncommissioned officer in charge.

Following the McKelligon Canyon hike, UMTs gathered at Biggs Park to continue the festivities with their families. The all-day event included food, fellowship, a short program to include a brief history of the Chaplain Corps, and a cake-cutting ceremony.

The Fort Bliss garrison commander, Col. Stuart James, spoke and acknowledged the

professionalism and commitment of the Chaplain Corps.

"In the [Operational Tempo] where we're at and with the stress that the Soldiers are under, they need that spiritual motivation – that lift – somebody that they can turn to and talk to," he said. "It's amazing what you guys do on a day-to-day basis."

James went on to speak about the importance of having compassion in the military today, and how the work of the UMTs allows the Army to sustain and produce more resilient Soldiers.

"As you remember what the Chaplain Corps has done, and what spirit you have infused over the 244 years, I'd like to thank you again, and again," said James. "Enjoy the community you have, the Fort Bliss community, which you are such a big part of."

(Right) Unit Ministry Teams go head-to-head in a game of Tug-o-war to see who is fittest to fight July 25.



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#### 'Walking blood banks' fill gap for medical care in field environment

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>> Lt. Col. George Barbee

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By Eve Meinhardt | www.army.mil

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - While carrying a rucksack may sometimes feel like the equivalent of carrying a refrigerator on your back, it is not able to provide a stable, temperaturecontrolled environment for lifesaving blood products that might be needed in remote or deployed environments.

The XVIII Airborne Corps and the Armed

Services Blood Program are partnering to identify Soldiers with blood type O who have low levels of antibodies in their blood. These individuals have the ability to provide an immediate blood donation to an injured person of any blood type that needs a transfusion at or near the point of injury.

"We are taking individuals with type O blood, who are already considered universal donors for packed red blood cells, and testing the levels of antibodies in their blood," said Lt. Col. Melanie Sloan, director, Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center. "Everyone has antibodies. They are naturally occurring and can attach themselves to transfused blood cells. The titer testing helps identify individuals with lower levels of these antibodies."

The Army is currently using the standard of 1 to 256 for the level of antibodies in the individuals identified as low titer O. When a person with blood type A or B needs blood and is receiving blood from a type O donor, the lower level of antibodies will make it easier for the body to accept the different blood type. Low titer O blood can be given to anyone in need, regardless of their blood type.

First Lt. Robert Blough, the physician assistant for the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery (DIVARTY) and a former special forces medical sergeant, arranged for Soldiers in

his unit to get tested for low titer O and also helps with mobile training teams to teach others how to perform field blood transfusions. He said he is passionate about implementing this program across the force because he has seen firsthand how it can save a life.

"In 2007, I had an Iraqi get shot in lower abdominal area," said Blough. "He was bleeding out internally, not overly fast, but

there was nothing I could do to stop the bleeding inside him. The MEDEVAC got delayed. We were sitting on a mountaintop with this guy and I did not have the ability to transfuse blood to save his life."

Blough said that experience led him to volunteer for the working group spearheading

the efforts to identify and screen fresh whole blood donors within the XVIII Abn. Corps.

The ability to transfuse blood while on the battlefield or at a remote location is hardly new and its effectiveness has been proven throughout history.

"We were doing this in 1918 during World War I," said Lt. Col. George Barbee, deputy corps surgeon, Task Force Dragon, XVIII Abn. Corps. "We were still doing whole blood transfusions in World War II up through the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam."

Barbee said that the Army transitioned from whole blood to component therapy in the 1970s. He said that while breaking the blood down into components is effective for treatment of some disease processes, it's not a feasible option for an immediate need for blood in the field.

"We have done a lot of studies to see what the best method was for saving lives through transfusion," he said. "They pointed back to whole blood."



Sgt. Charles Moncayo, 82nd Airborne Division Band, get his blood drawn as part of the low titer 0 testing at a blood drive hosted by the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery (DIVARTY), June 7. The XVIII Airborne Corps is identifying Soldiers with blood type 0 who have low levels of antibodies in their blood. These individuals have the ability to provide an immediate blood donation to an injured person of any blood type that needs a transfusion at or near the point of injury.

The ability to identify low titer O Soldiers provides an agile and flexible approach to accessing the lifesaving measures that whole blood provides. The ASBP is increasing the amount of low titer O whole blood that it stocks on its shelves for rapid deployment and emergency measures.

However, blood needs to be stored in a temperature-controlled environment and bags of blood are not always readily available in a time of crisis. The pre-screened and identified Soldiers provide an instant supply if one of their peers is injured and needs a transfusion.

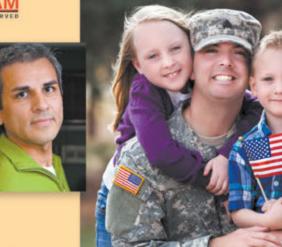
Each of the identified Soldiers is regularly tested for a variety of blood-borne diseases to ensure their safety and the safety of others. Patient privacy still applies for identified donors. If they are removed from the roster, the information is kept confidential and only revealed to the patient.

While the identification of being a "walking blood bank" might seem a little odd for the Soldiers who have this universal blood type, they are instrumental to efforts to improve survivability and mobility for the Army. Barbee hopes to someday see the program implemented across the Department of Defense.

"We completely support the XVIII Airborne Corps' whole blood initiative," said Col. John J. Melvin, chief nurse and chief of clinical operations, U.S. Army Forces Command Surgeon's Office. "It closes the gaps that we see on the battlefield for blood supply at role one and conditions of prolonged field care. In order to provide the best opportunity of survival for our Soldiers, the whole blood program is essential for our successful treatment of combat casualties."

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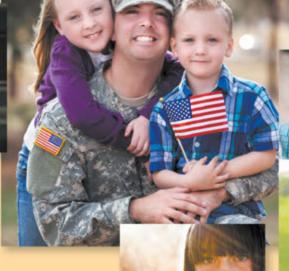
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#### Army boosts Soldier battery power for greater lethality, mobility

By Dan Lafontaine | CCDC C5ISR Center Public Affairs

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Army Futures Command is helping to increase Soldier lethality and survivability through the research and development of lighter batteries with more power and extended runtimes.

As the Army modernizes the current force and prepares for multi-domain operations, the quantity and capabilities of Soldier-wearable technologies are expected to increase significantly, as will the need for power and energy sources to operate them.

Engineers and scientists at AFC's subordinate command -- the Combat Capabilities Development Command -- are making investments to ensure future power and energy needs are met by exploring improvements in silicon anode technologies to support lightweight battery prototype development.

"This chemistry translates to double the performance and duration of currently fielded batteries for dismounted Soldiers," said Christopher Hurley, a lead electronics engineer in the Command, Power and Integration Directorate of CCDC's center for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance.

"The capabilities of these materials have been proven at the cell level to substantially increase energy capacity. We're aiming to integrate those cells into smaller, lighter power sources for Soldiers," Hurley said. "Our goal is to make Soldiers more agile and lethal while increasing their survivability."

Soldiers currently carry an average of 20.8 pounds of batteries for a 72-hour mission. With the Army focused on modernization and the need to add new capabilities that require greater power, the battery weight will continue to increase and have a detrimental effect on Soldiers' performance during missions, Hurley said.

"The C5ISR Center is helping the Army get ahead of this problem by working on advanced materials like silicon anode," said Hurley, who noted that incorporating sili-



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Sgt. 1st Class Edvar Chevalier demonstrates a prototype of the Conformal Wearable Battery that incorporates silicon-anode technology at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in June 2019.

con-based anodes into Army batteries will cut their battery weight in half.

The C5ISR Center is incorporating component-level research and development of advanced battery technologies into the Army's Conformal Wearable Battery, which is a thin, flexible, lightweight battery that can be worn on a Soldier's vest to power electronics. Early prototypes of the updated silicon anode CWB delivered the same amount of energy with a 29 percent reduction in volume and weight.

The military partners with the commercial power sector to ensure manufacturers can design and produce batteries that meet warfighters' future needs. However, the needs of civilian consumers and warfighters are different, said Dr. Ashley Ruth, a CP&ID chemical engineer.

The Army cannot rely on the commercial sector alone to meet its power demands because of Soldiers' requirements, such as the need to operate at extreme temperatures and withstand the rigors of combat conditions. For this reason, the electrochemical composition in battery components required for the military and consumer sector is different.

"An increase in silicon content can greatly help achieve the high energy needs of the Soldier; however, a great deal of research is required to ensure a suitable product. These changes often require entirely new materials development, manufacturing processes and raw materials supply chains," Ruth said.

"Follow-on improvements at the component level have improved capacity by two-fold. Soldiers want a CWB that will meet the added power consumption needs of the

Army's future advanced electronics.'

As the Army's primary integrator of C5ISR technologies and systems, the C5ISR Center is maturing and applying the technologies to support the power needs of the Army's modernization priorities and to inform requirements for future networked Soldiers. This includes leading the development of the Power and Battery Integrated Requirements Strategy across AFC, said Beth Ferry, CP&I's Power Division chief.

