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Senators agreed and confirmed McConville to be the Army's top officer May 23, a position he said will allow him to ensure the service remains the most lethal and decisive land force in the world.

McConville confirmed as next chief of staff, 'people' to be his top priority

By U.S. Army
FORT MEADE, Md. – The number one priority for the next Army chief of staff will be people, whom Gen. James C. McConville says are the Army's greatest strength.

"Winning requires unit cohesion, a cohesion built on a foundation of trained, disciplined, and fit Soldiers who treat each other with dignity and respect," McConville said May 2 at his confirmation hearing.

Senators agreed and confirmed McConville to be the Army's top officer May 23, a position he said will allow him to ensure the service remains the most lethal and decisive land force in the world.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the next chief of staff of the Army," he said after the announcement. "I look forward to the honor of having another opportunity to lead the Soldiers, civilians, and families serving our nation's Army."

A senior aviator who has qualified on several helicopters, McConville was the vice chief of staff under Gen. Mark A. Milley, who has been nominated for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Prior to his assignments to the Pentagon as the Army's G-1 (personnel) and chief of legislative liaison, McConville was the longest serving commander of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

"General McConville is an extremely accomplished Army officer and I'm supremely confident in his abilities as the next Chief of Staff," said Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper. "He has played an instrumental role in almost every major decision the Army has made since becoming the Vice Chief of Staff and is the perfect leader to carry on our mission of preparing the Army for the future."

In his hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, the general said he is committed to eradicating sexual assault and harassment among the ranks, reducing suicides, and making sure families have quality housing, healthcare, and childcare.

"The Army expects a lot from their Soldiers and families, and really to maximize the readiness of our Soldiers, they must know that the Army is caring for their families," he said.

With 37 years of service, McConville also stressed that the Army faces a critical point as it shifts from irregular warfare to great power competition.

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David Poe / USAG Fort Bliss PA
Pfc. Tyree Reeds, from Charlie Troop, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, on honor guard rifle volley duty at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery Monday. Charlie Troop Soldiers, led by NCOIC Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Solis, as well as fellow Soldiers from the 1st AD and Fort Bliss, participated in the Department of Veterans Affairs event, as well as shared it as guests with friends and neighbors in the Borderland. For more on the Monday to remember in north El Paso, turn to page 8A.

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4-17 Inf., HHB Soldiers named 1st AD Best Warriors. Will represent 'America's Tank Division' at III Corps later this year

By Spc. Matthew Marcellus | 1st Armored Division
Strength and mental agility were put to the test during 1st Armored Division's weeklong Best Warrior competition recently.

Sgt. Mark Robinson, an infantry Soldier assigned to 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, and Spc. Laderius Beattie, a human resources



Spc. Matthew Marcellus / 1st AD
Sgt. Jacob Preisler, a cavalry scout assigned to 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, plots location points on a map as he prepares to navigate the land navigation course as part of the 1st Armored Division's 2019 Best Warrior Competition May 16 at Fort Bliss. The 2019 Best Warrior Competition incorporates a wide array of knowledge and skills encompassing a Soldier's identity and mission, including land navigation, medical skills, and others.

Soldier with the 1st AD's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, were named this year's NCO and Soldier of the Year for the 1st AD.

In order to earn the title of this year's best

Soldier and NCO, these individuals competed and beat out fellow Iron Soldiers across America's Tank Division in a tough week-long Best Warrior Competition held May 13-16.

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South Korean exercises being revised amid peace talks

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

HONOLULU – As diplomacy efforts work to denuclearize North Korea, military exercises in the south are continuing on a smaller scale to maintain readiness.

So far this year, U.S. and South Korean militaries have conducted over 100 exercises, said Gen. Robert Abrams, who oversees all American troops on the Korean peninsula.

“I want to be crystal clear about it: combined training and readiness haven’t slowed down one bit,” he said. “We are continuing to conduct very rigorous combined training at echelon.”

At the Pyongyang summit in September, North and South Korean leaders signed a declaration to reduce military tensions. The agreement led to buffer zones along the border and the suspension of large-scale military exercises.

“This was a prudent action in support of diplomacy,” Abrams said May 22 at the Land Forces Pacific Symposium, hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army.

After halting the Key Resolve and Foal Eagle exercises earlier this year, the general said training has been revised in terms of size, scope, volume, and type.

Every mission essential task will still be trained on, he added, but with a lower profile.

“The result is the alliance decision to conclude our series legacy exercises and the alliance decision to develop new activities that are better suited to our current operational environment,” he said.

Other signs from last year’s agreement include disarming the Joint Security Area, where armed guards previously stood face-to-face along the demilitarized zone.

In early December, North and South Korean guards escorted each other through minefields on both sides of the DMZ to visually inspect 20 guard posts that were destroyed as part of the agreement.



Capt. Daniel Parker / U.S. Army

Pfc. Mark Lacanlale, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist with the 45th CBRN Company, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, throws a training hand grenade during the Eighth Army-Korea Best Warrior Competition, May 13, 2019, at Camp Casey, South Korea. Joint, combined training is continuing on the Korean peninsula in exercises smaller than Foal Eagle, said Gen. Robert Abrams, speaking at the Land Forces Pacific symposium May 22.

Both nations now share video feeds from about 40 security cameras that keep an eye on the contested border.

“The JSA is completely unarmed today,” Abrams said, adding this was “unthinkable” in the past.

The confidence-building measures have significantly lowered the temperature on the peninsula, the general said.

“How can you not be in favor of that? You have to be in favor of that because it’s a signal; a small picture of what the future can hold,” he said.

He also dismissed the missile tests by North Korea this month as an act of aggression, saying that militaries always train on their capabilities.

“Recent activities on the peninsula by [North Korea] has not changed the palatable reduction in tension on the peninsula,” he said, “and the door for diplomacy remains open.”

Due to a turbulent history, thawing relations between the neighboring countries will require concessions and patience.

“We’ve been back and forth now since 1950,” he said, “and it’s going to take some

time to build bridges, to build trust, confidence after nearly 65 years of mutual distrust and open hostility.”

Abrams, who serves multiple roles as commander of United Nations Command, the Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea, also addressed the opportunity for a South Korean leader to one day head the CFC.

The CFC, an integrated headquarters established in 1978, is responsible for planning the defense of South Korea.

In August, an assessment is expected to take place with a South Korean four-star general in charge of the CFC under the stress of simulated crisis and contingency, said Abrams, who will serve as the deputy.

Critical military capabilities belonging to South Korea will also be tested, which is one of the conditions-based requirements needed for a South Korean to lead the CFC.

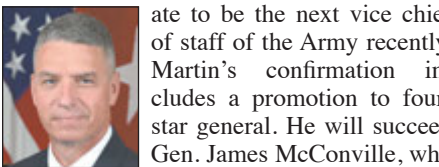
Abrams and the chairman of South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff plan to provide an update this fall to the U.S. defense secretary and South Korean defense minister.

“The future is bright and we’re heading in the right direction,” he said

Martin confirmed to serve as Army vice chief of staff

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- Lt. Gen. Joseph Martin, a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and director of the Army staff, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the next vice chief of staff of the Army recently.



Lt. Gen. Joseph Martin

“I am humbled and grateful for this tremendous honor,” Martin said. “I have had no greater privilege than leading

and serving with the great men and women of our United States Army, and am truly blessed to be able to continue being by their side as vice chief of staff.”

Martin said that he plans to continue focusing on the Army’s priorities of readiness, modernization, and people, which he has worked to advance as director of the Army Staff.

“Ensuring that our forces have the best training and equipment possible is our fundamental responsibility,” he said. “It is how we will continue to attract the best and brightest into our ranks, and preserve and defend the liberties and freedom of this great nation.”

Prior to his appointment as director of the

Army Staff, Martin was the commanding general of 1st Infantry Division - the storied Big Red One. Martin deployed to Iraq three different times with that division.

Among his awards and honors are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device, the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with “V” device, as well as the Combat Action and Parachutist badges.

Martin has a master’s degree in education from the University of Louisville and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

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“We will win by aggressively pursuing our priorities of readiness, modernization, and reform,” he told lawmakers.

Among the Army’s six modernization priorities, McConville highlighted long-range precision fires as a key to gaining overmatch against near-peer competitors.

An extended-range cannon that can shoot rounds at least 70 kilometers is being developed, he said, as well as a precision strike missile and a strategic long-range cannon and hypersonic missiles.

“Future chiefs will no longer have to say that they are outgunned or outranged as we go into the future,” he said.

Modernization efforts, he added, will not only be about new equipment, but also implementing the multi-domain operations concept and a new talent management system.

He said being part of a joint force, the Army can also effectively deter Russia and China, the two largest threats mentioned in the National Defense Strategy.

“The way we do that is working with our partners and allies,” he said, “and also having forces present or an ability to react to any type of malicious behavior.”

At the start of the hearing, McConville recognized his wife, Maria, a former Army officer herself, whom he said is responsible for all of his success.

“She is the foundation and strength of our family,” he said. “She often says to me, ‘don’t thank us for our sacrifice, thank us for our commitment.’ And I want to thank all of the spouses for their commitment in serving.”

The couple has three children – all now serving as officers in the Army.

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>> FORGED IN IRON

Spc. Matthew Marcellus / 1st Armored Division PA

Iron Soldiers assigned to the 1st Armored Division enter the final portion of a division-wide run at Fort Bliss, May 23. The approximately five-mile run served as a physical fitness training event, bringing together personnel and units of the division to build morale in the organization, as well as to help encourage a standard of physical excellence for each Soldier.

DRINKING, DRUGS AND DON'T MIX

UNIT NEWS

Training is the oil that keeps the engine of our Army running



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ACES Recognition Ceremony: The Fort Bliss Army Continuing Education System-Education Center will have a recognition ceremony, June 10, honoring Soldiers and their family members who earned a certificate, associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree within the past year and did not attend any other ceremony. Also being recognized will be those Soldiers and their family members who are within six credits of completing a degree program they are actively pursuing. 6 p.m., Stayton Theater, building 2495, Ricker Road. 568-9740. 588-5334

TARP training: Fort Bliss offers Threat Awareness Reporting Program (TARP) training at two locations monthly. Get your learn on at the Soldier Activity Center 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. This training will be offered in these locations through September. 568-4604

McGregor/FBTX ammo point closings: The McGregor Range/FBTX Ammunition Supply Point will be closed June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through TAMIS during the closures. 569-9528

Bible study: Fort Bliss post-wide Bible study takes place every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at Bldg. 449-451, Pershing Road. Free dinner from 5:30 p.m. Childcare provided. 568-4334



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The competition tested each individual's fitness level, military knowledge, warrior skills and preparedness in several events such as medical skills lanes, weapons proficiency, hand-to-hand combatives, land navigation, and other vital military tasks in order to determine the division's top junior-enlisted Soldier and top NCO.

"I am honored to be this year's Soldier of the Year," said Beattie. "I entered the Best Warrior Competition in order to perform to the best of my ability and to represent my company, and that's what I did."

This year's Best Warrior Competition also pushed each individual Soldier to the limit, testing their skills in a challenging, fast-paced environment.

"There are a lot of physical and mental events in the competition," said Staff Sgt. Tyler Lewis, the runner-up of the NCO competition, who serves as a field artillery firefinder radar operator assigned to 2nd Battery, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st SBCT. "The events definitely torch you with both physically and mentally challenging stations change to back-to-back with no rest."

The competition was designed to have these demanding events in quick succession, preventing contestants from being able to only prepare and study for individual tasks immediately before they are assessed.

"Winning this competition shows the commitment and ability of the leadership in my battalion and brigade," said Robinson. "The leadership here (4-17 Infantry) prepares and develops you more than you could imagine."



Photos by Spc. Matthew Marcellus / 1st AD

Pfc. Brandon Salamanca, an infantry Soldier assigned to 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, constructs a Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System during the communications portion of 1st Armored Division's 2019 Best Warrior Competition May 15 at Fort Bliss.

The 2019 Best Warrior Competition provided opportunities for Soldiers from every military occupational specialty and background across the division to prove themselves.

"For me being here, it's letting other Soldiers know, who are not in combat arms that this competition is not just for them," said Beattie. "Even if they're a private in the Army, they can come out and compete. Anyone can be in this competition and anybody can win if they work hard at it."

"I'm proud to be the NCO of the Year, and I think my Soldiers will look up to the fact that I won the competition," said Robinson. "You have to lead by example and always be prepared; seeing one of their leaders win NCO of the year can inspire my Soldiers to be their best."

Robinson and Beattie will now move on to compete for the title of III Corps 2019 Best Warrior at both the NCO and Soldier level respectively at Fort Hood later this year.



Staff Sgt. Mike Aguayo, a tactical power generation specialist assigned to 3rd Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., CAB, 1st AD, uses a compass to find the correct direction to travel to a set location during the land navigation portion of the competition. Land navigation is an integral aspect of a Soldier's warrior skills to ensure Soldiers are agile and ready to navigate through challenging terrain during combat missions in remote and austere environments.

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'The O-5 Mafia'

Eight Army nurses impact WBAMC's history, future

By Marcy Sanchez

William Beaumont Army Medical Center Public Affairs

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Camaraderie is how most of the group describes their relationships with all having their unique experiences lead them to their current roles as leaders.

"For me, it's the memories of coming back, full circle and being with the same folks we were once with," said Lambert Cabaes. "I'll never exchange the experiences we've had here and that we continue to have because they are my extended family. There's some things that you can't just replace and those are the memories that we shared of knowing that we won't ask junior (Soldiers) things that we haven't done ourselves."

Cabaes, who was at WBAMC's Medical Ward in 2001, believes his first taste of health care at WBAMC well-prepared him for future assignments, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It was a struggle, but every assignment that I've been through (since leaving WBAMC) have not been as hard as what we've (the group) been through," said Cabaes. "For me, knowing their work ethic, their personalities, when the command tells us to do something, I know it will get done. Just knowing we still have each other's back, that's why I stay in the military."

Jerry Rivera Santiago serves as WBAMC's clinical nursing officer-in-charge of the Operating Room. First starting his Army career as an enlisted Soldier, Rivera Santiago

jumped at the opportunity to take part in an enlisted-to-commissioned program.

"The reason I joined was to learn English, to travel and to get an education," said Rivera Santiago, who has twice deployed to Iraq. "(Being assigned to the Medical Ward) was one of the best things that have happened to me, because it prepared me in the basics of nursing."

"I grew up having everything through the Army, before that I came from a poor environment and now I'm at a place where I don't have to worry about those kind of things," said Rivera Santiago. "Not that they just gave it to me, you really have to work for it, but it's there. I like the options I've had through the Army."

Not all the of these Soldiers started their nursing careers at WBAMC. Pacheco was first introduced to Army Medicine at Tripler Army Medical Center, in Hawaii, where she served as a medical-surgical nurse. Following her tour in Hawaii, Pacheco added emergency room nursing to her skill set before landing at WBAMC.

"My family came to the U.S. when I was 12. We were immigrants, we didn't have any money for college," said Pacheco, a clinical nurse specialist at WBAMC's Perioperative Nursing Services. "I would have been stuck in California in a community college, so (the Army) was definitely a good opportunity."

Pacheco, who has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, and spent time as an operating room nurse at WBAMC after a brief stint



Courtesy photo

William Beaumont Army Medical Center. "I love coming to work every day, no day is ever the same. For us it feels like yesterday that we were in the Operating Room and (Medical Ward)," said Lt. Col. Rich Clark. "It's not just the camaraderie, but it's the mission too. We're taking care of America's sons and daughters. It's not about the money, it's about the role and the impact that you can make."

out of the Army. Additionally, Pacheco's relationships with some of the lieutenant colonels at WBAMC precede their times in uniform.

"We were both Army ROTC cadets from the University of San Francisco," said Huml, deputy commander for Quality and Safety at WBAMC, discussing her relationship with Pacheco. "(WBAMC) has a special place in my heart. I was married here, and started my family here."

Huml, who deployed to Iraq with Cabaes and Pacheco as part of the 31st Combat Support Hospital, said her interest in nursing started as a teenager.

"I had the opportunity to volunteer in rural Mexico as a teenager, and decided that nursing was my calling," said Huml. "When I was a nursing student, I saw the ROTC cadets rappelling off the side of the nursing building and was recruited into the Army ROTC program."

"Nursing was my calling, and after my combat experience with the 31st CSH, Army Nursing was my calling," said Huml. "The relationships I have made, that started here at WBAMC, were also the reason I have stayed in as an Army nurse. I know that I will be re-

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Going green: Army G-1 answers Army greens FAQs

By U.S. Army G-1

The limited user test for the Army Green Service Uniform continues and user feedback is being used to finalize the uniform design. Following that, a solicitation for full-rate production will be released for all interested vendors. Check out some FAQs on the new uniform.

Is this new uniform historically accurate?

This uniform is one of the most admired and recognizable uniforms in the Army's history. It was worn by Soldiers during World War II and the Korean War. The reintroduction of this uniform is meant to inspire trust and confidence in our Soldiers' professionalism and readiness.

Will there be a difference between the men's and women's uniform?

No. The uniform will be tailored for each individual Soldier. female Soldiers, however, will have the option to wear versions with a skirt or pants, and will also have additional shoe options.

Why does the Army need a new uniform?

The Army is currently the only service that does not have a uniform for everyday business environments. The Green uniform will become the everyday service uniform for all Soldiers; the current Army Service Uniform will return to a more formal dress uniform role. Currently, the Army and Air Force each have one dress uniform, the Marine Corps has two dress uniforms, and the Navy has three dress uniforms.

How much will this new uniform cost the Soldier?

The uniform will be cost-neutral for enlisted Soldiers. The quality of the uniform is also expected to increase the life expectancy of the garment (six years). All active component enlisted Soldiers will receive the annual clothing allowance to offset the cost.

What is the total cost to the Army?

This new uniform will have no additional cost for the American taxpayer or enlisted Soldiers. We are purchasing a higher-quality uniform with longer service life, and we are executing a longer phase-in period to remain cost neutral.

What is going to happen to the current Army Service Uniform?

The current ASU will revert to the formal Army dress uniform.

What has been the feedback you've received from Soldiers?

Social media indicates both positive and negative feedback. The Army Uniform Board, which included an all-female board for the female uniform, sought and addressed both positive and negative feedback in designing this uniform. The limited user evaluation will collect

feedback via focus groups and surveys, allowing the Army to make minor adjustments to the uniform.

Why are only a few Soldiers receiving the new uniform?

The Army is currently in phase II or III in transitioning to the Army Green Service Uniform. During phase II, the Army will conduct a limited user test to receive user feedback in order to finalize the uniform design. The uniform will be available to all Soldiers in July 2020.

How many and what Soldiers partici-

pated in the limited user evaluation?

The Limited User Test 1 and 2 (LUT 1/ LUT 2) was issued to recruiters. LUT 1 distributed to 200 recruiters, whereas LUT 2 will distribute to 500 recruiters. During the Limited User Evaluation (LUE), an additional 500 uniforms will be distributed to Army senior leaders, Old Guard and the Army Band.

Is Marlow White producing the uniforms?

During the LUT1, LUT 2 and LUE, there will be a fielding of 1,200 uniforms to recruiters, Army senior leaders, Old Guard, and the Army Band. There will be two sole-sourced vendors production the Army Green Service Uniform.

What are the three phases for the Army Green Service Uniform?

Phase I, which included the development and initial uniform design, ended on Nov. 11, 2018, with the approval of the Army Green Service Uniform. Phase II started in November 2018 and will run through March 2020. During this timeframe, the Limited User Test and Limited User Evaluation will occur. The fielding will allow for a wear test, focus group, survey, and assessment of data. These focus groups and surveys will allow the Army to make minor adjustments to ensure the comfortability of fit. Full production and fielding to new Soldiers will commence during Phase III in July 2020.

When can current Soldiers purchase the Army Green Service Uniform?

The AGSU will be available to purchase in select Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores in April 2020.

When will the Army begin solicitation for full-rate production of the Army Green Service Uniform?

An open source solicitation for full-rate production will be released during the 3rd quarter of FY19.



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Reserve unit qualifies units for deployment before mobilizations

By 1st Sgt. Daniel Griego and Sgt. Rigo Cisneros | 211th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Gen. Mark A. Milley, the 39th chief of staff of the Army, has three priorities for his fighting force. In his own words, “Readiness is number one, and there is no other number one. We must ensure the Army remains ready as the world’s premier combat force.”

For the Soldiers of the 63rd Readiness Division, this readiness starts at home with validation through a comprehensive Soldier Readiness Processing.

During an SRP, Soldiers will ensure they are mission-ready in important areas of deployment preparedness, from finance to legal to medical. It can be a monumental task for organizations as large as the 63rd Readiness Division, an Army Reserve outfit headquartered out of Mountain View, California, and responsible for the administration of subordinate units across seven states, to include the 3rd Main Command Post Operational Detachment. This specialized detachment is shifting focus this month in preparation for its imminent mobilization in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Southwest Asia.

The 3rd MCP-OD is unlike most Army Reserve units that perform battle assemblies one weekend a month and an additional two weeks in a year. The MCP-OD conducts its training during the week and alongside their active duty counterparts in the famed III Armored Corps at Fort Hood. Its doctrinal mission is to enhance the capabilities of a division or corps headquarters battalion. This is exactly what they will be doing as III Armored Corps prepares to assume the Combined Joint Task Force mission overseas.

Although new to the Army structure (the unit was stood up in November 2016), the MCP-OD is at the forefront of the multi-component unit design, bridging active and Reserve elements to get the most out of both.