As one of the command's highest priorities, this strategy will heavily emphasize power requirements, specifications and standards that will showcase the importance of power and energy across the modernization priorities and look to leverage cross-center efforts to work on common high-priority gaps.

Power Division researchers are integrating the silicon anode CWB with the Army's Integrated Visual Augmentation System, a high-priority augmented reality system with next-generation capabilities for Soldier planning and training. Because IVAS is a dismounted Soldier system that will require large amounts of power, the Army is in need of an improved power solution.

To gain Soldiers' feedback on varying designs, the C5ISR Center team plans to take 200 silicon anode CWB prototypes to IVAS Soldier Touchpoint 3 Exercise in July 2020. This will be the first operational demonstration to showcase the silicon anode CWB.

The C5ISR Center is finalizing a cell-level design this year, safety testing this summer, and packaging and battery-level testing taking place from fall 2019 to spring 2020. Advances in chemistry research can be applied to all types of Army batteries, including the BB-2590, which is currently used in more than 80 pieces of Army equipment.

"A two-fold increase in capacity and runtime is achievable as a drop-in solution," Ruth said. "Because of the widespread use of rechargeable batteries, silicon anode technology will become a significant power improvement for the Army."





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Gregory T. Gatjanis, associate director for global targeting at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, discussed the new realities of transnational organized crime threats to national and international security during the program on Countering Transnational Organized Crime July 16 at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.



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#### Treasury official discusses US strategy to fight criminal threats to global financial system

By Emma Bareihs |

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany - An official with the Department of Treasury discussed the new realities of transnational organized crime threats to national and international security during the program on Countering Transnational Organized Crime July 16 at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

A leader of the 2011 U.S. national Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime, Gregory T. Gatjanis spoke to 104 participants from 53 nations on the framework and tools of national power that led to creating the national CTOC strategy. Gatjanis is the associate director for global targeting at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Held twice a year, the four-week CTOC resident course focuses on 21st century national security threats as a result of transnational organized crime.

Marshall Center's CTOC Program Director Joe Vann said his goal was to invite guest speakers of high quality.

"Since the CTOC challenges are different in every country, it is important to attract speakers with proven first-hand experience and knowledge," Vann said.

"We are fortunate because the reputation of the Marshall Center's CTOC program is becoming well-known among U.S. interagency partners," he said. "We are also fortunate because senior executives recognize the importance of interacting with our multinational audience of CTOC professionals and have been eager to offer support."

Vann added, "Our ability to draw quality speakers is a reflection on the course design and purpose. Transnational criminal organizations represent a true national security threat to our countries. The days when transnational organized crime was a so-called 'law enforcement problem' are gone forever. We are in a new era when countering this threat is a 'whole of society' challenge.'

Gatjanis said he believes his experience in formulating the U.S, strategy is not unique to the United States and could help class participants develop and apply a similar organizing

framework to counter strategic threats facing their own nations.

"I wanted to show them the U.S. experience, the methodology, lessons learned, and the small trust-building measures that made all the difference, and also warn them of the challenges they may face and how to manage them," Gatjanis said.

He added that the Marshall Center program is unlike anything he has seen before and is ideal for professionals at the mid- to upper-level and who are slated for senior management and leadership positions.

"When speaking to the class, I looked out and saw the future leaders of 53 governments who have been or will be entrusted to lead vital national security missions in their countries," Gatjanis said.

Some organizations that participants came from included the Ministry of Interior and International Security, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Parliament and more.

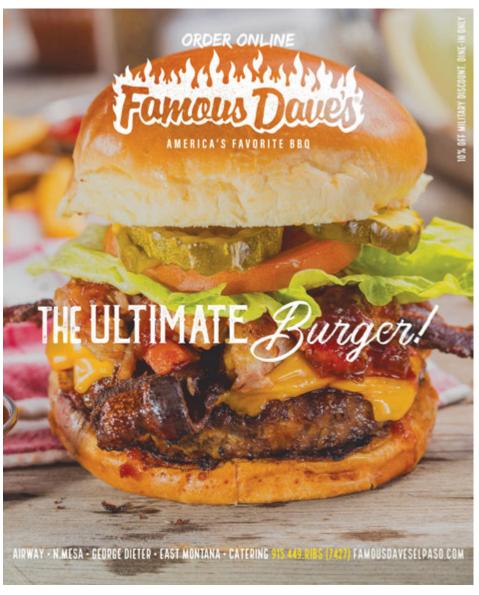
"Today was special because Gatjanis was

one of the key authors and the National Security Council director who coordinated the U.S. CTOC strategy," Vann said. "His insights and experience are priceless. His current position as a senior executive with the Department of the Treasury brings a wealth of experience to the course, especially his insight into the threat that transnational crime poses to the global financial system.

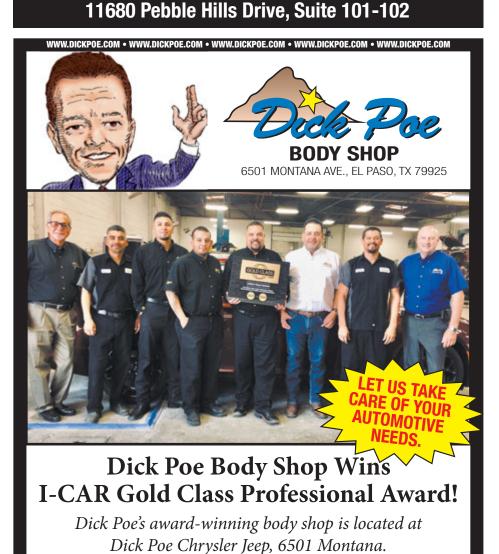
Gatjanis previously served in the National Security Council's Counterterrorism Directorate, where his portfolio included transnational crime, global drug trafficking, terrorism finance, and terrorism in the Western Hemisphere from 2006 to 2013.

"This course is the best of its kind I've ever seen in terms of structure, content, and value to participants. It has incredible power and sends a powerful message, especially for today's fight against today's transnational criminal organizations," said Gatjanis, who believes that the Marshall Center's Program on Countering Transnational Organized Crime will help in combating this global is-









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Battery A, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense), 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade "Imperial," 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command is the first unit to receive the Sober Armies Bravely Expedite Readiness (SABER) Award. Col. Issac Gipson, the outgoing 11th ADA brigade commander, secured the SABER streamer on the unit guidon, July 10.

# ASAP awards Battery A, 2nd ADA Regt. (THAAD) first SABER award

By Richard Depew | Army Substance Abuse Program Prevention

The Army Substance Abuse Program recently recognized Battery A, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense), 11th ADA Brigade "Imperial," 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command with the first Sober Armies Bravely Expedite Readiness (SABER) Award July 10.

The unit was recognized for 2nd Quarter FY 2019. Col. Issac Gibson, 11th ADA brigade commander, who has since relinquished command, presented the award on behalf of Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss commanding general.

"It is great to see the hard work and dedication to readiness of the Soldiers of A-2 THAAD be recognized," said Cpt. William White, A-2 battery commander. "They've placed the mission first and have served selflessly, and we look forward to competing for this honor in many quarters to come. Sgt. Angel Faustoramos, our Unit Prevention Leader [noncommissioned officer-incharge], has done an outstanding job advising his command and seizing opportunities, such as bringing in the El Paso Police Department and applying for the SABER award to make his program the best on post this quarter."

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readiness. Those within this special group exhibit a willingness to maintain a lifestyle centered on readiness and Army values. These professionals are free from drug and alcohol-abuse incidents, bringing prevention to the forefront and reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit, Fort Bliss and the United States Army.

To be eligible to receive the SABER Award, units must be 100 percent free of alcohol or drug-related incidents, must have conducted their 10 percent monthly urinalysis testing, must not have received an illicit positive urinalysis test during the quarter, and must complete one hour of substance abuse awareness training and documented the training with the ASAP prevention coordinator. Units that have met the criteria for the quarter should submit a memorandum requesting the SABER Award with their brigade commander's signature to ASAP no later than the fifth duty day of the following quarter. After the request has been evaluated and all criteria have been met, a streamer will be awarded.

The Army Substance Abuse Program would also like to remind leadership at all levels that substance abuse prevention training and random drug and alcohol testing is a necessary part of prevention, contributing to Soldier well-being, unit readiness and mission accomplishment. For assistance in conducting or coordinating substance abuse training, contact Richard Depew at 744-1403/5188.

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ATLANTIC OCEAN – Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Nicholas Kroner, from Brooksville, Florida, right, and Sonar Technician (Surface) 2nd Class Shane Becker, from El Paso, Texas, monitor a sonar in sonar control during a drill aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG 60) July 12. Normandy is underway conducting a composite training unit exercise with the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group

## NAACP honors Soldiers for efforts in diversity, community

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. - Growing up in Evergreen, Alabama, or what he likes to call "small town USA," Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Crosby said he learned how to fairly treat others from his parents.