“We train the unit to the Corps’ [mission standard], so it doesn’t do us any good if we are here on weekends when everything is shut down,” said Army Reserve Capt. Ryan Sweet, commander of the MCP-OD. “As we



Photos by Sgt. Rigo Cisneros / 211th MPAD
Capt. Brian Russell, with the U.S. Army Reserve’s 3rd Main Command Post Operational Detachment, stationed in Fort Hood, goes through an administrative station during a Soldier’s pre-deployment Soldier Readiness Processing May 8. Soldier Readiness Processing is a U.S. Army program to qualify Soldiers for upcoming deployments that consists of medical examinations and administrative evaluations before movement to the mobilization platform.

train on the road to war, the key directors [in Corps] are working with the same personnel and see that a specific Reserve Soldier trained up with the team and is ready for the real-world mission.”

Although the MCP-OD is stationed at Fort Hood, next to III Armored Corps and their active duty mission is to support III Armored Corps, they are still a U.S. Army Reserve unit under the 63rd Readiness Division.

“The 63rd has been able to give us a direct line to get things done and have been instrumental in our success so far,” said Sweet. “When a problem appears, we don’t have to get with battalion and have that person put it on someone’s desk at brigade. We have those people who can fix the problem on the spot.”

“The 63rd is here to provide the expertise

of working with the Reserve component in a way III Corps can’t provide and that way we can take better care of our Soldiers,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Louisa Walker, the administrative officer-in-charge for the Mission Command Support Group. “Ultimately, they belong to us and we are responsible for them.” A Soldier must complete all three levels of SRP prior to deploying overseas. The MCP-OD completed Level 1 more than a month ago at their home station and are now processing through Level 2, typically conducted 30-60 days prior to arriving at the mobilization site. Level 3 concludes the process and takes place at the mob station prior to getting on the plane to deploy.

“Level 2 is what we’re here for. A lot of the Soldiers’ information should have already



Sgt. Dongtrieu Pham with the U.S. Army Reserve’s 3rd MCP-OD, stationed at Fort Hood, goes through a medical check-up station during his pre-deployment Soldier Readiness Processing hosted by the 63rd Readiness Division, out of Mountain View, Calif., May 8.

been updated at home station; we’re here to make sure it has been,” said Walker. “We’re more of a ‘check and balance’ system.”

Once complete, the MCP-OD will move on to the next stage of their deployment training, shifting focus from administrative readiness to the mission and physical readiness. Their overseas value cannot be overstated as they support their active component counterparts in everything from intelligence and logistics to combat operations.

“This is my first SRP and deployment,” said Pfc. Kristen Faircloth, a signal communications specialist with the unit. “It was pretty painless thanks to the 63rd being here.”

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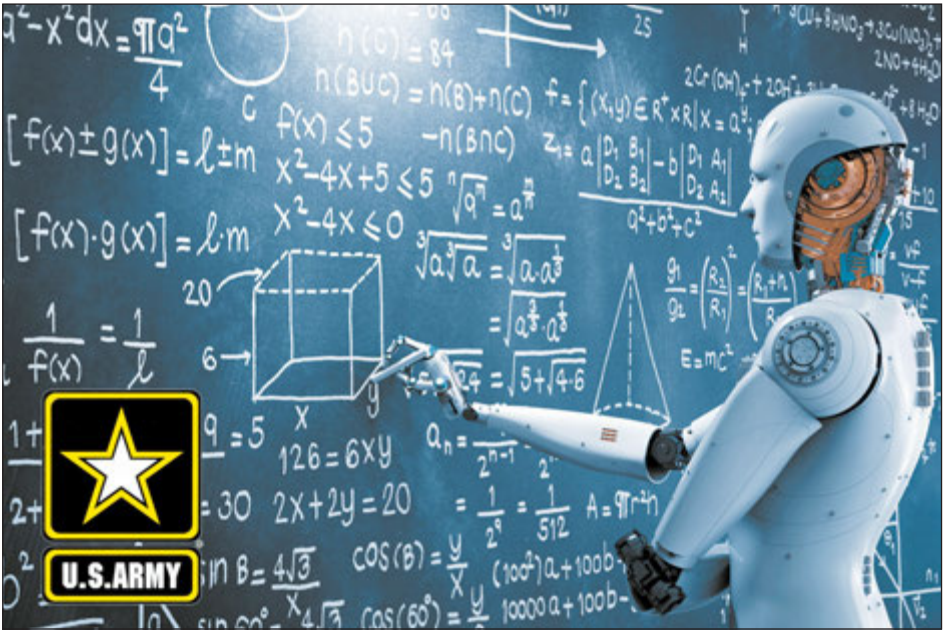
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Army-funded research is bringing AI a step closer to providing our warfighters with effective unmanned systems that can be deployed in the field. Researchers at North Carolina State University developed a new framework for deep neural networks that allows artificial intelligence systems to better learn new tasks while forgetting less of what they have learned regarding previous task.

Army-funded research boosts memory of AI systems

By CCDC Army Research Laboratory PA

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. – A project of the U.S. Army has developed a new framework for deep neural networks that allows artificial intelligence systems to better learn new tasks while forgetting less of what they have learned in previous tasks. The North Carolina State University researchers, funded by the Army, have also demonstrated that using the framework to learn a new task can make the AI better at performing previous tasks, a phenomenon called backward transfer.

“The Army needs to be prepared to fight anywhere in the world so its intelligent systems also need to be prepared,” said Dr. Mary Anne Fields, program manager for Intelligent Systems at the Army Research Office, an element of U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command’s Army Research Lab. “We expect the Army’s intelligent systems to continually acquire new skills as they conduct missions on battlefields around the world without forgetting skills that have already been trained. For instance, while conducting an urban operation, a wheeled robot may learn new navigation parameters for dense, urban cities, but it still needs to operate efficiently in a previously-encountered environment like a forest.”

The research team proposed a new framework, called Learn to Grow, for continual learning, which decouples network structure learning and model parameter learning. In experimental testing it outperformed previous approaches to continual learning.

“Deep neural network AI systems are designed for learning narrow tasks,” said Xilai Li, a co-lead author of the paper and a Ph.D. candidate at N.C. State. “As a result, one of several things can happen when learning new tasks, systems can forget old tasks when learning new ones, which is called catastrophic forgetting. Systems can forget some of the things they knew about old tasks, while not learning to do new ones as well. Or systems can fix old tasks in place while adding new tasks -- which limits improvement and quickly leads to an AI system that is too large to operate efficiently. Continual learning, also called lifelong-learning or learning-to-learn, is trying to address the issue.”

To understand the Learn to Grow framework, think of deep neural networks as a pipe filled with multiple layers. Raw data goes into the top of the pipe, and task outputs come out the bottom. Every “layer” in the pipe is a computation that manipulates the data in order to help the network accomplish its task, such as identifying objects in a digital image. There are multiple ways of arranging the layers in the pipe, which correspond to different “architectures” of the network.

When asking a deep neural network to learn a new task, the Learn to Grow framework begins by conducting something called an explicit neural architecture optimization via search. What this means is that as the network comes to each layer in its system, it can decide to do one of four things: skip

the layer; use the layer in the same way that previous tasks used it; attach a lightweight adapter to the layer, which modifies it slightly; or create an entirely new layer.

This architecture optimization effectively lays out the best topology, or series of layers, needed to accomplish the new task. Once this is complete, the network uses the new topology to train itself on how to accomplish the task -- just like any other deep learning AI system.

“We’ve run experiments using several data sets, and what we’ve found is that the more similar a new task is to previous tasks, the more overlap there is in terms of the existing layers that are kept to perform the new task,” Li said. “What is more interesting is that, with the optimized -- or “learned” topology -- a network trained to perform new tasks forgets very little of what it needed to perform the older tasks, even if the older tasks were not similar.”

The researchers also ran experiments comparing the Learn to Grow framework’s ability to learn new tasks to several other continual learning methods and found that the Learn to Grow framework had better accuracy when completing new tasks.

To test how much each network may have forgotten when learning the new task, the researchers then tested each system’s accuracy at performing the older tasks -- and the Learn to Grow framework again outperformed the other networks.

“In some cases, the Learn to Grow framework actually got better at performing the old tasks,” said Caiming Xiong, the research director of Salesforce Research and a co-author of the work. “This is called backward transfer and occurs when you find that learning a new task makes you better at an old task. We see this in people all the time; not so much with AI.”

“This Army investment extends the current state of the art machine learning techniques that will guide our Army Research Laboratory researchers as they develop robotic applications, such as intelligent maneuver and learning to recognize novel objects,” Fields said. “This research brings AI a step closer to providing our warfighters with effective unmanned systems that can be deployed in the field.”

The paper, “Learn to Grow: A Continual Structure Learning Framework for Overcoming Catastrophic Forgetting,” will be presented at the 36th International Conference on Machine Learning, being held June 9-15 in Long Beach, California. Co-lead authors of the paper are Tianfu Wu, Ph.D., an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at N.C. State, Xilai Li, a doctoral student at N.C. State, and Yingbo Zhou of Salesforce Research. The paper was co-authored by Richard Socher and Caiming Xiong of Salesforce Research.

The work was also supported by the National Science Foundation. Part of the work was done while Li was a summer intern at Salesforce AI Research.

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‘A debt we can never repay’

Team Bliss, El Paso gathered to mark Memorial Day

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During World War II, approximately nine percent of Americans served in the military. Today less than one percent serves, yet that would have been hard to know at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery Monday.

As they have for more than a generation, El Pasoans and Team Bliss gathered for the 2019 Memorial Day ceremony, as well as throughout the holiday weekend at the Department of Veterans Affairs cemetery, to remember those who’ve paid the ultimate sacrifice while in military uniform, as well as to recognize the courage of Gold Star spouses and families.

In a nod to tradition, Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss commanding general, was invited to be the keynote speaker for the event.

In command at Bliss since last summer, which is the second time he and his wife Jacqueline and their family have been stationed in El Paso, the general reflected upon on how El Paso welcomes the Army as a partner, not just for day-to-day life, but also in a shared commitment to service. He ended by saying that the ultimate sacrifice was “a debt we can never repay,” but encouraged the audience to honor the fallen throughout the year by aspiring to serve others.

The ceremony capped three days of events at the facility. Over the weekend, local youth groups, volunteer organizations, and individual volunteers placed scores of American flags at the graves of fallen service members. The Avenue of Flags at the cemetery also had a red, white and blue makeover as veterans groups lined 300 flags along the scenic drive.

The 1st AD Band was in full regalia as they offered traditional entertainment for the guests, including vocals from Spc. Phillip Morris, who performed “Last Full Measure of Devotion,” a song written by Robert Jager, during the program.

As troops, veterans, family members and friends walked together and remembered those buried at the cemetery, or in final resting places the world over, no matter what the statistics may say about the less-than-one-percent, those who gathered at the Fort Bliss Cemetery Monday were there to remember and support others in doing the same.

One hundred percent.