As the senior enlisted leader for Army Futures Command, he strives to instill a sense of dignity and mutual respect within the Army's newest command.

He frequently asks for ideas from younger Soldiers, ensures equal opportunity is practiced, and even created a leadership development program to help minority women in the command spread their wings and advance their careers.

"It's an opportunity for females to have a voice," he said, "and also mentor others in the same capacity, whether in uniform or

But despite climbing the ladder to various leadership roles, his mother still tells him not to forget to live by the Golden Rule.

"As old as she is, she still reminds me of that," he said, laughing. "That's one thing she has engrained in me.'

Crosby and Sgt. Maj. Deondre' Long, the chief military science instructor at Marion Military Institute, as well as five others across the military earned NAACP's Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award during its annual convention in Detroit on Monday for their contributions to equality and human

Wilkins served as the executive director for the civil rights organization and established the NAACP Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Department in 1969.

#### Younger generation

Long, a former cavalry scout who has been involved in Equal Opportunity programs throughout his 20-year career, often sees the hurdles cadets face while attending his institute in central Alabama.

Whether they're dealing with tuition bills or a heated divorce between parents, he helps cadets under his wing graduate, regardless of their race or sex.

"It's an ongoing struggle, but once you see a cadet pass the finish line, it's like, 'Man, let me go back and grab somebody else so I can see them across," he said. "It's a continuous

Long recalled an extreme measure a mother of one of his cadets once said she would take to keep her son in college.

The desperate mother had considered commit suicide so that her son could collect the life insurance money to pay for his tu-

Once he found out, Long quickly navigated the delicate matter. He enlisted the assistance of a chaplain and figured out how his student could stay enrolled.

With his help, the cadet graduated in May and then commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

"We came up with a plan so she didn't have to do that," he said. "We figured out ways to keep the cadet in school and still accomplish their goal in life."

His experiences have inspired him to positively affect the lives of younger children before they are old enough to attend college.

On June 1, he held his eighth fashion show since 2010 for children near Fort Benning. Georgia, where he once served as a first sergeant and where his family currently resides.

Over 40 children, many of whom were victims of bullying, participated in the event, which was intended to boost their confi-

"We're just trying to build some type of foundation for these kids and let them know that they are somebody," he said. "Even if somebody gives up on you, you still have somebody else."

Afterward, Long said he was overwhelmed by the response he received from the parents.

"Being able to walk into a room and just feel loved and feel appreciated made a big difference in these kids' lives," he said. Golden rule

Before his current role, Crosby also traveled to combat outposts to foster open com-



Sgt. Maj. Deondre' Long, left, chief military science instructor at Marion Military Institute in Alabama, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Crosby, senior enlisted leader for Army Futures Command, pose for a photograph during NAACP's annual convention in Detroit July 22. The two Soldiers, as well as five others across the military, earned the civil rights organization's Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award for their contributions to equality and human rights.

munication and a trustworthy atmosphere as the senior enlisted leader for Operation Inherent Resolve's Combined Joint Task

In addition to equal opportunity, he made sure a climate that prevented sexual harassment and assault was enforced by continued dialogue with senior and junior leaders.

He also regularly met with female Soldiers in combat roles to verify they were being treated similarly to their male counterparts.

"They have the same Army values, they're living the same Soldier, NCO or officer creed, and they're all trying to do better for one another," he said.

When he came to AFC, he quickly transformed the workplace to one that encourages all voices to be heard.

In his nomination letter, Gen. John Murray, the AFC commander, said Crosby has become his advocate for change.

"He is the senior enlisted advisor who understands the value of building diversity in the military," the general wrote, "and practices the integration of equal opportunity and affirmative employment for Soldiers and civilians into the fabric of our organization."

It's simple to Crosby, and goes all the way back to what his parents taught him.

"It's a way of life," he said. "It is our obligation to ensure that everybody is treated with dignity and respect."

#### Insider threats: The enemies within

By Fernando Villalobos | Fort Bliss Directorate of Plans

It is a sad reality, but the United States has been betrayed by people holding positions of trust in our Army. Arguably, "insiders" have caused more damage than trained, foreign, professional, intelligence officers working on behalf of their respective governments.

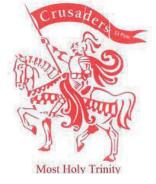
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#### Things to do:

Tap & Cork Craft Beer/Wine Fest: The 3rd annual event is Friday and Saturday at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss, with live music, local vendors, food and drink. 588-8247 or bliss. armvmwr.com

Blink 182: The pop punk favorites perform Sunday at UTEP's Don Haskins Center, with guest Neck Deep. Cost: \$42.75-\$102.75 (Ticketmaster).

El Paso Psychic Fair: The El Paso Psychic Fair is 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-18, at Hawthorn Inn, 1700 Airway. Cost: Free admission with active duty military ID. 345-6245 or elpasopsychicfair.com.

Plaza Classic Film Festival: El Paso Community Foundation's 12th annual classic and "semi-classic" movie festival starts tonight and runs through Aug. 11. This year's themes include space exploration, the year 1969, United Artists 100th anniversary and musicals. Special guests this year include Academy Award nominees Sam Elliott and Katharine Ross, and award-winning television writer-producer Victoria Riskin. Screenings are in the Plaza's Main (Kendle Kidd) Theatre and Philanthropy Theatre. 533-4020 or plazaclassic.com

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Live music: See punk band Part Time with Gary Wilson Saturday, 10 p.m. at Love Buzz, 3011 Pershing. Later this month (Aug. 23), Dezorah with Great Shapes, Deep Shadows, If We Were Turtles and Space Captains Collective perform. Free. 257-3118

Music Under the Stars: The 36th summer concert series sponsored presented by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department is 7:30-9:30 p.m., Sundays. 800 S. San Marcial. Free. elpasolive.com

Rough Riders Turkey Run: The Rough Riders Motorcycle Club Hueco Chapter, will host its 15th annual run to fund Thanksgiving turkeys for the needy 11 a.m.-6 p.m. August 25, from Barnett Harley Davidson to San Elizario. \$10. rough-riders-mc.com

Full Moon Nights: White Sands National Monument, on U.S. 70, hosts its full moon event at 8:30 p.m., Aug. 15. The program features a performance Iron Will: 1st AD Old Ironsides Band featuring selections spanning R&B, Pop, Classic and alternative Rock, and more. Cost: free with regular park admission fees. (575) 479-6124, ext. 236, (575) 679-2599, ext. 232, or nps.gov/whsa

# Bonds on the battlefield

By Sgt. Ashton Hofmeister | 1st Armored Division, Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

When the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade deployed to Afghanistan in early 2019, many spouses were confronted with the difficulty of having to say goodbye to their Soldiers. However, many traveled into the fight side-by-side.

Dual military couples, like Staff Sgt. David Lee and his wife Staff Sgt. Kayla Lee, and Staff Sgt. Lekisha Hogg and her husband Sgt. 1st Class Edsel Hogg are deployed together and share what it is like to be married on the battle-

The Hoggs are deployed to the same Train Advise Assist Command in Afghanistan and work on the same task force. They see each other every day and Hogg is happy she is able

"Being deployed with my spouse is amazing," Hogg said. "We are fortunate to be living together currently. We go to lunch and dinner together every day."

Hogg claims that there are many benefits with being deployed with her husband. However, she admits there are challenges, such as the limited time they have together due to their work in the Army.

"As a dual military couple, there are struggles and logistical challenges," Hogg said. "When it is time to PCS, it can be hard to find a position for both of us at a particular location. My husband is currently on orders to PCS from Fort Bliss and I am still waiting on my next assignment."

For Lee, while he and his wife are both deployed, they are separated by TAACs and task

They may benefit from being in the same time zone, but their deployment does not allow



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them the ability to see each other.

"It would be no different than being back in the states," Lee said. "The only difference is the distance.'

Despite the distance, being dual military benefits their relationship because he and his wife have an understanding of the hardships and processes that happen while serving in the Army.

"She is able to understand what I'm dealing with, I'm able to understand what she's dealing with and we'll be able to talk it out and we'll be able to get through whatever issues that we have," Lee said. "Neither one of us has to deal with whatever issue is going on with just one person. We're both dealing with the same issues, same problems together."

Hogg shares this mentality. She says that being dual military has made her marriage stron-

"We don't have to explain why we are going to the field or why we can't just go wherever we want," Hogg said. "We both know and understand that the mission comes first and that we took an oath and signed a contract. I enjoy being able to talk to my husband about various aspects of my day and the only things that I may have to explain to him are the terms we use in my job. Overall, we both get it."

Dual military couples experience many advantages, but at the same time, they face many challenges that differ from other households. Nevertheless, the Army continuously focuses efforts to preserve the memories of Soldiers and their families, honor their service and help educate the American public about the Army's contributions to the nation.

## Bienvenidos á Bliss Relocation Fair Tuesday

By Fort Bliss Family and MWR ACS Department

The Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Team will join forces with the El Paso community to put on the 15th annual "Bienvenidos á Bliss Relocation Fair" from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center.