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32nd AAMDC’s ‘Team of Winners’ deploy to Romania

By Sgt. 1st Class Jason Epperson | 10th AAMDC PA

NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY DEVESELU, Romania – Approximately 100 Soldiers from Fort Hood deployed to Romania in April as the NATO’s Aegis Ashore Ballistic Missile Defense site undergoes a long-planned upgrade. The Soldiers will temporarily emplace a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system at the remote site.

Soldiers from B Battery (THAAD), 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command arrived in Romania in April and started building the temporary site for the launching pad alongside with local contractors.

At the request of NATO, the U.S. Secretary of Defense deployed the B-62 personnel and equipment from Fort Hood, more than 6,000 miles away, to begin the summer mission in Romania. The U.S. Air Force, Army, and Navy played a critical role in supporting the deployment, planned by the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command and Task Force Buckeyes, the Ohio Army National Guard’s 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade from Columbus, Ohio, currently deployed to Europe as the 10th AAMDC’s Mission Command Element.

U.S. Army Capt. Joshua St. John, the B-62 commander, said this mission is important because it marks the first THAAD integration with NATO.

“We are supporting the Aegis Ashore and the commitment of forces to NATO and the ongoing, phased approach to missile defense in the Army,” St. John said. “Some long term implications we now know are that THAAD can integrate into a NATO environment and rapidly employ joint air missile defense operations while the Aegis Ashore system will be upgraded.”

St. John said the unit received the THAAD equipment a little over a year ago and went straight into gunnery certifications. After the certification, the unit began training at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, before being notified about the upcoming deployment to Romania.

“As soon as we were notified about this mission, our equipment was still at the last exercise and not at home station and so, to transport it, recover and put it back on the boat and then deploy forward was a huge process,” he said. “Soldiers had been away from their families for weeks, came home for a few weeks and then got right back out the door. The ability and the effort from the Soldiers and their willingness to serve were incredible.”

Another first for the unit was planning the complicated movement of thousands of pounds of equipment valued at over a billion dollars from Texas to Romania with no past blueprint

to reference.

“This was the first deployment of THAAD out of Fort Hood, so that was a new process working with our transportation offices to make sure that they understand the requirements moving forward in the future and they were great to work with,” he said.

U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Travis Washington, the B-62 first sergeant, said that the mission was a great opportunity for soldiers to work with the Navy, and other agencies, integrating two different systems.

“The long-term goal is to build a better relationship with NATO parties when it comes to air defense as a whole to make the branch better,” Washington said. “I’m just glad my Soldiers are able to experience this type of mission and be a part of NATO and represent 69th brigade and 32nd Air Defense as a whole.”

The arrival of Army Soldiers to the Navy base, which has been operational since 2015, took a lot of hard work and coordination.

U.S. Navy Capt. Jackie Knick, commander of Naval Support Facility Deveselu, said he had not worked with Soldiers before, and despite learning the learning curve for the Army’s affinity for acronyms, the mission has been smooth.

“One of my biggest concerns was to make sure the facilities here were ready for [the incoming Soldiers] and then logistically trying to get everything in here at Deveselu,” Knick said. “I’ve seen a laundry list of things coming from Texas, Alabama and other places. It actu-



Master Sgt. James Redd / 174th ADA

A convoy of Romanian trucks carrying a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense interceptor system leave Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, in route to Naval Support Facility Deveselu, Romania, May 10. The 400-kilometer convoy was the longest the THAAD system has traveled on road outside of the continental U.S. The deployment of the THAAD is in support of the NATO Ballistic Missile Defense mission and reinforces the strong and unrelenting U.S. commitment to the defense of our NATO allies.

ally went pretty easily from my standpoint.”

In order to support the Army’s mission, the Navy is working to ensure everyone stays on the agreed timeline and the Aegis Ashore project proceeds as planned.

Knick said that a big key is getting everything in place and operational to support the additional manpower on the small facility located within the Romanian 99th Military Base, near the city Caracal in the southwest portion of the country. With a strong partnership intact between the Romanians and the U.S. Navy, bringing Army soldiers into the mix required some additional logistical support that was overseen by Romanian Col. Razvan Bratulescu, 99th Military Base commander.

Bratulescu says he’s gone through this process

before with the arrival of the U.S. Navy several years ago and he wants to make sure everyone feels welcome on base.

Bratulescu said that working with the U.S. military has been really great and the level of cooperation is incredible due to the professionalism of all involved.

“We usually participate together in community events organized by us and the local community. We try to integrate them into the local communities.”

The Aegis Ashore is a key element of NATO Ballistic Missile Defense, which protects Europe from ballistic missile threats outside the European theater. The scheduled update to Aegis Ashore Romanian is part of regular updates taking place on all U.S. Aegis systems.





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Land forces key to free, open Indo-Asia Pacific

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

HONOLULU – While the Indo-Asia Pacific region is mostly ocean, land forces are crucial to ensure it remains free and open so nations can prosper, the region’s top U.S. Army officer said May 21.

For 70-plus years, the region has flourished under an international rules-based order that allows access to seas and airways, fair trade and sovereignty, said Gen. Robert Brown, commander of U.S. Army Pacific.

As a result, Indo-Asia Pacific is now home to over half of the world’s megacities and seven of the eight fastest-growing economies.

About 100,000 ships also pass through the Strait of Malacca each year --- equal to roughly a quarter of the world’s trade.

“Free and open; it demonstrates a commitment to a safe, secure and prosperous region that benefits all nations,” Brown said during his speech to kick off the three-day Land Forces Pacific Symposium, hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army.

Ground troops, he said, help countries stay on course in a sea-dominated part of the globe.

“Land plays a critical role. The obvious is that people live on the land. There’s a lot of blue, but they live on the land,” he said, adding the region has seven of the world’s 10 largest armies.

Some threats to the current system come from China, which seeks to be a regional hegemon and to displace the U.S. in its effort to gain global preeminence, according to the National Defense Strategy.

To do this, China uses its military, influence operations and predatory economics to coerce nearby nations to their advantage, the strategy states, while it also militarizes parts of the South China Sea.

North Korea also remains a challenge with its “outlaw actions and reckless rhetoric” despite United Nations censure and sanctions, the strategy says.

Last year, the White House reaffirmed a “whole-of-government” commitment to help economic and commercial engagement in the



Royal Thai Army troops review plans with U.S. Soldiers before conducting a combined squad-level ambush technique as part of Exercise Hanuman Guardian, Jan. 29, in Sa Kaeo Province, Thailand. Land forces working together are the key to free, open trade in the region, said the U.S. Army Pacific commander as he kicked off a three-day LANPAC symposium in Honolulu May 21.

region.

Over \$113 million will now seed new strategic initiatives in the region, such as U.S. private investment, improvements to digital connectivity and cybersecurity, sustainable infrastructure development, as well as energy security and access.

A new U.S. development agency, the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, was also created and is expected to be operational by October.

The corporation will have an increased investment cap of \$60 billion to support economic development in emerging markets, such as those in the Indo-Asia Pacific, according to a news release.

“We’re building a ‘team of teams’ and presenting challenges to our adversaries in the region like never before,” said Maj. Gen. Susan Davidson, the U.S. Indo-Asia Pacific

Command’s director for logistics, engineering and security cooperation.

Partnerships, especially those amongst armies, in the region can keep areas secure and shipping lanes open to feed ever-growing populations.

“The commerce that enables the markets to serve the food needs occur in a safe, stable and secure environment enabled by freedom of movement of goods, services, people and information from the bottom of the sea, up to the satellites in space,” she said.

Attacks by violent extremist organizations may also be prevented if nations worked closer together, Brown said.

A counter-terrorism center being developed in Singapore, he said, is an example of how nations can share intelligence.

“They’re going to find a gap or seam if we don’t work together, no doubt about it,” he



Spc. Audrey Ward / 982nd Combat Camera (Airborne) Gen. Robert Brown, U.S. Army Pacific commander, attends a brief on Canadian simulated operations during Joint Warfighting Assessment 19, May 6. His keynote speech opening the Land Forces Pacific symposium May 21 stressed that the key to free, open trade in the region is land forces working together.

said of extremists.

Mother Nature also significantly torments the region, where seven out of every 10 deaths from natural disasters occur, Brown said.

“When a nation commits land forces, boots on ground to a situation -- be it a humanitarian assistance or a conflict -- there’s no greater commitment,” he said.


Ground forces from across the region, for instance, were called in to help after the 2015 earthquake in Nepal that killed nearly 9,000 people.

“We had an incredible response from the entire Indo-Asia Pacific region to help save lives,” he said, adding 35 of the 36 nations in the region joined in those efforts.

He also pointed to last year’s rescue operation of 12 members of a Thai soccer team, aged 11 to 16, and their coach who were trapped in a cave for 18 days.

He called it a “black swan” event, which occurs out of nowhere, but had 25 nations unite to help out.

“Together, we’re very powerful,” he said. “Together, we can keep a free and open Indo-Asia Pacific. Together, we can ensure growth and stability for all our nations.”



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Navy Airman Christopher Tercero, from El Paso, assigned to amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4), cleans padeyes in the hangar while transiting the Pacific Ocean May 23. The Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) are deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations to support regional stability, reassure partners and allies, and maintain a presence to respond to any crisis ranging from humanitarian assistance to contingency operations.

WBAMC *Continued from Page 3A*

tiring this summer, but will have this connection to my Army family forever. Throughout my career, I have made meaningful relationships which inspired me to serve.”

A deeper understanding of medicine led Lt. Col. Perry Ruiz, chief of Nursing Operations at WBAMC, to a career in nursing.

“Whenever I used to take my wife and our baby to the doctor I never really understood what was happening. But I did realize that if I knew what nurses know then I could take better care of my own family,” said Ruiz, a native of El Paso.

Ruiz, who is on his third assignment at WBAMC, also got his start on the Medical Ward in 1998. After two deployments to Afghanistan, Ruiz shared one of his fondest memories from his deployment, which still resonates with him.

“What started out as a calm night with (a 10-year-old Afghan boy) talking quietly with his grandpa ended up being loud and chaotic with all the bright lights turned on. (The boy) went into cardiac arrest, we did everything we could to save him but nothing worked,” said Ruiz, discussing some of the grim realities of the field. “We all learn what to do. We all become technically proficient. But what your patients need is not someone who is merely technically proficient, you need to sincerely care.”

Ruiz said he never expected to reunite with his fellow nurses at this point in his career.

“We were all nurses. We were all [lieutenants]. This was our first tour as officers. We did bond but never expected a reunion like this,” said Ruiz.

When Ruiz joined the team of nurses on WBAMC’s Medical Ward, he didn’t join a group of strangers as some Soldiers do during their first assignments, a familiar face

was there with him. Lt. Col. Greg Lara, chief of Hospital Education and Training, met Ruiz during Officer Basic Training, after serving seven years as a combat medic.

Lara also took advantage of the Army’s enlisted commissioning program and started as a staff nurse in 1998.