Summer is usually the busiest time for people who are experiencing a permanent change of station. The annual "Bienvenidos á Bliss" welcomes new and seasoned residents with information about Fort Bliss and our beautiful city of El Paso. The event is open to the public, but the target audience is Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their families.

The internet is jam-packed with information. but nothing makes a better impact than speaking with the local experts face-to-face. More than 150 businesses and organizations from Fort Bliss and El Paso will provide information. brochures, and very cool giveaways. This great event represents 15 years of fostering meaningful and mutually-beneficial partnerships between Fort Bliss and the community-linked areas.

This annual tradition is a one-stop-shop for area cultural enlightenment showcasing everything from free Spanish language classes, employment pathways, volunteer opportunities, and highlighting local and regional activities and entertainment. So, for families and single Soldiers, anything and everything you want and should know about Fort Bliss, El Paso, and the entire border community is featured at this one



**Photo courtesy Fort Bliss MWR Marking** 

Fort Bliss Soldiers gather resources and information during the 2018 Bienvenidos á Bliss Relocation Fair. More than 150 businesses and organizations from Fort Bliss and the El Paso Community are signed up to attend this year's fair, scheduled to be held 1-4 p.m., Tuesday at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center.

There will be plenty of door prizes, but participants must be a military ID cardholder to win. Organizers recommend using the MSG

Peña gate off Spur 601. If you don't have a military ID, you will need to get a pass.

For more information, call 569-4227, ext. 0.

#### Fort Bliss measles update

By William Beaumont Army Medical Center Public Affairs

After 25 years with no measles cases in El Paso County, six measles cases have now been identified by the El Paso Department of Health.

The Centers for Disease Control defines a measles outbreak as three or more cases within a community. Fort Bliss has a historically strong relationship with El Paso and together as one community, all health concerns are shared.

Fort Bliss senior and health care leadership want to express that the health and welfare of our Soldiers, families, and patrons on the installation is of the utmost importance.

In accordance with Army Regulation and Army Preventive Health, concurrent with El Paso Department of Public Health recommendations, children enrolled with Child Youth Services, who have not received the age-appropriate immunization against measles, will not be permitted to use their services. Children not immunized will be allowed to resume use of CYS services once proof of vaccination is shown or the outbreak has

The incubation period for measles is 10 days. It can, however, last as long as 21 days. According to the CDC, a measles outbreak is over after 21 days have passed since the latest measles case. If a new measles case is identified, then the 21-day period resets.

Fortunately, no children who utilize CYS services have been diagnosed with measles, but health care professionals in both the city and the installation are asking parents to take proper measures and precautions and this includes talking to their provider about immunizations.

Patients who have questions or concerns, are encouraged to call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-874-2273. Non-TRICARE beneficiaries can call the El Paso Health Department number at 211.

## MEASLES OUTBREAK Protect Families & Communities with MMR Vaccine



The United States has had more than 1,000 cases of measles in 2019.



Measles is highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It can be serious for young children. Protect your families and commu by making sure everyone is up to date on measles vaccine, including before traveling abroad.

#### MEASLES

Measles spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 9 out of 10 people around them will also become infected if they are not protected.

Measles starts with a fever. Soon after, it causes a cough runny nose, and red eyes. Then a rash of tiny, red spots breaks out. It starts at the head and spreads to the rest of the body. The rash can last for a week, and coughing can last for 10 days. Measles can cause serious health complications, such as pneumonia or encephalitis, and even death.

#### CHILDREN NEED 2 DOSES OF MEASLES VACCINE

The best way to protect against measles is with a combination vaccine that provides protection against three diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). The MMR vaccine is proven to be very safe and effective.

CDC recommends that children get one dose at each of the following ages:

- 12 through 15 months
- 4 through 6 years

Ask your doctor if you and your family have received all recommended doses of MMR for best protection against measles

#### MMR VACCINE IS SAFE & EFFECTIVE

The MMR shot is very safe and effective at preventing measles (as well as mumps and rubella). Vaccines, like any medicine, can have well as murips and rubellar, vaccines, size any medicine, can have side effects. But most people who get the MMR shot have no side effects. The side effects that do occur are usually very mild, such as a fever, rash, soreness or swelling where the shot was given, or temporary pain and stiffness in the joints (mostly in teens and adults). More serious side effects are rare.

Scientific studies and reviews continue to show that there is no link between vaccines and autism. Vaccine ingredients do not cause autism. Numerous scientists have studied MMR vaccine and thimerosal, and they reach the same conclusion: there is no link between MMR vaccine or thi

#### BEFORE TRAVELING ABROAD

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- Teenagers and adults who do not have evidence of immunity\*\* against measles should get 2 doses separated by at least 28 days

eptable evidence of immunity against measles includes at least one of the following oratory confirmation of measles, or birth in the United States before 1957.

Talk to your healthcare professional if you have questions about measles,



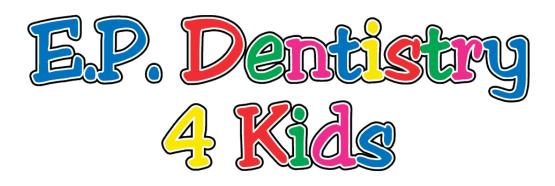
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#### The importance of Statutory Durable Powers of Attorney in Texas

**By Jennafer Tallant** | Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office

When considering your estate planning needs, it is essential that you consider having a Statutory Durable Power of Attorney. In some ways, this is similar to a General POA – especially in that it is potentially super-powerful and your appointed agent(s) could destroy your credit if they have bad intent. On the other hand, a Statutory Durable POA has state-specific protections.

For example, in 2017, the Texas legislature passed a law requiring banks to accept the Statutory Durable POA or face independent legal action by the consumer.

Why would you want to give someone a Statutory Durable POA? Many reasons, but most importantly, in case of incapacitation. None of us know when we will become incapacitated. My grandmother's stroke two years ago caught us all off

guard. Had she not had a Statutory Durable POA that covered incapacitation, our family would have had to go to court and to obtain a guardianship over her in order to pay her bills, cancel bills, or to even buy her socks. Guardianships are highly disfavored in Texas, and they cost a lot of money. You can save yourself and your family money by having a Statutory Durable POA that covers incapacitation.

In this regard, you really have two choices. Do you want the POA to go into effect when you sign it, or only when a doctor certifies in writing that you are incapacitated? On one hand, you may want more control of your finances or to limit the ability of your appointed agent to destroy your credit. On the other hand, if you do not trust your appointed agent today, how can you trust the person when you are incapacitated? Also, there is

always a remote possibility a doctor will not legally confirm your incapacitation.

A possible solution might be to have the POA go into effect the day you sign it, but you let a neutral third party hold onto the papers, and tell the appointed agent who has the papers and where they are. Nobody can act on a POA without possession of the papers. Be warned, though, about safety deposit boxes. Check with your bank for their policy before you put items in their safety deposit box, as they usually do not let anyone in – even a cardholder – upon the death of a customer.

Statutory Durable POAs that cover incapacitation generally expire upon the death of the grantor or when the grantor gives written notice of revocation to the appointed agent(s) and everyone they have done business with on behalf of the grantor. Thus, if you make your POA go into effect the day you sign it, and you give an original or a copy to your appointed agent, if you two later have a falling out, you will have to give written notice of revocation to that person and everyone the agent has possibly done business with on your behalf.

None of us ever know if or when we may become incapacitated. Whether you make the POA go into effect when you sign it, or only when a doctor certifies you are incapacitated, it is a good idea to have a Statutory Durable POA that covers incapacitation.

The Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office does estate planning every Tuesday. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with an attorney for estate planning matters, stop at Building 113 at 9 a.m. on a Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) or call 568-7141.

# DoD scolded in military family readiness report

By Lisa Smith Molinari | www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com

Last week, three hot shots from the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine presented a report titled "Strengthening the Military Family Readiness System for a Changing American Society" at the Military Child Education Coalition's National Training Seminar in Washington, D.C. The 320-page report gave a scholarly scolding to the DoD for "siloing" and fragmenting the many services for military families.

The National Academies undertook the study to examine the state of military family readiness and the DoD's Military Family Readiness System, a network of agencies, programs, services, and individuals that promote the well-being and quality of life of military service members and their families.

"The system lacks a comprehensive, coordinated framework to support individual and population well-being, resilience, and readiness among military families," the National Academies' Committee on the Well-being of Military Families concluded.

One guiding principle of the study was that military family readiness is directly linked to mission readiness, and the committee cited four reasons why the well-being of families is essential to the

DoD: First, family well-being affects individuals deciding whether to enter or remain in military service. Second, family difficulties force the DoD to pay the cost for legal, medical, mental health, or financial problems. Third, family stress takes a service member's focus away from the mission. Finally, the report specifically states, "... and perhaps most importantly, service members' families support the military mission by supporting them while they serve, making it possible for service members to leave home to train and deploy, and providing significant care for service members when they are wounded, ill, or injured."

There are a variety of challenges that pose a threat to family readiness and resilience, according to the report, including: illness, injury, troubles with housing, lack of career progression, financial instability, moving, deployments, temporary duty away from home, and lack of connection to the local community. Combat exposure and family separation were identified as "acute stressors" to military families.

While the DoD recognizes the importance of military family readiness and provides many sources of support and programs, the committee concluded that the MFRS was flawed because it did not coordinate these sources and programs so they were easily accessible to families in need. It cited a 13-garrison study in which respondents reported: "when a Soldier or family member is experiencing a problem ... bouncing around could be avoided if there were more communication and coordination among service providers, and unfortunately ... if it is not about their program, they really don't know to tell you where to go."

The committee also found an increasing number of military families who are "invisible" to the DoD because their make up does not fit the definition of a military family. "Examples of invisible families may include same-sex-headed households and families, as well as co-parenting but unmarried families. ... [F]ully understanding military families and their needs may require greater attention to family diversity and complexity."

Having a military family of my own, I agree that my spouse's readiness to serve hinged on our family's support and stability. My husband Francis was able to stand watches, travel, and deploy, because we, his family, were fairly healthy and content, holding down the home fort for him. Now, as the spouse of a recently retired naval officer with 28 years of active duty service, I see the shortcomings that this new study has identified. Even though I've read about new budgets and programs, our health clinic has drastically reduced services for dependents, base housing services are inconsistent, and traditional services have shut down on some bases. I'm worried about losing services that affect military family well-being.

When I find myself grumbling about changes in services that I'd become accustomed to as a military spouse, I wonder to myself, "Am I too set in my military ways? Am I turning into one of those blue-haired spouses who refuse to go through the self-service check out at the commissary? Am I just mad because I'm no longer allowed to see the base clinic podiatrist?"

No. This new study affirms that, despite my bunions, I am not just a grumpy old military spouse.



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#### No smoking: El Paso VA health care facilities to go tobacco-free

As part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' commitment to provide excellent health care for veterans, the department is pleased to announce that all Veterans Health Administration health care facilities will be tobacco-free by October 2019.

Consistent with their mission to promote a healthy environment for patients; visitors and employees as an important element of improving our health care system, VHA published VHA Directive 1085 Tobacco-Free Policy for patients, visitors, contractors, volunteers, and vendors at VA health care facilities and is working collaboratively with stakeholders to provide tools and resources to local facilities during this implementation.

Tobacco products are defined as products made with tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, "dip", and similar items), as well as e-cigarettes and any "vaping" de-

This policy will apply to the main El Paso VA Clinic, as well as to their Community-Based Outpatient Clinics and Readjustment Counseling Centers (Vet Centers) located





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The VA is not alone in recognizing the importance of creating a tobacco-free campus. As of 2014, 4,000 health care facilities and four national health care systems in the U.S. have implemented smoke-free grounds, to include many VHA health care facilities.

In 2015, El Paso VA health care partners at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, in order to enhance readiness, announced a policy for controlling tobacco use in compliance with a Department of the Army directive. The regulation banned the use of tobacco products for service members, civilian, contractors, vendors and volunteer personnel in all workplaces except for designated smoking areas. As part of Team Bliss, the El Paso VA is now aligning with them on this effort to reduce the harmful effects that second and third-hand smoking causes to personnel working in or visiting the facilities.

The VA has collaborated with key stakeholders to update and recertify the 1085 tobacco-free policy to be consistent with VA's commitment to veterans and the community. A recent VA survey revealed that approximately 85 percent of responding facility leadership support smoke-free campuses; this new policy for patients, visitors, volunteers, contractors and vendors allows the VA to ensure the health and well-being of VA staff, patients, and the public.

At this time, VHA Directive 1085.01 Tobacco-Free Policy for Employees at VA Health Care Facilities is undergoing labor union negotiations.

"I support the secretary's decision to implement this policy," said Michael Amaral, director for the El Paso VA Health Care System. "For years we have known about the detrimental effects of tobacco use. As an organization dedicated to wellness and health, this is the right thing to do. My goal is to have this policy implemented throughout the El Paso VA Health Care System earlier than the October 1, 2019, deadline."

For those looking for information and free resources on how to quit smoking, an outreach table is located in the El Paso VA main campus atrium every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., through October. Introductory classes are also available for veterans and VA employees ready to quit. Classes meet every Wednesday at 2 p.m., in Specialty Clinic One, which is located on the third floor of the El Paso VA main campus. Register by calling 915-564-6100, ext. 7018.



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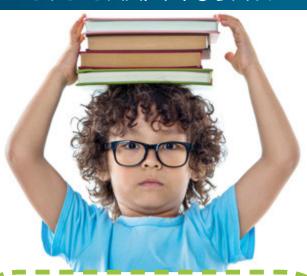
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#### Made in the shade

By Chaplain (Capt.) David Reyes 47th Brigade Support Battalion

Growing up in San Antonio, Texas, I remember how my grandma had a tactical way of getting around during the summer heat. During the hot summer months, I noticed that she chose routes between bus stops and destinations with one major factor in mind. She



**David Reyes** 

chose routes that provided the most shade. When moving from point-to-point, she also kept in mind the next shaded area where she might pause for a short break. She did this with multiple **Chaplain (Capt.)** purposes in mind. Those

purposes included setting down grocery bags or rearranging loads for my cousins and me as we took turns carrying lighter things. I guess that comes with the territory when growing up in south Texas.

Today, when I see young Soldiers around Fort Bliss in broad open sunlight and 95+ degree weather stop to chat with a battle buddy, the scene baffles me. I think to myself, if they only moved about 20 more meters, they could have that same conversation in the shade. Then, in their defense, I realize that comes with not growing up in south Texas. Looking back on my own past, I'm sure I did similar things as a southerner living in upstate New York that baffled northerners. Today, I wish those disgruntled or baffled northerners provided me with advice on my southerner mistakes. With that in mind, my friendly, southernly advice for northerners new to south Texas is this: seek shade wherever you go during the summer months due to the 100-plus degree weather you will encounter.

On a similar note, my friendly "chaplainly" advice for Soldiers and Families not familiar with the unique challenges they will face is this: find spiritual shade during times of adversity. Now, the challenge from there involves determining what spiritual shade looks like. Naturally, I could turn to scripture and consider these words from Psalm 57:1 "Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me; for the hope of my soul is in you: I will keep myself safely under the shade of your wings, till these troubles are past." (BBE, Bible in Basic

Certainly, for those who seek wisdom in scripture, this verse can help, but there's no reason to stop there. Consider the other blessings of shade we have available to us on a regular basis. When things get heated, such as going through a breakup, financial stress, or preparing for deployment, we have many respites of shade available to us. These include the chaplains, leaders, family members. friends, battle buddies, Army Community Service, USO, Military OneSource, Family Life Center, Military and Family Life Counselors, and numerous community non-profit organizations in the Fort Bliss area.

The spiritual landscape may seem like a desert when going through difficult times, but there's more shade than you think. All you have to do is look for it. Trust me, the shade of resources exists closer than you think, much like the Soldiers who stop in broad sunlight to have a conversation, because they don't think to look for the tree 20 meters away.

What spiritual shade do you have next to you? Are you willing to use each oasis of shade along the journey of your life? Most importantly, when the time comes, are you ready to serve as shade to another in need?

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Brian Beauregard, the Balfour Beatty Communities project director at Fort Bliss, speaks with a resident during the housing town hall meeting at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss June 6

# Army releases results of 2019 housing surveys

By Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army released the results of two housing surveys July 25, both conducted earlier this year by an independent third party, and which show a drop in overall satisfaction rates from last year. The survey results come amid a months-long effort by the Army to improve housing conditions after learning of residents' concerns.

More than 100,000 residents were invited to participate and 25,414 responded, although participation rates were lower than last year.

"Feedback from residents is extremely valuable for measuring and improving the quality of housing on Army installations," said Alex Beehler, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. "The results of this year's survey will be used to continue identifying the concerns of our residents, and will guide Army staff and the private housing companies on ways we can improve the quality of life for our Soldiers and their families."

The Army is using the survey results as one of several tools to continue identifying ways to improve housing conditions.

Participants of one survey, which focused on privatized housing, showed satisfaction with the ease of the leasing process and the housing staffs' courtesy, respect and professionalism. Areas with the lowest satisfaction scores included landscaping, visitor parking areas, pest control, and the condition of

roads, parking areas, sidewalks and common areas.

In the other survey, which focused on Army-owned and leased housing, participants indicated they were most satisfied with the quality of maintenance work, the housing staff and feelings of safety and security. However, they were least satisfied with the size and value of homes compared to offpost housing and follow-up on reported problems.