“I like making a difference in patients’ lives and fellow service members’ lives,” said Lara. “I still enjoy [nursing], which is why I continue to serve. The people you meet, the opportunities are abundant. I really enjoy educating, mentoring, guiding Soldiers, whether they are NCOs, officers or junior enlisted.”

Taking a different approach to the nursing field, Greg Clark also began on the Medical Ward, but an interest in the technical aspects of nursing led the former air defender to nursing informatics.

“I did everything that I wanted to do as a kid (in Air Defense Artillery), my mom is a nurse, and stepfather is a physician, so I told myself that’s the best way to go,” said Clark. “Even though I work in [information technology], [being a nurse] helps bridge the gap between the physicians and IT. We look at IT from a clinical perspective now, to support the clinicians.”

While plans for some of these senior nurses are to retire soon, others wish to continue serving the organization which has sown their careers and sewed their relationships which have lasted over two decades.

“I love coming to work every day, no day is ever the same. For us it feels like yesterday that we were in the Operating Room and (Medical Ward),” said Clark. “It’s not just the camaraderie, but it’s the mission too. We’re taking care of America’s sons and daughters. It’s not about the money, it’s about the role and the impact that you can make.”

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Army on track to meet FY19 recruitment goals, add more women to combat arms

By Devon Suits | Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army is on the path to meet its fiscal year 2019 recruiting mission: to bring 68,000 Soldiers into the active component, 15,600 into the Army Reserve, and 39,000 into the National Guard, said the Army’s G-1.

At the same time, the Army is maintaining its high entry standards while further increasing positions for women in brigade combat teams.

“The Army increased its entry standards last summer in a number of areas, making clear its commitment to ‘quality over quantity,’” said Lt. Gen. Thomas Seamands, the Army’s deputy chief of staff, G-1.

To help bolster this year’s numbers, recruiting has developed a “total Army approach,” Seamands said. For example, the Army added almost 800 recruiters to the force over the past year and the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command assumed oversight over all accessions to help counter a tough recruiting market.

“Today, only 29 percent of 17 to 24-year-olds in the U.S. are eligible to serve in the Army, and only one in eight has a propensity to enlist in the military, making Army accessions a challenging and resource-intensive activity,” he said.

To entice people to join, the Army has allocated \$450 million toward active-duty bonuses. Further, the force assigned \$50 million to “add, relocate, or improve recruiting centers in more than 200 critical markets,” Seamands said.

Further, the Army has made improvements to the “goArmy.com” website, all while establishing effective communication practices on each of its social media platforms, he added.



Sgt. Thomas Mort / U.S. Army
Second Lt. Tatiana Miranda, right, a 2nd Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment Soldier, prepares for tank gunnery at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, March 19. Miranda is the first female officer in the 1st ABCT, 1st Infantry Division, to qualify with an Abrams tank. The Army plans to open up even more assignments for female officers this year at Forts Stewart, Drum, Riley, Polk, and in Italy, according to Army G-1.

The Army has also made improvements to the way it assesses and trains the “right Soldier for the right job,” Seamands said.

For starters, the Occupational Physical Assessment Test, or OPAT, continues to provide the Army with a physical-assessment screening tool for both officer and enlisted accessions.

“Passing the OPAT ensures new Soldiers, regardless of gender, can succeed in an assigned specialty and verifies their readiness for training,” Seamands said. “Longitudinal studies on OPAT are being conducted by the Army Research Institute to measure OPAT’s effect on morale, cohesion, and readiness.”

Further, Soldiers or recruits that meet the standards set by a military occupational specialty should have the opportunity to serve in that career field, regardless of their gender, he said.

“To date, the Army has successfully accessed and transferred more than 1,000 women into the previously closed occupations of infantry, armor, and field artillery,” he said. “Currently, 80 female officers are assigned to infantry or armor positions at Forts Hood, Bragg, Carson, Bliss, and Campbell.”

The Army first opened positions in combat arms battalions to women in 2016. That year the first women graduated field artillery training as cannon crew members and the first female officers were accepted into the infantry branch.

This year the Army plans to open up more assignments for female officers at Forts Stewart, Drum, Riley, Polk, and in Italy, Seamands said.

“Additionally, the Army has transferred, trained, and assigned female NCOs into both infantry and armor specialties,” he said. “As part of a multi-year effort to open other assignments to female Soldiers, as many as 500 women currently serve in every active brigade combat team in the Army down to the company level.”

In addition, 30 women have graduated from Ranger School since 2015.

Moving forward, the Army will continue to evaluate its gender integration processes all while employing a standards-based approach to increase unit diversity, he said.

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Sgt. Rebecca Albiento, left, and Spc. Quinn Clemons, Soldiers from the 142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, prepare to depart Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Jan. 11.



Maj. Darrell Lyles, the 142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion support operations officer, conducts a staff meeting at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Jan. 28.

142nd CSSB supported DHS border mission earlier this year

By Sgt. Nicholas Brown-Bell | 1st Armored Division
DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – Around a crowded conference table in an office building at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, Maj. Darrell Lyles led the 142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion team through their daily operations sync meeting. As the support operations officer, it was Lyles’ job to synchronize all the logistics for Task Force 51, Arizona’s ground force component of the DoD mission to support the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection in securing the southern border of the United States.

To say the 142nd CSSB’s mission was integral to TF51’s success is an understatement; the unit handled a huge array of support functions. From fuel for vehicles and generators, to hot food and bottled water

delivered to those in the field, vehicle maintenance, transportation and distribution of supplies, including the bulk wire strung along the Arizona-Mexico border, the 142nd handled it all.

Lyles said the unit arrived with little notice but was quickly trained up by their predecessors in order to hit the ground running. He “couldn’t ask for better execution of the mission. I’m extremely proud of what this team has done in a very short period of time.”

In short, the 142nd CSSB was busy. Very busy.

For battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Hunt, busy is how he likes it. He said the 142nd’s mission at home is important, but transitioning that mission forward is where the unit really shines.

“A deployment is a deployment, it doesn’t matter what location you are at. Whether

you’re here in Tucson or you’re in Afghanistan, as long as you can keep your eye on the mission, you’ll be fine,” he said.

As busy as the unit is with real-world applications of their skills, Sgt. 1st Class Nickolius Hereford said the unit is never too busy to train, even when deployed.

“We’ll leave better than when we came,” said Hereford. “Continuing to learn is a good thing, never a bad thing.”

This focus on training while balancing the mission is an oft-repeated mantra of the unit. Battalion commander Lt. Col. Ryan Swedlow focused on the necessity of returning to basics as well, no matter how much is expected of him and his Soldiers.

“Too often, we rush to get into collective, ‘flashy training,’ convoy live fire and field training exercises, but this [mission] has given us a great opportunity to get back to

individual readiness,” Swedlow said.

One would think the unit’s training was mostly classroom lectures and PowerPoint presentations to save time, with the hectic schedule of the 142nd. Swedlow and Hunt had none of that. With the resources offered by Davis-Monthan and neighboring Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Soldiers qualified on their weapons at live-fire ranges, learned new communications and radio technology systems, and created a night driving course in the motor pool while in Arizona.

“Everyone here really loves sustainment because our job is to take care of people,” said Capt. Richard Simpson, the battalion S3 officer-in-charge. “It’s very rewarding that you can see the immediate impact of what we do.”

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Hype or Die Fest: El Paso DJ and producer Riot Ten headlines the Hype or Die music fest 7 p.m.-2 a.m. tomorrow, at Wet N' Wild Waterworld, 8804 S. Desert, Anthony, Texas (I-10 at Exit 0), with Bonnie X Clyde, PhasOne, G-Rex, Moonboy, Cybrpnk, Johnny Kage, Legit Alpha, Josor, Angel Valentin, Forti, Flash, Rektike and Tomnoize. Cost: \$15 at wetwild.com or hypeordiefest.com

Monthly Art and a Movie night: The Bliss FMWR Art and Hobby Shop will have a monthly "Art and a movie" night June 7 and July 12. There will be different movies and crafts each month to enjoy. Scheduled events are "The Lego Movie" and emoji or unicorn themed ceramics, June 7; and "The Goonies" and pirate themed ceramics July 12. Open to all DOD ID card holders. Cost: \$15. 820 Marshall Rd., West Fort Bliss. 568-5563

Mission Trail Art Market: Area artisans and craftspeople display their fine arts and crafts for their 11th season 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month March-November in the historic Veterans Memorial Plaza in San Elizario, with arts and crafts, music, reenactments, food and more. Pets welcome. This season's kickoff event, happening Sunday, will include a car show 3-7 p.m., new Farmer's Market starting at 10 a.m., and live music from Mestizo Band 4-8 p.m. Free. 851-0093 or missiontrailartmarket.com

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Retired 1st Sgt. Jarrid Collins leads a group of runners into Biggs Park at Fort Bliss May 13. Collins is running, biking, and hand-cycling 2,500 miles from Los Angeles to Tampa, Fla., to spread awareness of the Operation BBQ Relief's mission.

Awesome sauce: Service advocate, amputee 'breaks bread' at Bliss

By Sgt. Nicholas Brown-Bell | 1st Armored Division

The summer season at Fort Bliss is commonly known for two things: Texas heat and barbeque.

Military members, civilian employees and family members assigned to the sprawling West Texas military installation got a chance to kick off the season early thanks to retired. Army 1st Sgt. Jarrid Collins and Operation BBQ Relief during an FMWR event May 13 at Biggs Park on East Fort Bliss.

Collins, who prefers to be called Jay, opened the event running through the large crowd with an American flag in hand. The event at Fort Bliss was part of an official stop of a 2,500-mile journey from Los Angeles to Tampa, Florida.

Collins, who serves as the organization's head of non-disaster programs, created the "Breaking Bread Tour" to impact communities across the nation. An extension of Operation BBQ Relief's "Always Serving Project", the "Breaking Bread Tour" aims to connect, inspire, and serve first responders, veterans, and service members through barbeque.

After running and hand-cycling roughly 800 miles in two weeks, most people would be exhausted, but not Collins. In fact, over the course of the three-hour event, he didn't sit down once.

"I thought, what better way to interact with these communities than to run, bike, and hand-cycle across our amazing country, feeding people every week," he said.

Collins is a retired green beret who, after living with constant pain following an injury sustained in combat, made the decision to receive a below-the-knee amputation of his left leg. He said he is thriving following the

procedure.

"Three months post-surgery, I did a mini-triathlon; by six months post-amputation, I did a half-marathon; at the one-year mark, I did my first post-amputation marathon. I've been blessed to complete 12 marathons since my amputation, compete in the 2018 DoD Warrior Games, and the 2018 Invictus Games in Australia," Collins said.

Collins said he views this year's trek as an exciting challenge. So exciting, in fact, that he is already planning the "Breaking Bread Tour" for the next two years.

"We chose three routes because it gave us the best opportunity to impact as many communities as possible across the nation. It's important to share our message of 'Hope, Compassion, and Friendship' in as many communities as possible as a volunteer-driven organization."

Next year, the "Breaking Bread Tour" team will travel across the central United States, with a tour traveling along the Northern U.S. border the following year.

"Selecting Fort Bliss (as one of seven stops) was an easy decision because of its rich military history and the amazing units and organizations assigned to it. Having the opportunity to break bread with organizations like the 1st Armored Division, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, and others is a privilege and honor."

The "Breaking Bread Tour" team will make it final stop in Tampa, Florida June 16, before the opening ceremony of the 2019 DoD Warrior Games June 22.

To see how you can volunteer with Operation BBQ Relief, visit www.operationbbqrelief.org.



A volunteer prepares barbeque for the Fort Bliss stop of Operation BBQ Relief's "Breaking Bread Tour" May 13. All meals and services provided during the tour are provided solely by volunteers. The team will make its final stop in Tampa, Fla., June 16 for the opening ceremony of the 2019 DoD Warrior Games June 22.



A volunteer prepares for the Fort Bliss stop of Operation BBQ Relief's "Breaking Bread Tour" May 13.



A volunteer serves a Fort Bliss Soldier a napkin during Operation BBQ Relief's "Breaking Bread Tour" event at Fort Bliss May 13.



Command Sgt. Major Robert Cobb, the 1st Armored Division command sergeant major, chats with retired 1st Sgt. Jarrid Collins during the "Breaking Bread Tour" stop at Fort Bliss May 13. Collins is running, biking, and hand-cycling 2,500 miles from Los Angeles to Tampa, Fla., to spread awareness of the Operation BBQ Relief's mission.

Resolving coworker conflicts

By Bliss Employee Assistance Program

Coworker conflicts can be one of the most difficult forms of workplace stress. Understanding the nature of conflict, examining myths, and learning simple, conflict resolution skills can reduce conflicts and their negative toll on your job satisfaction and productivity.

The nature of conflict

Workplace conflicts naturally emerge from incompatible or opposing needs, wishes, external demands, or perceived demands of others. Conflict between coworkers can be visible in the work environment or stay hidden from others. Conflicts frequently get worse without resolution and can be costly if they appear irreconcilable.

Although often stressful, conflict at work is normal. When managed and controlled, conflict in the workplace is beneficial because it can stimulate change and discovery, and increase productivity. Understanding accepted principles about conflict in the workplace can help you feel less victimized by it and more in control of its outcome.

Myths about workplace conflict

• Myth #1: Conflict is bad. In the workplace, conflict is not inherently bad. It is usually a symptom, not a problem. It is a signal to do something to manage differences. What follows is a new outcome toward the goal of seeking harmony in the workplace and improving productivity.

• Myth #2: Conflict is win-lose. Conflict is often mistakenly viewed as an undesirable contest of wills and determination where one person wins and the other loses. This view reduces the potential benefits of conflict and can make it worse.

• Myth #3: Only bad employees cause conflict. Difficult employees may contribute to conflict, but most workplace conflicts are between productive and dedicated employees. Problems in resolving conflicts, and inadequate approaches to conflict resolution, contribute to the belief that conflict must be a disciplinary matter.

Early intervention is key

Because conflicts have the potential of be-

coming crises, early intervention is important. Once a crisis exists, attitudes of those in conflict can become rigid. Termination of the relationship becomes the goal and the risk of physical violence may exist. Consider these keys to conflict resolution:

• Expect Conflicts: Decide that conflicts will occasionally emerge in the discourse of human relationships. Don't fear conflict, rather, learn to spot its symptoms early and see opportunity in the resolution of conflict.

• Practice Preventative Maintenance: "Don't let a tree grow between you and a coworker." Practice talking about your relationship with your coworker. Avoid retreating to the safety of withdrawal, avoidance, or the simplistic view that your coworker is a "bad person." These are defense mechanisms that prevent the resolution of conflict.

• Frequently Discuss Four Conflict Parameters: Ask, "Do we have any concerns about: 1) communication between ourselves, our team, or the supervisor; 2) our roles and duties; 3) needs and resources for doing our job; 4) the work environment — customer stress, politics in the organization, or expectations of our work unit." Ask what contributes to conflicts in these areas. Make honesty a tradition and a tool for conflict resolution. Model openness and reward it if you are a manager or team leader. Seek solutions to identified problems, and follow up.

• Get Leverage on Yourself: When conflict between you and a coworker appears without resolution, it is time to get leverage. Ask to be held accountable for resolving the conflict. This brings your performance evaluation into the equation, but without taking away your responsibility for resolving conflict. This is hard to do, but remarkable change can happen when you are held to task.

What the Employee Assistance Program can do

The EAP can help you resolve conflicts using different approaches depending on an assessment of your struggles with a coworker. Call your EAP to learn more. To schedule an appointment call Josie Gering or Ed Westbrook at 203-2877.



>> HEROISM

Courtesy photo

The ROTC Medal of Heroism was posthumously awarded to the family of Riley Howell during a private ceremony held at the University of North Carolina Charlotte, May 11, in recognition of his actions when a gunman opened fire on students at the school on April 30. According to the award summary, "He protected his fellow classmates by tackling the suspect and using his body as a human shield. His actions that day left him mortally wounded, but he saved an undeterminable amount of lives. Mr. Howell demonstrated the values of the United States Army by showing a high level of integrity, honor, and selfless service on that fateful day."



Don't drink and drive

When it comes to alcohol, it's easy to be fooled by appearances. But the fact is, an "innocent" 12 oz. mug of beer or a "harmless" 5 oz. glass of wine is as guilty of causing intoxication as a standard 1 1/4 oz. shot of hard liquor.

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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey promotes a junior enlisted Soldier, in 2016. “It is important to never forget where you came from as you become an NCO. One of the biggest mistakes many new NCOs (and even Senior NCOs) make is forgetting that they were once junior enlisted members themselves,” writes Licea.



Tami Murphy / U.S. Army
A U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command Soldier is promoted Feb. 1. “Just because you are now an NCO does not mean you are immune from mistakes. In fact, you will probably make more mistakes now as an NCO than you did as a junior service member because you are in a position of leadership. The pressure that comes with the position, along with the added motivation and determination to show others that your rank was earned will cause you to make mistakes,” writes Licea.

In their own words: 5 tips to help new NCOs succeed

By Master Sgt. Alex Licea | 1st Armored Division Public Affairs

Congratulations, you are now a Noncommissioned Officer. First and foremost, be proud of your accomplishment!

Earning the title of NCO is an important step in the military career of enlisted personnel regardless of their branch of service and there is a lot of work and benchmarks that new NCOs had to accomplish on their journey to become a military leader.

Whether it was performing at a high level to earn the opportunity to attend a promotion board or the countless hours of studying to pass examinations and professional military education courses, the climb up the junior ranks comes from dedication and a strong work ethic.

Being an NCO isn’t only about the pay raise (although who doesn’t love more money) it’s a lifestyle, and the title of NCO comes with a series of new responsibilities. From being accountable for several pieces of high-value equipment to being responsible for the professional development of junior servicemembers under your charge, the life of an NCO doesn’t stop at the end of the duty day.

With all of those things in mind, here are five tips for you to consider as a newly minted NCO:

Build trust and trust others

Building trust with the junior members of your organization takes time and effort.

The foundation of trust for new NCOs starts with the ability to properly train the personnel under your leadership. No matter the service or MOS, young servicemembers will come to you, the NCO, seeking the skills and tools they need to accomplish any task.

Don’t forget the basics and always look to expand your skill sets so you can properly train your personnel on basic military competencies and specific job-related tasks. Being confident and knowledgeable during training events and exercises will quickly garner the trust you seek among your junior members.

Along with training, make sure you take an interest in your personnel and listen to their ideas and suggestions. Show them you care

and ask questions during your counseling sessions to make it more of a dialogue and less of a one-way conversation. Talk with them and not at them! This will also help you gain the trust of your subordinates.

In order to gain this trust, however, you must also be willing to trust others.

The mindset of trusting your people is key to any leadership style because it will help build meaningful relationships with the individuals you serve. If they need help along the way you will be there to coach and teach your personnel on those tasks so they improve. Do your best to not micromanage them though.

Trust is a two-way street based on mutual respect and relationship building.

Don’t forget your roots

It is important to never forget where you came from as you become an NCO.

One of the biggest mistakes many new NCOs (and even Senior NCOs) make is forgetting that they were once junior enlisted members themselves. Don’t let your new rank go to your head. Always remember that before you were a “Sergeant” or “Petty Officer” you were a “Private” “Airman” or “Seaman.” This will not only help you stay humble, but it will make you more relatable if you share your experiences of being a junior enlisted member when talking to your Soldiers, Marines, Airmen or Sailors.

Learn from your mistakes; you will make plenty of them

Just because you are now an NCO does not mean you are immune from mistakes. In fact, you will probably make more mistakes now as an NCO than you did as a junior service member because you are in a position of leadership. The pressure that comes with the position, along with the added motivation and determination to show others that your rank was earned will cause you to make mistakes.

Learn from all your mistakes to ensure you don’t make them again. It is a never-ending journey of personal discovery and growth.

Pick up next week’s Bugle for more on Master Sgt. Licea’s column “5 Tips to help new NCOs succeed.”

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Goat yoga with Grammy

By Lisa Smith Molinari |
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It seemed like a terrific idea ... at the time. Grammy was coming to visit for her birthday. Over the years, we'd given her every lousy present from ill-fitting sweaters, to redundant casserole dishes, to hardware store gift cards, to complicated electronics she would never use. It was high time we put real thought into Grammy's special day.

It hit me while I was driving past a local farm. "What if we surprised Grammy with a goat yoga session for her birthday?" I blurted to my daughters, Anna and Lilly, seated in the car with me.

"That would be SO fun!" Anna exclaimed.

We were unable to contain our own selfish excitement at the prospect of snapping selfies with adorable goats in the name of Grammy's birthday.

While most 70-something grandmothers would not want a cloven farm animal standing on her back, Grammy had always been fearless with all manner of bugs, reptiles, and furry creatures...and, oddly, fascinated with their scatology. So, Anna, Lilly, and I surprised her. "In honor of your birthday, we're having 'Girls' Night Out,' complete with Sunset Goat Yoga followed by dinner at a Thai restaurant!"

Although it sounded like the perfect girls' night to us, Grammy's stunned expression begged for more information. "Don't worry Mom," I assured her, "we're going to a

quaint, historic farm, and as the sun kisses the horizon, we'll be meditating on yoga mats in a flowered meadow while adorable baby goats frolic around us... Doesn't that sound fabulous?"

Grammy smiled uneasily.

We piled out of the car at the farm, just before several other participants showed up, each wearing the same look of cautious optimism. We waited outside the barn as instructed, as the farm hands retrieved goats on leashes for each of us. Lilly was assigned Herb, Anna had Daisy, Grammy had Wilson, and I had Sugar. I had expected curious and compliant goats, but these young kids pulled fiercely on their restraints, bleating to the hills to be returned to the comfort of their dung-heaps.