After learning of residents' concerns about housing earlier this year, the Army held town hall meetings at each installation, established a Housing Environmental Health Response Registry to address health and safety concerns, improved work order tracking systems, conducted walkthroughs of all houses, inspected all barracks, and implemented 24-hour hotlines at each installation. Private housing companies also launched mobile apps to file and track maintenance issues.

"We are absolutely committed to providing safe and secure housing on every installation," said Gen. Gus Perna, Army Materiel Command commander. "We are taking action to earn back the trust of our housing residents, and holding ourselves and privatized housing companies accountable to provide a high-quality standard of living."

Both surveys were administered online by CEL & Associates Inc., an independent, third-party organization that also conducts housing surveys for the other military services and for the private sector.



#### >> WBAMC CELEBRATES YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Photo courtesy William Beaumont Army Medical Center

Col. Michael S. Oshiki, commander of William Beaumont Army Medical Center, far left, and WBAMC Command Sgt. Maj. Janell K. Ray, far right, presented certificates of appreciation to 31 youth Red Cross volunteers July 24 for their participation in the hospital's Summer Youth Program. Collectively, the group completed nearly 2,421 hours of community service, contributing to the success of WBAMC by providing assistance in several clinics while simultaneously gaining experience and knowledge of what WBAMC does for beneficiaries in the Borderland.

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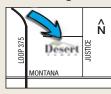
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Race for the Future: The 4th annual Race for the Future 5K run and 1-mile walk will start at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at Up & Running, 3233 N. Mesa. Kids dash at 7:40 a.m. raceadventuresunlimited.com

**Basketball Shootout tourney time:** It's 3-point Shootout Tournament time again Aug. 24 from 4-10 p.m. at Monti Warrior Zone. 3-Point Shootout Aug. 24; HORSE Sept. 28, Nov. 23; 3-on-3 Oct. 26. Cost: \$15 per person, per tournament. Cost includes a t-shirt and a drink of your choice. Open to the public 18+. 741-3000

Child Crisis Center CAPE Run: Child Crisis Center of El Paso's 5K run and 1-mile run-walk CAPE Run is Aug. 17, at Ascarate Park, 6900 Delta. Cost (through Aug. 14): \$30 for 5K; \$20 for 1-mile. 562-7955 or ssoto@childcrisiselp.org

El Paso Roller Derby: Catch the doubleheader bout Aug. 17, at Nations Tobin Recreation Center, 8831 Railroad, featuring TexPistols vs. Hobots and Derby Bliss Brigade vs. Crash Test Dollies. First bout begins at 6 p.m., second at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; \$5 for military (active and vet only); free for age 10 and younger with paying adult. (623) 285-4670, eprollerderby.com

**Borderland Roller Derby:** The Borderland Roller Derby's opening season bout is Aug. 18, 6 p.m., at El Paso County Coliseum's Judging Arena, 4100 E. Paisano, with a doubleheader featuring Sexies vs. Chulas, and Catrinas vs. Viudas. Cost: \$10; (\$7 with valid military ID; \$1 for ages 10 and younger; or \$8 each for pack of six) at brownpapertickets.com. borderlandrollerderby.com

**Sun City Regional Bodybuilding qualifier:** The Sun City Regional bodybuilding competition will be Aug. 10 at the UTEP Magoffin Auditorium. Pre-judging begins at 9:30 a.m., finals at 6 p.m. suncityregionalelpaso.com

Kharisma James Scholarship 5K: EPCC and Veterans Resource Center host the 5K run and 1-mile adaptive and fun walk at Aug. 11, 8 a.m., at Valle Verde campus Americana Language Village, 919 Hunter. raceadventuresunlimited.com or 831-2398

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**UTEP women's soccer:** Home games are at UTEP's University Field. Aug. 22 vs. Wyoming, 7 p.m., Aug. 25 vs. ACU, 1 p.m. 747-6150 or utenathletics.com

HomeRun for the Homeless: The 6th annual HomeRun for the Homeless 5K and Kids Dash benefiting El Paso's Opportunity Center for the Homeless is Aug. 25, 7:30 a.m, at the Clock Tower at Southwest University Park on Durango Street. Kids dash begins at 8:35 a.m. Cost: \$30; \$35 on race day. Kids dash: \$15; \$20 on race day. Packet and t-shirt pick up is 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 24, at Up and Running, 3233 N. Mesa, Suite 205, and 6:30-7 p.m. on race day. raceadventuresunlimted.com

**Tour de Tolerance:** The 14th annual "Riding to Remember" bicycling event, benefiting the El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center, will be Aug. 18, with a 50K competitive or non-competitive bike ride and a 5K run/walk. 351-0048, ext. 24, elpasoholocaustmuseum.org

**Trails and Rails Run:** The 8-mile run, 5K and 1- mile kids Trails and Rails Run is Aug. 24, at the Trestle Recreation Area (near intersection of Hwy 84 and 130), near Cloudcroft, N.M. The 8-mile run begins at 8:30 a.m. with 5K at 8:40 a.m. and kids dash at 8 a.m. Cost: \$30 (\$10 kids dash). Night before or race day registration is \$35 (\$15 kid's dash). Packet pick up is 5-7 p.m., Aug. 23, and 7-7:45 a.m. on race day. (575) 430-7634, (575) 202-2343 or raceadventuresunlimited.com

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# 4FORGED AT 507

## Action officer to compete in ninth Army Ten-Miler

By Douglas Holl | USAPHO

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Army Lt. Col. Ron Cole, 49, a public health nurse with the Army Public Health Center, doesn't exactly look the part of the long-distance runner. He's a big guy.

This 5 feet, 10-inch tall former professional bodybuilder and wrestler will tell you his physique is more suited for short bursts of speed, but he loves distance running. This year marks an important milestone for Cole – he's turning 50 and he'll be competing in his ninth Army Ten-Miler in October.

"Age is not on our side always and I'm not the smallest of guys," said Cole. "My joints have been in the military for 28 years and pounding the pavement has had its toll, but my motto for this year's race is 'Forged at 50.' I'm not slowing down, I'm getting better with age, and I've gotten creative with the knowledge I've learned over the years to either keep the pace or even improve my pace."

Cole, who also serves as the APHC Performance Triad action officer, understands the importance of sleep, activity and nutrition. He hopes to improve on his best 9:30-minute mile Army Ten-Miler pace by incorporating the 10-mile training plan offered through the annual event's website and endorsed by APHC's health and fitness experts.

"One of the things I'm doing is incorporating the Performance Triad of sleep, activity and nutrition as well as some of my weight training background and personal nutrition experience to enhance my muscle endurance as I prepare to run," said Cole.

Cole plans to run hills, incorporate treadmill sprints, adhere to a good sleep schedule and nutrition plan, and do some cross training to optimize his performance.

"I live in Havre de Grace, Maryland, which has a lot of hills that I also use for shorter sprints instead of resting on the inclines," said Cole. "I also like to cross train and do walking lunges with weights in the hallways during my breaks from my desk."

Cole was first introduced to the run through his then girlfriend and now wife Shanekia, who was training for the run in 2006 as part of the Kirk Army Community Hospital Team at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He trained with the team on some of their practice runs and cheered her on at the finish line.



Graham Snodgrass / USAPHO

Lt. Col. Ronald Cole, a public health nurse with the Army Public Health Center, performs pushups June 21, 2019, as part of his physical training before competing in his ninth Army Ten-Miler race to be held in October. APHC experts recommend following the Performance Triad of sleep, activity and nutrition with any training regimen.

The two married in August 2008 and planned to compete together for the 2009 race, but Shanekia was diagnosed with cancer in October 2009, and he ended up doing his first Ten-Miler that year with no training or preparation, which he does not recommend.

"The race was going well until I reached mile seven, which was the entrance of the 14th Street ramp," said Cole. "The ramp is about a 1 degree incline and continues to rise at 1 degree for approximately 2 miles."

It was at that moment that Cole felt like a pack of gorillas had jumped on his back and he wanted to quit. However, he looked to his right to find a wounded warrior changing his prosthesis; this sight made him realize that he had nothing to complain about.

"So I started running from that point on and every time I wanted to quit -- he was my motivation," said Cole. "So that first run wasn't my best run, but it was my most inspiring."

Cole is committed to running the race every year until he can no longer run. He also does this to honor Shanekia, who suffered complications from chemotherapy and can no longer compete in the race, but remains one of his biggest supporters. She is now free of cancer and helps with his meal prepping and comes out to cheer every run.

Cole's story and commitment to the race have motivated some of his co-workers to make the run.

"His energy and spirit and story of why he runs has also inspired me to run the Army Ten-miler this year," said Joanna Reagan, an APHC registered dietitian who recently retired from the Army. "Although I've run it in the past, Lt. Col. Cole has inspired me to shoot for my own personal best this year."

The two train together, which Reagan says helps keep her motivated.

"We are holding each other accountable with our running plans, trying to eat eight servings of fruits and vegetables a day and getting 7-8 hours of sleep a night," said Reagan. "Having a 'running buddy' really helps with accountability and commitment."