The farm hands told us to walk our goats up a muddy road to the field at the top of the hill, where the yoga instructor would teach our class. They advised, "If they run, run with them. If they resist, pick them up. But watch the horns!"

I looked down at Sugar, straining on her lead. "Is that mud running down the backs of her legs?" I wondered, resolving to not carry her.

The scene soon looked like an old Keystone Cops reel, each of us trying desperately to coax our goats up the hill, getting tangled in each other's leashes, sporadically running, and trying awkwardly to pick up the animals.

I finally resorted to carrying Sugar, with



my head turned reluctantly toward her caked backside to keep from having my eyes poked out. By the time we all reached the yoga location, we were sweating, traumatized, and smudged with poo.

We rolled mats out between the cow pies, and our yoga instructor began, "Today, we will experience real life with all its beauty and distractions." A giggle erupted when a goat urinated. "Yes, the goats are funny, but let's be mindful of our bodies now. Feel the breeze, hear the birds, smell" — A goat hopped onto Anna's lap, and Lilly hooted and fumbled with her phone to snap photos. "Smell the ocean," our instructor continued, just as a goat nibbled on Grammy's hair.

"He thinks it's hay!" my mother joked, and the entire class cracked up.

The hilarity continued through lotus position, downward-facing dog, grasshopper and warrior pose, while the goats hopped, bucked, gnawed, yanked, and tugged their way into our hearts. Even mucky Sugar won me over when she nuzzled my neck and nibbled my ponytail. Meditation and mindfulness seemed impossible, but suddenly I became very mindful when I realized Sugar had my entire ponytail down her throat. Clearly, laughter was the best therapeutic technique under the circumstances.

Over green curry and sake, I asked Grammy what she thought of goat yoga. She mustered her inner diplomat, not wanting to offend anyone while still speaking the truth, "Hmm, well, I must say, it was VERY authentic."

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A veteran reads the Glass Wall that contains the names of 58,229 Americans killed during the Vietnam War during a Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day ceremony at the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lejeune Memorial Gardens, Jacksonville, N.C., April 27.

Remembering those who sacrificed for America

By Jim Garamone | Defense.gov

WASHINGTON – When Jane Horton hears someone say “Happy Memorial Day,” it makes every one of her nerves stand on end. “That’s not what the day is about,” the Defense Department’s senior adviser for Gold Star and surviving family members matters said.

Sure, Memorial Day marks the traditional beginning of the summer vacation season. The three-day weekend involves picnics and barbecues and family trips, but it is also about acknowledging the debt Americans owe those who died to protect the country.

“There is this one special day each year called Memorial Day, and that is the day to remember the fallen and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice,” Horton said.

Memorial Day is a time for Americans to reflect on the sacrifices of so many to secure the country and protect its citizens. Since the country was founded, well over one million Americans died in the nation’s wars. Service members are still in harm’s way in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

Memorial Day grew out of the carnage of the Civil War, when more than 600,000 Union service members died giving the nation, as President Abraham Lincoln said, a “new birth of freedom.” After such an overwhelming loss, Americans in the North and the South remembered those killed.

Arlington National Cemetery – created in 1864 to bury those killed in the Civil War’s Overland campaign – was the site of family picnics on Memorial Day, as families from all over the country visited to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones.

Those who have paid that price were like Jane’s husband, Army Spc. Christopher Horton, an Army sniper killed in Afghanistan Sept. 9, 2011. Chris would want people to enjoy their long weekend, she said. “But they should take some time to remember, and understand why they are free,” she added. “That doesn’t mean they have to be somber or they have to obsess over it. But they should keep the sacrifice in the back of their heads.”

The best way to honor the fallen is to live the best life possible – especially for service members, she said. “That’s what I try to do,”

Courtesy photo
Memorial Day marks the traditional beginning of the summer vacation season. The three-day weekend involves picnics and barbecues and family trips, but it is also about acknowledging the debt Americans owe those who died to protect the country.

she added. “I have fun, go fishing, live the American dream, and remember, and learn different stories of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for me.”

Horton is worried that Americans are almost divorced from the losses suffered by those in uniform. “People don’t understand that this is real,” she said. “They don’t understand that people really do go to defend us so the enemy doesn’t come here, and sometimes they die.”

Horton is working on care and support to Gold Star and surviving families, “because we can always do better,” she said. “I’m also working to give more senior leaders access to Gold Star and surviving families,” she added.

Horton said she wants senior leaders to understand how strong these families are, and that “the force needs to see that strength of the families left behind, and how we want to continue supporting the missions our loved ones gave their lives for.”

Finally, Horton suggested that families know the names and know the stories of those who sacrificed for Americans they never met. “Learn a name this weekend,” she said. “Teach your kids a story about that loss. Then go and have fun.”

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Every day is Memorial Day

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Chris Degn | USAG FORT BLISS

A few days ago, we celebrated Memorial Day, a federal American holiday observed on the last Monday in May wherein we honor as a nation those service members who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known in the late 1800s as Decoration Day, it called for a nationwide day of remembrance with the purpose of decorating the graves of the fallen. Americans today observe Memorial Day, as it became officially known in 1971, by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of the fallen – a tradition that began with a World War I poem, “In Flanders Fields,” by Canadian physician and war veteran, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.

We who wear the uniform – and our civilian teammates and family members who stand beside us – certainly understand the importance of honoring the fallen. Indeed, many of us have lost battle buddies in a combat zone. While our fellow Americans may have marked the beginning of summer by taking trips or throwing parties and barbecues over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, we who serve had an opportunity to remember those who have paid the ultimate price.

Some thoughts on the sacrifice of those who paid it:

“There is nothing nobler than risking your life for your country.” – Nick Lampson, former U.S. Congressman, Texas

“True patriotism isn’t cheap. It’s about taking on a fair share of the burden of keeping America going.” – Robert Reich, American political commentator, professor

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” - John 15:13, NIV

I took my boys to the Fort Bliss National Cemetery over the weekend to decorate a grave and to observe events taking place

“There is nothing nobler than risking your life for your country.”

>> Nick Lampson

there. I also showed them pictures of battle buddies I have lost from three deployments so they could better understand that fellow Americans have paid the price of freedom – and that they should remember.

What should they remember? They should remember that good men and women serve our nation – and that some of those service members have given their lives in that service. They should remember that Memorial Day isn’t just about having a beer and a burger in the backyard, but rather about the fallen who have protected our freedoms. And, they should remember that for a fallen Soldier’s family, EVERY day is Memorial Day and will be so in perpetuity.

We can remember the fallen every day, not just on Memorial Day. Doing so, keeps them alive in our hearts as the previously mentioned poet, John McCrae, beckoned us to do,

“Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die”

As we leave the date of Memorial Day behind us this week, let us keep the spirit of it alive in front of us, fighting the good fights still left in our lives that our fallen brothers and sisters would be proud to see us engaged in – bettering our community and furthering worthy causes. Decorating our lives with those causes is the ultimate wreath to place on the memory of fallen friends.

Serving others, in their memory, is the ultimate poppy on our lapel. Such service makes every day a Memorial Day.

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Sports Briefs

Sun City Splash & Dash: Race El Paso's new youth swim-run event for ages 7-15 will be 8 a.m., Saturday, at Ascarate Pool and Park, 6900 Delta. For ages 7-10: 100 meter swim, 1k run. Ages 11-15: 200 meter swim, 2.25k run. The entire course is closed for the safety of all participants. Following the race, participants and their families are invited to swim and enjoy the morning at the family pool. Family pool party follows event. Cost: \$25. Ascarate Park entry fee is \$2 per vehicle. 256-1765. Online registration at raceel-paso.com/splash-dash.

UFC Fight Night: The Monti Warrior Zone on East Fort Bliss will be fight central for UFC 238 June 8, 6 p.m. Drink specials throughout the night. 21171 Medic Ave., Free.741-3000

Lee Beulah Moor Walk/Run for Families in Crisis: The Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home hosts the 17th annual 5k competitive race and 1-mile fun walk at 8 a.m. Saturday at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, 1200 Futurity Drive in Sunland Park, N.M. Proceeds benefit the Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home. Founded in 1959, the home provides a wide range of services and programs for families in the El Paso region in need of child support and care. Race-day registration begins at 6:45 a.m. Cost: \$25 on race day. Packet pick up is 1-6 p.m. Friday. Online registration at raceadventuresunlimited.com. 544-8777 or leemoor.org

Sand Volleyball tournament at Warrior Zone: The Monti Warrior Zone and Bliss FMWR will host a sand volleyball tournament June 14, 4-10 p.m. Cost includes a t-shirt and one drink of your choice. Bring your friends and play against other competitors for the last tournament. Open to the public, 18+ \$15. 21171 Medic Ave., 15741-3000

King of the Clays Fun Shoot: The Sun City 4-H Club will host the fundraising shotgun sports competition 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Fort Bliss Rod & Gun Club. Roy Johnson Lane, Building 3730. Cost: \$60. 491-3897 or suncity4hclub.com.

El Paso Chihuahuas: The city's AAA baseball team hosts the Tacoma Rainiers at 7 p.m. tonight through Saturday, and 6 p.m. Sunday at Southwest University Park on Santa Fe Street in Downtown El Paso. Bark at the Park take your dog to the park day is Friday. Cost: \$11-\$30. 533-BASE or EPChihuahuas.com.

Family Day at the Wall: The Soldier Activity Center holds "Family Day at the Wall" every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 12-6 p.m. How's the view from the top? Find out during Family Day at the Wall. The Soldier Activity Center is normally open to guests ages 18+, but on Family Day, the wall is open to all climbers age 6+. Climbing is available on a first-come, first-served basis. 20732 Constitution Ave. 744-1532

Tennis Scramble: The Tennis Scramble is on the last Wednesday of every month. Cost: \$5 fee for non-ID card holders. Free for DoD ID card holders. The scramblers are held at the Tennis Club, 262 Club Road. 569-5448

Dads, Deadlifts and Donuts: During Father's Day weekend, you can sign up for GroupFIT's Dads, Deadlifts and Donuts, June 15, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. behind Soto PFC. Be prepared to do deadlift, tire flip, sSled push and keg toss! Cost: \$30 with guaranteed t-shirt, and the option for parent and child, ages 12-17, event for an additional \$10. There is a workshop, Saturday from 8-9 a.m. at Soto PFC, for \$10. All competitors 21+ can enjoy free donuts after the event. 744-5790

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NASCAR driver Ryan Newman and Gold Star Family members Rachel and Jamie Nolen unveil Newman's car dedicated to Sgt. James Nolen at Fort Bragg, N.C., April 17. James Nolen died while serving in Afghanistan in 2009.

Driver unveils new race car honoring Soldier's memory, family

By Katie Lange | Defense.gov

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Jumping into the driver's seat of a Humvee -- that's right up a race car driver's alley. But strapping into a parachute? Not so much.