"The energy of the Ten-Miler keeps me enthusiastic and motivated to run," said Cole. "Every time you're running it may be painful, but along the course of the run you're surrounded by at least 30,000 other people and you feel you want to do that again."

The Performance Triad website is located at https://p3.amedd.army.mil/performance-learning-center/nutrition and is a good resource for nutrition, nutrient timing and hydration recommendations for this year's Ten-Miler competitors.

# Feats of strength: Soldiers compete in 1,000-pound challenge

By Pfc. Andrew Wash | U.S. Army

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania – The sound of energetic music filled the gymnasium. It had become a space to get amped up and ready for a chance to test the limits of physical capabilities. For many, it was their first time they would push themselves to such a limit, but for others, the challenge was a familiar one. The goal: lift a total of 1,000 pounds or more.

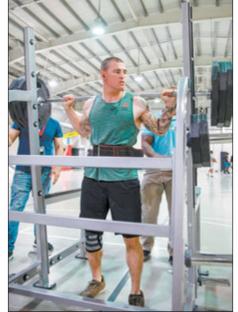
"The first time I squatted 405 pounds I told myself, 'I can do this. I really want to get strong.' It was exhilarating to have that weight on my back," said Spc. Zane Adams, a combat engineer with the 1st Engineer Battalion out of Fort Riley, Kansas.

This drive is what brought Adams, originally from Arkansas, to the 1,000 Pound Weightlifting Challenge at the gym in Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, June 25.

Around 15 U.S. Army Soldiers were in attendance to take on the challenge. In the event, participants strived to complete one repetition of a squat, bench press and deadlift in which the total weight of each added to at least 1,000 pounds.

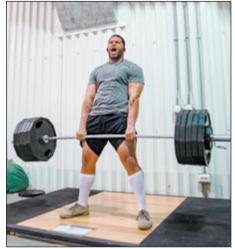
The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center on MKAB hosts the event a few times each year. Upon completion of the challenge, participants are then considered members of what is known as the 1,000 Pound Club, which acknowledge physical achievement and dedication to training.

Adams was brimming with positivity and support for his fellow Soldiers throughout the entire event. After returning from a 60-day stint in the field in Smarden and Bordu-



Pfc. Adam Wash / U.S. Army

1st Lt. Andrew Soulis, 1st Eng. Bn., Fort Riley, Kan., racks the weight after successfully completing his third and final squat attempt of over 350 pounds during the 1,000 Pound Challenge June 25, at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.



Photos by Pfc. Adam Wash / U.S. Army Spc. Zane Adams, 1st Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kan., lifts 505 pounds to complete the 1,000 Pound Challenge June, 25 at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, with a total score of 1,305 pounds. The 1,000 Pound Challenge is a weight-lifting event consisting of a squat, bench press, and deadlift that add up to 1,000 pounds or more. The 1,000 Pound Club is a way to acknowledge the physical achievement and dedication to training at the MKAB fitness centers.

sani, Romania, he said he felt that this would be the perfect way for him to let loose and enjoy his passion of weightlifting.

Adams participated with peers from his unit and his platoon leader.

"I just wanted to see where I was at," Adams said. "My PL is here, and we have always had a friendly rivalry to see who can lift more. We came out to just have a good time."

Adams didn't just meet the challenge, he crushed it, lifting a total of 1,305 pounds at the event.

Adams found his love for weightlifting as a college cheerleader at the University of Arkansas; his cheer background evident in his enthusiasm and ability to get everyone motivated to do their best.

Adams weightlifted competitively for more than five years before joining the military, but now pursues it as a hobby.

After taking a brief hiatus from weightlifting in favor of running, Adams said he is looking forward to staying in shape and lifting whenever possible.

"With weightlifting, I don't have to have a plan for it. Everyone around me is super supportive and we can all just make this work together," Adams said.

The 1,000 Pound Challenge was open to anyone who wanted to test their limits and participate.

"This was an incredible event. Probably one of the most fun events I've ever seen put on," Adams said. "It was awesome to have such a supportive environment. It was just fun to see people do something they love in an electric, professional atmosphere."



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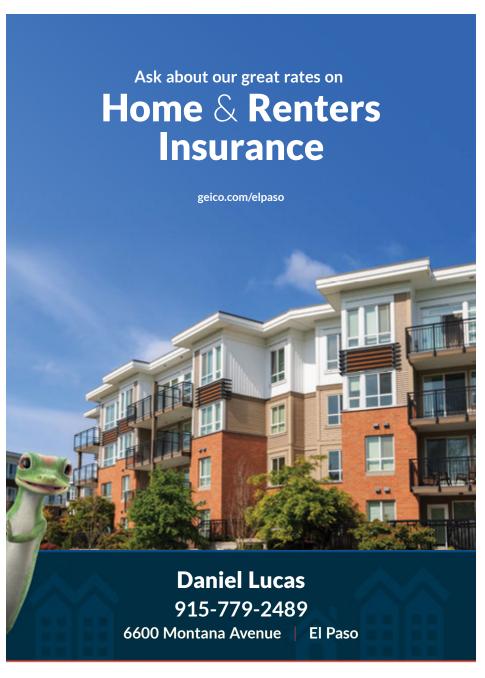


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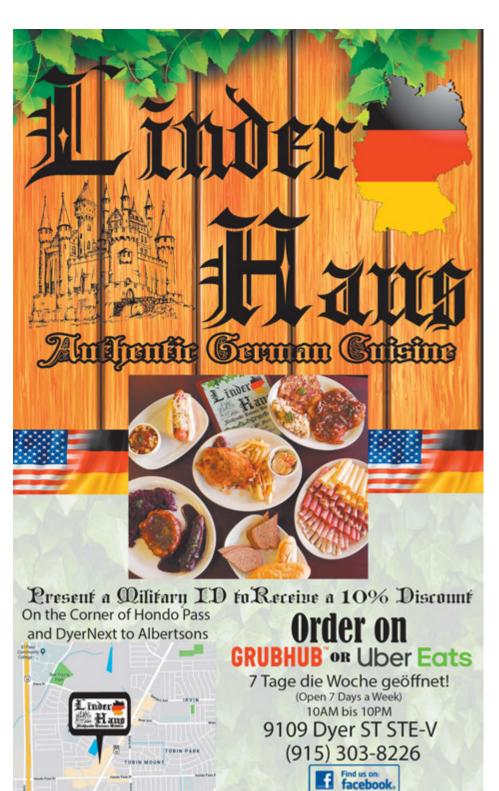


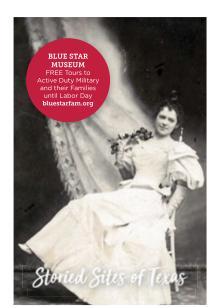




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New traffic pattern: Bliss DES has added an additional, temporary lane at Old Ironsides gamt to alleviate congestion during peak hours 5-9 a.m., Monday-Friday.This change is intended to increase capacity and decrease wait times. Be on the lookout for new signs and proceed safely as drivers adjust to the change. 744-1551

Hiring Fair: Stop by the hiring fair Aug. 8, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Free, Open to DoD ID cardholders only. 569-5838

Bliss legal to close for DONSAs: The Fort Bliss Legal Assistance and Claims Offices, located on the first floor of Bldg. 113 on Pershing Road, will be closed Friday and Monday during the DONSAs.

LRC August closure: LRC-Fort Bliss SSA SLOG AY11 will be closed next week for a 100 percent wall-to-wall inventory. Direct all questions to the AY11 warehouse supervisor and/or assistant supervisor, 412-740 or 412-7423

Relocation Fair: There is a Bienvenidos á Bliss Relocation Fair Tuesday 1-4 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. There will be giveaways, activities, food, music, a WBAMC health and volunteer fair and more. 11199 Sergeant E. Churchill St. 569-4227, ext. 0

Eye exams: Optometry Services at Mendoza and SFMC Clinics are open for routine eye exams for dependents and retirees enrolled in TRI-CARE Prime and Tricare For Life. If you have had a routine eye exam on the economy through TRI-CARE or other health insurance in the past year, please do not book an appointment until it is time for your next exam. To schedule an eye exam, call the Mendoza Optometry clinic at 742-2229 or SFMC at 742-2390.

TARP training: Fort Bliss offers Threat Awareness Reporting Program training at two locations monthly at the SAC on East Fort Bliss on the second Tuesday of the month, or at Stayton Theater on West Fort Bliss on every third Thursday of the month. 568-4604

#### **FMWR**

Free books for deploying troops: Come to unit book kit. The book kits contain a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction paperback items.

2 Sheridan Rd (Under the block) Sheridan Rd (Under the NCOA), West Fort Bliss. Free. 568-1902

Auto Crafts facility-use orientation: The Fort Bliss FMWR Auto Craft Center offers mandatory safety orientations for their customers Wednesdays/Thursdays at 6 p.m. This orientation is required before use of the facility for automotive do-it-yourself projects. DoD ID card holders only. 820 Marshall Rd. Free. 568-7280 Cardboard Regatta: Who's ready to float the high seas of the Community Pool in their own cardboard boat? There are three age categories registered participants will compete in: adults, ages 18 and older, youth, ages 10-17 and parent/child, ages 5-10. Free, Must register by 4:30 p.m., Aug. 16. 568-2554 or www.bliss.