NASCAR driver Ryan Newman figured that out when he spent the day with paratroopers from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, April 17. The visit came ahead of the Memorial Day weekend Coca-Cola 600 race, where Newman went on to represent the Army as part of the event's salute to military heroes.

Aside from the Humvee, Newman saw an M777 howitzer demonstration close-up, got to learn how to fire a rocket launcher, and tried on infantry gear and a parachute -- which, again, he didn't love.

"I've never been strapped up with a parachute," Newman said. "I understand why they jump out of the plane now -- to get that stuff off of them. It's heavy and awkward."

One more treat was riding around in a light tactical all-terrain vehicle before unveiling the car he ended up driving at the Coca-Cola 600. On the windshield is inscribed the name of 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper Sgt. James Nolen, who was killed in action in 2009 in Afghanistan. Nolen's widow, Rachel, and their daughter, 9-year-old Jamie, who was born a few months after he died, helped unveil the car.

"To see him honored and remembered and to know that his sacrifice hasn't been forgot-

ten ... it means the world to me," Rachel Nolen said. "I know he's smiling down from heaven right now."

Nolen described her husband as an adrenaline junkie who loved anything that was fast. She said he would have been thrilled to have his name on a race car.

"To have Sgt. Nolen's name on my windshield and to represent someone who gave us the freedom that we have ... to put a smile on his daughter's and wife's face is so important to me," Newman said. "It's such a family-oriented sport. To give back in a special way on Memorial Day weekend -- if that doesn't pull on your heartstrings, nothing does."

Newman helped squeeze Jamie Nolen into the race car and let her rev the engine. She then gave Newman a memorial bracelet with her father's name on it.

"What Miss Jamie had written in her little card there is what means the world to me. That was really special. It choked me up," Newman said. "I've got an 8-year-old daughter myself, and a 6-year-old daughter. I feel like I'm representing a lot of things when I represent Sergeant Nolen's name on that windshield."

After the presentation, Newman signed some hats that he handed out to Soldiers. He couldn't thank them enough for the experience.

"All the good parts of being a human show up in a U.S. Army Soldier. Today just showed me that even more," Newman said.



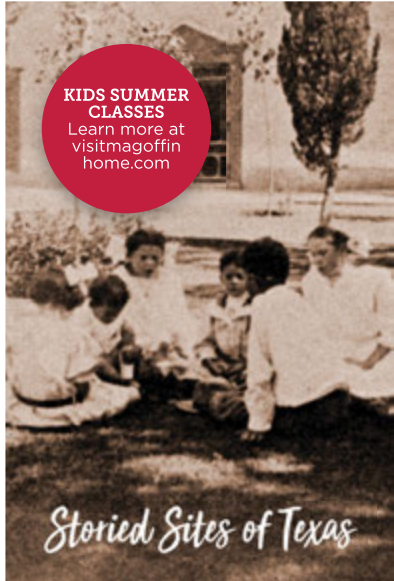
Gold Star Family member Jamie Nolen wears a Soldier's helmet while visiting Fort Bragg, N.C., with NASCAR driver Ryan Newman, April 17. Nolen is the daughter of Sgt. James Nolen, who died while serving in Afghanistan in 2009.



NASCAR driver Ryan Newman shows a bracelet given to him by Gold Star Family member Jamie Nolen at Fort Bragg, N.C., April 17. The bracelet is engraved with the name of Jamie's father, Sgt. James Nolen, whose name is also on Newman's car behind him.

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Bliss Briefs

Housing Town Hall June 6: Team Bliss invites you to the next Army housing Town Hall meeting June 6, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Austin Room at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. 11199 Sgt. E Churchill St., East Fort Bliss.

ACES Recognition Ceremony: The Fort Bliss Army Continuing Education System-Education Center will have a recognition ceremony, June 10, honoring Soldiers and their family members who earned a certificate, associate's, bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree within the past year and did not attend any other ceremony. Also being recognized will be those Soldiers and their family members who are within six credits of completing a degree program they are actively pursuing. 6 p.m., Stayton Theater, building 2495, Ricker Road. 568-9740. 588-5334

Old Ironsides ACP changes: Old Ironsides access control point will no longer be operational on federal holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays. Anyone transiting the post can do so using MSG Pena ACP (open 24/7) and CSM Barreras ACP (open 24/7).

TARP training: Fort Bliss offers Threat Awareness Reporting Program (TARP) training at two locations monthly. Get your learn on at the Soldier Activity Center 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. This training will be offered in these locations through September. 568-4604

McGregor/FBXTX ammo point closings: The McGregor Range/FBXTX Ammunition Supply Point will be closed June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through TAMIS during the closures. 569-9528

Bible study: Fort Bliss post-wide Bible study takes place every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at Bldg. 449-451, Pershing Road. Free dinner from 5:30 p.m. Childcare provided. 568-4334

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FMWR

Monthly Art and a Movie night: The Bliss FMWR Art and Hobby Shop will have a monthly "Art and a movie" night June 7 and July 12. There will be different movies and crafts each month to enjoy. Scheduled events are "The Lego Movie" and emoji or unicorn themed ceramics, June 7; and "The Goonies" and pirate themed ceramics July 12. Open to all DOD ID card holders. \$15. 820 Marshall Rd., West Fort Bliss. 568-5563

Free books for deploying troops: Deploying soon? Come to the Mickelsen Community Library and pick up a unit book kit. The book kits contain a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction paperback items. 2 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 and Thursdays 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., West Fort Bliss. Free. 568-7280

Doctor Who Night at the Library: Join Mickelsen Community Library to celebrate all things Doctor Who, Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. There will be Doctor Who themed décor, crafts, activities and refreshments. There will also be a costume contest for best overall costume. This is a first-come, first-served basis event, while supplies last. It's open to DOD ID cardholders, all ages are welcome to attend. 568-1902

Go Youth

In-home saturday childcare from CYS: Family Child Care offers in-home providers for CYS-registered kids. For care information, or to receive an updated list of FCC providers, call 568-4198 or visit the office at 3503 Story Rd. Cost: \$5/hr. with \$10 deposit. Reservations required. 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. Activities and projects are completed at home, returned and shared at subsequent meetings. Occasional refreshments are provided. 568-6156

Parents Day Out - Saturday childcare: Parents get ready to enjoy a relaxing day out because CYS will provide once-a-month Saturday child care! Saturday child care will be held at Milam CDC Saturday from 1-11 p.m. For more information about Saturday child care, or reservations, please call Milam CDC at 744-7879

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. Start children on the road to literacy. 568-6156

Child Range Orientation class: 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. Open to the public. 568-5426

Teen Basic Automotive Maintenance Class: SKIESUnlimited will be hosting this event every second Saturday of the month. Students with their driver's licenses or permits will learn basics such as changing the oil to replacing a tire and more. When the class is completed, students will receive a safety card to work at Auto Crafts. Cost: \$25 per student, registration is required and can be done at SKIESUnlimited. All students, ages 15 and older, must be enrolled with Child Youth Services before registering for any SKIESUnlimited class. 568-5544

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. Open to children 16 and younger, they must walk, can only ride in a cart with a paying adult. 568-1059

Babysitting Course: Do you have a teen who wants to earn some extra money? Then, make sure they take advantage of the SKIESUnlimited Babysitting Course. This babysitting curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth learn what it takes to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy and competent babysitter. Students will receive first aid and CPR training on a Saturday. They will learn about child development, nutrition and the business of babysitting. Students will get ideas about how to entertain children and some tools of the trade. The course is open to children ages 12+ Cost: \$10. Registration is required and can be done at SKIESUnlimited. You must be registered with Parent Central. Registration for classes opens from the 20th of

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Community

Free legal clinic: The El Paso Bar Association and El Paso Lawyers for Patriots will hold a free legal clinic for all veterans Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them for free legal consultations, referrals and presentations on the various resources available for veterans and active-duty military in the El Paso area. 10700 Gateway East. Bldg. A. Free. 532-7052, ngallego@elpasobar.com, facebook.com/elpasoLawyersForPatriots

AAFES Salad Wednesdays: Every Wednesday Fort Bliss Exchange diners can take \$2 off any salad priced \$4 or more at participating Army & Air Force Exchange Service direct-operated restaurants.

Hampton University Alumni Round Up: The El Paso Alumni Chapter has monthly meetings held at noon in various locations close to Fort Bliss. Contact Warren E. Brown at 241-4672.

Purple Heart recipients sought: The Military Order of the Purple Heart El Paso Chapter 393 meets the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the 82nd Airborne Memorabilia Museum, 2608 Fort Blvd. Transitioning from the battlefield to the home front has never been more difficult, and volunteers make a difference in the lives of our men and women in uniform, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Stand with the MOPH Chapter 393 and honor the sacrifice of American veterans by continued commitment. Facebook @ MOPHChapter393

2ID Vets group seeks members: The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and their 98th annual reunion in Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 18-22, contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net

Downtown Artist and Farmers Market: The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department's market for area artists and regionally grown agricultural products is 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. each Saturday in the Union Plaza District along Anthony Street. 212-1780 or elpasoartsandculture.org

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Horizon City Chili Cook Off: Horizon City American Legion hosts its Chili Cook Off Saturday, at 1300 Horizon, in Horizon City. Turn in at 2 p.m. alhorizocityx598.org

Hype or Die Fest: El Paso DJ and producer Riot Ten headlines the Hype of Die Fest 7 p.m.-2 a.m. tomorrow, at Wet N' Wild Waterworld, 8804 S. Desert, Anthony, Texas. Cost: \$15 at wetwild.com or hypeordiefest.com

Alfresco! Fridays: Alfresco! Fridays, a free outdoor summer concert series, are at 6 p.m. Fridays, Convention Center Plaza. May 31: Dulce Mal (Reggae, Cumbia). 534-0600, alfrescofridays.com

Cool Canyon Nights: The 9th annual Cool Canyon Night series of free outdoor summer concerts are 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre, 6 p.m. with headliner at 7 p.m. Free. VIP tickets are \$10. elpasolive.com

Billy the Kid Festival: San Elizario Historic Art District hosts the 10th annual Billy the Kid Festival from noon-9 p.m., Friday-Sunday, in San Elizario. Free. 851-0093, billythekidfestival.com, or sanelizariohistoricaldistrict.org

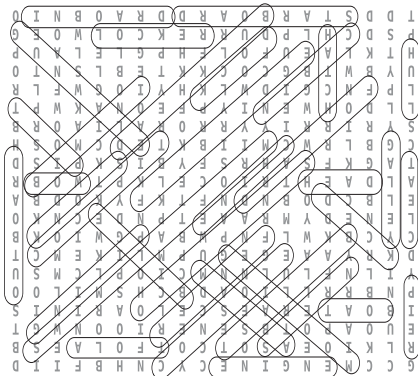
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Answer: Paul Bettany

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