UFC Fight Night: Catch UFC Fight 241 for free at 6 p.m., Aug. 17 at Monti Warrior Zone. 741-3000

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Golden Girls Crochet Club: Crochet, chit chat and watch the Golden Girls every Wednesday from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the Art & Hobby Shop. Cost: \$5 per session, basic supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your latest project to work on. Registration is recom-mended at Auto Crafts, located at 820 Marshall Road. Open to DOD ID cardholders. 568-5563

#### Go Youth

Family Day at the Wall: The Soldier Activity Center holds "Family Day at the Wall" every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 12-6 p.m. The SAC is normally open to guests ages 18 and older, but on Family Day, the wall is open to all climbers age 6 and older. 20732 Constitution Ave. 744-1532

In-home Child Care: Family Child Care offers in-home providers for CYS-registered kids. Cost: \$5/hr. with \$10 deposit. Reservations required. 568-4198 or 744-7879

School Age Book Club: The School Age Book Club is designated for children ages 7-12. A staff member will read for part of the time and the children will read aloud as well from 4-5 p.m. every Wednesday at Mickelsen Library. 568-6156

Story Time: It's Story Time! Stop by the Mickelsen Library every Tuesday from 10:15-11 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. as children ages 2 to 5 listen to stories read aloud. There will also be crafts, activities and refreshments available. 568-6156

Child Range Orientation: This is a one-hour child firearm safety course required for children ages 6-17 to accompany parents or guardians at Rod and Gun Club live fire ranges. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Kids Golf for \$5: Join Underwood Golf Complex as children get to play golf for \$5 Monday through Friday. Children ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. It's open to children 16 and younger, they must walk, can only ride in a cart with a paying adult. 568-1059

**SKIESUnlimited:** SkiesUnlimited offers a variety of fun and educational programs geared for children of all ages and talent levels. Music classes like piano, voice, guitar and drums are available. SKIES also has a variety of art, sports, driver's training and babysitting courses. All students must be enrolled with CYS Services Parent Central. Open House: SKIESUnlimited is opening their doors to new and seasoned military families here at Fort Bliss. Come by the open house Aug. 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Bldg. 3508 and 3509 Ellerthorpe Road. There will be door prizes, face painting, free trial classes, on-site registration for CYS, daycare information, Youth Sports and a chance to enroll your children into some of the classes. Drum Lessons: SKIESUnlimited offers drum lessons for students, ages 7+. They will learn how to count beats, recognize rhythm, pattern and musical expressions. Private lessons are 30-minute sessions held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$72. Judo: Judo is a Japanese art that uses balance and leverage, it has the beginnings in Ju Jitsu but is taught as a sport. Classes are every Tuesdays and Thursdays from



for students, ages 7+. Cost: \$40 per child/mo. 568 5544

#### Community

**Rough Riders Turkey Run:** The Rough Riders Motorcycle Club Hueco Chapter, will host its 15th annual run to fund Thanksgiving turkeys for the needy 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 25, from Barnett Harley Davidson to San Elizario. Cost: \$10. rough-riders-mc.com

Carizozo Arts Weekend: The 5th annual arts weekend and studio tours featuring more than 40 artists at 18 sites is 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 17-18, throughout Carrizozo, N.M. (Highway 54 and 380). Local musicians and artist demonstrations at some stops. Free. (575) 336-4061, carrizozoarts.com

Run to the Copper Country Car Show: The 28th annual Copper Country car show is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 17, at Gough Park in Silver City, N.M., with vendors, refreshments, raffles, and a trophy winner parade. Free. Registration \$35 per car. (575) 574-2186, (575) 313-4493, coppercountrycruizers.com

Harvest Wine Fest: The New Mexico Wine Growers Association presents its Labor Day Weekend festival noon-6 p.m. Aug. 31-Sept. 2, at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Las Cruces. Cost: \$30 for two people. Designated drivers and age 15-20; \$10; kids under 15. Military: (with valid ID) and early bird general admission is \$17. VIP admission: \$40. All adults must have valid ID, regardless of age; designated drivers encouraged. No pets, coolers or open containers allowed. (575) 649-8994, vivavino@nmwine.com, nmwine.org or on Facebook. Tick-

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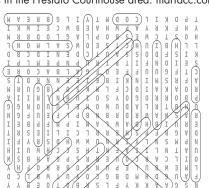
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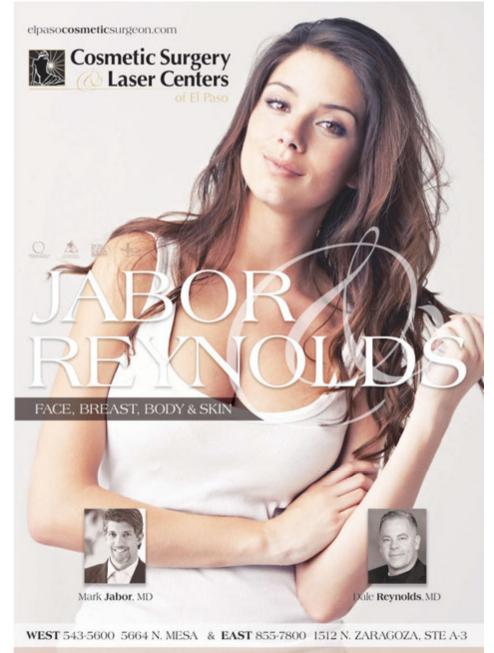
**Great American Duck Race:** The 40th annual running of the ducks is Aug. 22-25, in Deming, N.M. This year's theme is "Racing Through the Stars." Free. (888) 345-1125, (575) 544-0469 or demingduckrace.com

'Rolling Stones' Gem/Mineral Show: Grant County Rolling Stones Gem and Mineral Society's 36th annual show is Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at the Grant County Veterans' Memorial Conference Center, 3031 U.S. 180 East in Silver City. Free. The show features dealers from around the Southwest with mineral specimens, jewelry, and arts crafted from rock and gems. Quantities of "rough" stones are available for cutting and polishing work, as well as equipment and supplies. (575) 654-4424 or rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com

Hatch Chile Festival: The "chile capital of the world" holds its 48th annual celebration Aug. 31-Sept. 1, at the Hatch Airport on N.M. Hwy 26, 1 1/2 miles west of Hatch, featuring vendors, carnival rides, arts and crafts, chile food and ristra tying and painting demonstrations, live music, beer garden, mud volleyball, mariachi competition, and fresh roasted Hatch green chile and contests. (575) 267-5483, hatchchilefest.

Marfa Lights Festival: The 33rd annual Marfa Lights Festival that pays tribute to Marfa's mysterious lights is Aug. 30-Sept. 1 around the Presidio County Courthouse in Marfa, Texas. Activities include food and crafts booths, a main street parade, contests, concerts and street dances in the Presidio Courthouse area. marfacc.com







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#### El Paso Restaurants Scoring Big Time

By: Livia Sappington



Several of El Paso's unique restaurants were on national television last week when the well-known and long-running television show on the Food Network, *Diners, Drive-Ins, Dives* featured their delicacies on Friday, July 26th.

The establishments chosen by host Guy Fieri, the spiky blond haired Californian, to represent El Paso were Desert Oak Barbecue, Lick it Up El Paso, Rull's International Kitchen, and Tasty Kabob of El Paso.

Desert Oak Barbecue was founded in 2015 by Pitmaster Richard and his wife Suzanne. Today they are one of the top BBQ restaurants in El Paso.

Lick It Up El Paso has opened recently moving from a food truck into the kitchen of an established bar. They are a Vegetarian/Vegan eatery that is all plant based with a Mexican flair.

Ruli's International Kitchen has been serving the El Paso area with delicious internationally-inspired cuisine since 2008. It is a fusion restaurant that blends together high-quality food with a casual and comfortable atmosphere representing different countries and cultures

Tasty Kabob, a Persian food eatery is a family operated restaurant serving homestyle quality food since 2017. Eshi Henry, owner is the head cook and signature dish is a beef hoobideh kabob, a grilled meat dish made with ground lamb or beef.

Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives is an American Food reality television series premiered on in 2007 on the Food Network. Host Guy Fieri is a restauranteur, author, and Emmy Award winning television personality who coowns three Californian restaurants. Food Network made Fieri the "face of the network" in 2010. Fieri and his wife, Linda live in Santa Rosa, California with their sons, Hunter and Ryder.

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13 22 15 8 19 5 Clue: One who fishes

5 25 21 Clue: Fishing tool

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Clue: Moving water

Clue: Bait

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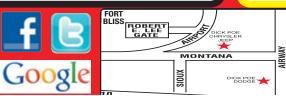
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